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 CALIFORNIA,  
  
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 vs.  
  
 ERIC G. HARGAN, Acting  
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 Human Services, et al,  
  
                   Defendants,  
  
 U.S. CONFERENCE OF  
 CATHOLIC BISHOPS,  
  
                   Defendant-Intervenor.  
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P R O C E E D I N G S

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is tape number 1 of the video deposition of Scott Lloyd in the matter of ACLU of Northern California versus Burwell. This deposition is being held at 20 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D.C., at approximately 12:10 on December 18, 2017.

My name is Martin Sherrill from the firm of TransPerfect Video, and I'm the video legal specialist. The court reporter today is Laurie Donovan in association with TransPerfect Video.

Would counsel please introduce themselves.

MS. AMIRI: Brigitte Amiri for the plaintiff.

MS. BURROWS: Meagan Burrows for the plaintiff.

MR. NOWICKI: Daniel Nowicki for the defendant-intervenor USCCB.

MR. MOON: Jeffrey Moon for defendant-intervenor.

MR. PHIPPS: Peter Phipps for the official capacity federal defendants.

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 5 and Human Services.  
 6 MS. PALACIOS: Caitlin Palacios for  
 7 defendant U.S. Department of Health and Human  
 8 Services.  
 9 MS. CHRISINGER: Rachel Chrisinger  
 10 with the official capacity federal  
 11 defendants.  
 12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Will the court  
 13 reporter please swear in the witness.  
 14 SCOTT LLOYD, ESQUIRE,  
 15 having been first duly sworn, testified  
 16 upon his oath as follows:  
 17 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF  
 18 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 19 Q Good afternoon, Mr. Lloyd. Thank you  
 20 for taking the time to be here today.  
 21 Other than speaking with your attorneys,  
 22 what did you do to prepare for today's deposition?  
 23 A Just thought about the subject matter.  
 24 Q Did you review any documents that were  
 25 not provided to you by counsel?

1 A Yes.  
 2 Q And when did you start working at HHS  
 3 in 2017?  
 4 A The end of February.  
 5 Q And what capacity did you begin  
 6 employment at HHS at the end of February?  
 7 A Second wave of the transition team.  
 8 Q What was your title when you first  
 9 started working at the end of February in 2017?  
 10 A By my recollection, it's special  
 11 advisor.  
 12 Q How did you become involved in the  
 13 second wave transition team?  
 14 A There's a formal application process,  
 15 and then, and then an interview process.  
 16 Q Did anyone in particular encourage you  
 17 to apply?  
 18 A Yes.  
 19 Q And who was that?  
 20 A Friends of mine in my former employment.  
 21 Q Would that be Knights of Columbus?  
 22 A Yes.  
 23 Q Anyone in government at the time  
 24 encourage you to apply?  
 25 A Not that I recall.

1 A No.  
 2 Q Did you speak with anyone other than  
 3 your attorneys?  
 4 A No.  
 5 Q Can you walk me through your educational  
 6 background and then your work history.  
 7 A Sure. I graduated undergrad James  
 8 Madison University, and then law school at  
 9 Catholic University. Employed at the US  
 10 Department of Health and Human Services, then in  
 11 private practice for a couple years, then for the  
 12 Knights of Columbus, and then again for the US  
 13 Department of Health and Human Services.  
 14 Q What was your major in undergrad?  
 15 A English.  
 16 Q When you worked at HHS after you  
 17 graduated from law school, in what capacity did  
 18 you work at HHS then?  
 19 A Office of General Counsel. I think when  
 20 I first came there, I was an ASPE, Assistant  
 21 Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.  
 22 Q What years was that?  
 23 A 2007 to 2009.  
 24 Q And from there you went to private  
 25 practice; is that right?

1 Q At some point you became the Director of  
 2 the Office of Refugee Resettlement, correct?  
 3 A Yes.  
 4 Q And when was that?  
 5 A It's either March 24 or March 27.  
 6 Q And until the time that you took on the  
 7 official title of Director of Office of Refugee  
 8 Resettlement, were you in the title of special  
 9 advisor, or did you go from special advisor to a  
 10 different title before you became the director of  
 11 ORR?  
 12 A I don't think my title changed before  
 13 becoming director.  
 14 Q What was the appointment process to  
 15 become the director of ORR?  
 16 A Eventually the kind of HR and related --  
 17 I guess office of White House Liaison made an  
 18 announcement that I'm the director, and that  
 19 happened on the 24th or the 27th.  
 20 Q Is it a Senate confirmed position?  
 21 A No.  
 22 Q Did you particularly apply for the  
 23 position of ORR director?  
 24 A No.  
 25 Q Someone reached out to you and selected

