

AFTERNOON SESSION

HOW DOES OUR NATION CONFRONT PRISON RAPE:

THE MEDICAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

QUESTIONS

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I just had one other. Not to pick on Dr. Potter, but one of the things that you talked about was your logic model, and what you would really need to do in order to get a good handle on transmission of HIV and AIDS related to prison rape. And I guess my question is whether there are any plans within CDC to do any such long-term study? So that's the first question.

And the second would be, you know, what kinds of resources or what kinds of things do you think CDC would need to do or what kinds of resources would it need to have in order to adequately address the issues of prison rape?

DR. POTTER: Well, again, to do a nationally representative sample of this kind of work, would probably be fairly expensive. We're probably talking just to do a jail-based comprehensive services evaluation that I proposed

three years ago over a five-year period, we estimated \$80 million.

I can tell you that my colleagues back in New South Wales in Australia received -- they're part of Prison Health Services group, they received a \$1 million grant for two years to study prisoner sexual behavior in a state system of 9,000. So that would translate to roughly around 780,000 U.S. dollars. But that's one state.

So, you know, to do the work right, it's going to take some dollars and it is going to take a lot of collaboration across agencies.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: Which agency?

DR. POTTER: Well, certainly the CDC, Bureau of Justice, Statistics and NIJ in my group.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: Thank you.