

1 mental health court.

2 Q. And, in fact, on direct you did say that one of your goals
3 through the Lazarus Project and even through the IDEA Exchange
4 is you aim to reduce the utilization of jails in order to treat
5 the mental illness individuals that are living in the streets of
6 Miami; isn't that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. If downtown were developed in such a way that the
9 homeless population were moved out or pushed out, that certainly
10 wouldn't be helpful towards treating their mental illness; isn't
11 that correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. Okay. And if police power was expanded in such a way that
14 these people that you're going into the streets treating every
15 day were arrested for simply being homeless in public, that
16 wouldn't help towards treating their mental illness, would it?

17 A. Well, that's where I kind of disagree. About three weeks
18 ago, Chris King, who is now Andrew Gillum's running mate, came
19 by and I did a whole video piece for him on addiction medicine.
20 And it's really nice, like a two-minute thing on Facebook.
21 However, it's unfortunate -- and I worked for the -- One thing I
22 should have mentioned, I interned at the Department of
23 Corrections in Washington State. Okay? And my father is a
24 doctor here in Florida. My uncle was also an infectious disease
25 doctor here in Florida. So I have seen a few things growing up,

1 although I'm young.

2 Unfortunately, in the state of Florida, the Department
3 of Corrections and our corrections system is the mental health
4 facility. Okay? We need to change that. I am here to help
5 that, right?

6 But when you say that a homeless person ends up going
7 to jail and thinking of that as a negative thing, I disagree
8 with that, right? I believe that the Department of Corrections
9 and our law system is now the only like functional mental health
10 facility we have.

11 So although you're here speaking to me about the
12 Pottinger Act, you guys should really go back to 1963, the
13 Community Mental Health Center Act of 1963 that I think was put
14 into motion by JFK. So that's where the fallout starts to begin
15 that you guys are dealing with now, not so much Pottinger.

16 But anyways, continue.

17 Q. Okay. I want to transition over to the IDEA Exchange, the
18 Needle Exchange Program. That is otherwise known as the
19 Miami-Dade Infectious Disease Elimination Act, correct?

20 A. Yes, Infectious Disease Elimination Act Miami-Dade,
21 absolutely.

22 Q. Okay. And that's a --

23 THE COURT: Infectious what?

24 BY MS. KOCHHAR:

25 Q. Infectious Disease Elimination Act.