1 you to be the director of ORR?  
 2 A Yes.  
 3 Q And who was that person?  
 4 A Tim Clark, who is Office of White House  
 5 Liaison.  
 6 Q Do you have any experience working with  
 7 immigrants?  
 8 A Yes.  
 9 Q And what is that experience?  
 10 A I've been the director of Office of  
 11 Refugee Resettlement since March, and if you could  
 12 be more specific about immigrants.  
 13 Q Sure.  
 14 So prior to the time that you became  
 15 Office of Refugee Resettlement director and  
 16 actually before you even came on to the second  
 17 wave of the transition team, were you -- did you  
 18 ever provide any sort of, for example, legal  
 19 services to immigrants or refugees? Have you  
 20 worked with the community at all in any capacity?  
 21 A You're using terms of art that are  
 22 confusing to me, so to the community, I guess I  
 23 could say yes. Most of my work was with IDPs,  
 24 internally displaced people, but later those  
 25 specific IDPs ended up becoming categorized as

1 A Mostly Iraq, but also less directly in  
 2 Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.  
 3 Q And you talked about minorities. Can  
 4 you explain to me what you meant by that?  
 5 A Minorities in the region, which for the  
 6 most part we were closest, just by affiliation,  
 7 with Christian minorities, but also Yazidi  
 8 minorities, and there are smaller minorities,  
 9 including Shabak and Ka'kai that are also part of  
 10 that universe.  
 11 Q For how long did you do this work?  
 12 A About a year.  
 13 Q To whom do you directly report?  
 14 A To the assistant secretary of the  
 15 Administration for Children and Families.  
 16 Q And that's Steven Wagner?  
 17 A Yes, Steven Wagner who is acting in that  
 18 position.  
 19 Q Does Jonathan White directly report to  
 20 you?  
 21 A Yes.  
 22 Q Ad what is his role?  
 23 A He is the direct -- deputy director for  
 24 Children's Programs.  
 25 Q Does Ken Tota directly report to you?

1 refugees through UN kind of legal analysis, and  
 2 then also less closely with refugees in other  
 3 parts.  
 4 Q And what specifically did you do in  
 5 terms of your work with IDPs?  
 6 A I visited camps in, in places where  
 7 there are displaced populations and interviewed  
 8 IDPs, refugees to catalog kind of the offenses  
 9 that they had undergone through their  
 10 displacement, but before their displacement,  
 11 through violent regimes and such.  
 12 Then led a legal team to compile those,  
 13 that evidence and submit it to the State  
 14 Department and Congress, and then continued to  
 15 meet with the same communities to provide  
 16 follow-up to those submissions and the eventual  
 17 Genocide Declaration against certain minorities in  
 18 the Middle East to continue to advise the State  
 19 Department and Congress on matters related to  
 20 those IDP refugees.  
 21 Q And in what capacity were you doing this  
 22 work? Was it with the federal government or with  
 23 your private practice?  
 24 A It was with the Knights of Columbus.  
 25 Q What countries were you working in?

1 A Yes.  
 2 Q What is his role?  
 3 A He's deputy director for Refugee  
 4 Programs.  
 5 Q And does Dr. Michael Bartholomew  
 6 directly report to you?  
 7 A No.  
 8 Q To whom does he report?  
 9 A No. Sorry. He does report to me  
 10 directly, yes.  
 11 Q What is his title?  
 12 A He's the director of, director of Health  
 13 for Unaccompanied Children.  
 14 Q Are there other physicians besides  
 15 Dr. Bartholomew working in ORR?  
 16 A Yes.  
 17 Q And who are those doctors?  
 18 A , another gentleman whose  
 19 name I'm blanking on, and Curi Kim. We also have  
 20 another contractor who works off site.  
 21 Q Do they directly report to  
 22 Dr. Bartholomew, or do they directly report to  
 23 you?  
 24 A Dr. Bartholomew. Mostly -- all except  
 25 report directly to Dr. Bartholomew.

1 Q And how did Dr. Bartholomew come to work  
2 for ORR? Well, let's back up and strike that.

3 A Sure.

4 Q When did Dr. Bartholomew come to work  
5 for ORR?

6 A I don't know.

7 Q You don't know?

8 A No.

9 Q Was Dr. Bartholomew working at ORR when  
10 you arrived in February?

11 A Yes.

12 (Exhibit 1 was marked for  
13 identification.)

14 BY MS. AMIRI:

15 Q So I'm going to hand you what's been  
16 marked as Exhibit 1. It is the 30(b)(6)  
17 deposition notice.

18 Do you understand that you are here to  
19 speak as a Rule 30(b)(6) designee on behalf of  
20 certain subject matters, or are you not?

21 A No.

22 Q Oh, you're not?

23 MS. AMIRI: Okay. I'm sorry. I  
24 thought perhaps in your email you were saying  
25 that Mr. Lloyd would be the designee for some

1 policy."

2 THE WITNESS: It forms the basis of  
3 the current policy.

4 BY MS. AMIRI:

5 Q Do you understand this memo, Exhibit 2,  
6 to be a policy memo?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. So to the extent that this forms  
9 the basis, maybe we can look specifically at  
10 Exhibit 2.

11 Are there any alterations that have been  
12 made by ORR, since you've taken office, to this  
13 policy?

14 A We've sent a, an email -- since I've  
15 taken office? I'm sorry.

16 Q Yes.

17 A No.

18 MR. PHIPPS: Just taken office as  
19 ORR director?

20 MS. AMIRI: Yes.

21 MR. PHIPPS: Okay.

22 BY MS. AMIRI:

23 Q So then I'll back up and encompass the  
24 time that you were on the transition team. I  
25 believe you were starting to say there was an

1 30(b)(6) subject matters.

2 MR. PHIPPS: No.

3 MS. AMIRI: Okay.

4 MR. PHIPPS: We divide that between  
5 Katherine Chon and Jonathan White.

6 MS. AMIRI: I see. Then never  
7 mind.

8 (Exhibit 2 was marked for  
9 identification.)

10 BY MS. AMIRI:

11 Q I'll hand you what's been marked as  
12 Exhibit 2.

13 Do you recognize what's been marked as  
14 Exhibit 2?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And what is it?

17 A This is a letter from the director, then  
18 acting director David Siegel of Office of Refugee  
19 Resettlement regarding medical services requiring  
20 heightened ORR involvement.

21 Q Is this still the policy of ORR with  
22 respect to the process for minors seeking  
23 abortions in ORR custody?

24 MR. PHIPPS: Objection. Assumes  
25 facts not in evidence regarding "still the

1 email. Was that when you were on the transition  
2 team?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And what did that email say with respect  
5 to the policy or medical services requiring  
6 heightened ORR involvement?

7 A It clarified how we would operationalize  
8 this policy.

9 Q And are you familiar with that email  
10 that went out?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And did you talk to anyone about the  
13 contents of that email before it went out?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And Ken Tota was the acting director of  
16 ORR at the time that email was sent out, right?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And what were the changes in that email  
19 that were made to the Exhibit 1? I'm sorry.  
20 Exhibit 2.

21 A Sure. I don't think there were any  
22 changes.

23 Q How would you characterize the email  
24 then that was sent?

25 A Providing clarification of this policy.

1 Q And what was --  
 2 A Operationalization of this policy.  
 3 Q And maybe we'll pull that email in a  
 4 minute, but what was your understanding of the  
 5 clarification in that email?  
 6 A The clarification made clear that -- I  
 7 don't know exactly how to say it, but that this  
 8 remains the policy and that, and that, you know,  
 9 and that -- as I'm sure you have seen by reading  
 10 it, it goes into different parts of the, of the  
 11 letter to, to clarify, you know, this is how we're  
 12 going to proceed.  
 13 Q Well, we'll try to find that, but in the  
 14 meantime I wanted to ask you if you can look at  
 15 Exhibit 2 under "Procedures," and it references  
 16 "Significant Incident Documentation and Reporting  
 17 at Section 1.03 and for Medical Services at  
 18 Section 3.04."  
 19 A Mm-hmm.  
 20 Q Do you know what that's in reference to  
 21 and whether those documents still are in existence  
 22 at ORR?  
 23 A Yes.  
 24 MR. PHIPPS: Objection. Compound.  
 25

1 just leave it there.  
 2 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 3 Q Do you have any understanding that your  
 4 obligations changed with the passage of the  
 5 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2008?  
 6 Again, I'm not asking for your legal  
 7 conclusion, and maybe we can kind of have that  
 8 standing, standing objection. I know you're a  
 9 lawyer. You are here as the director of ORR who  
 10 is responsible for implementing these statutes, so  
 11 I'm not asking you in the capacity of -- you know,  
 12 it's a slightly strange animal, because you are an  
 13 attorney.  
 14 A Right, right.  
 15 Q But I --  
 16 A I live with that animal every day.  
 17 Q But I take Peter's objection, and you  
 18 can have a standing objection.  
 19 So kind of with that, do you know  
 20 whether the interests of the child or the best  
 21 interest statutory discussion was changed with the  
 22 passage of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act  
 23 in 2008?  
 24 A No, not to my knowledge.  
 25 Q So we'll look at the policy manual, and

1 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 2 Q They are?  
 3 A Well, to the first question, do I know  
 4 what the, these reference, yes.  
 5 Q Okay. So what do they reference? Let's  
 6 start there.  
 7 A The Unaccompanied Alien Children Policy  
 8 Guide.  
 9 Q Okay. Do you believe that those  
 10 citations are still accurate with respect to the  
 11 numbers provided for the Policy Guide sections?  
 12 A Yes.  
 13 Q Looking at Footnote 1 referencing the,  
 14 the best interest statutory reference, what, what  
 15 is your understanding of what ORR's obligation is  
 16 of the statutory manner to ensure that the best --  
 17 or sorry -- the interests of the child are  
 18 considered in decisions and actions relating to  
 19 the care of unaccompanied minors?  
 20 MR. PHIPPS: Objection to the  
 21 extent it calls for a legal conclusion.  
 22 THE WITNESS: My understanding of  
 23 our statutory obligation is that we act in  
 24 the best interest, interest of the child,  
 25 subject to considerations of -- yeah, I'll

1 maybe I only have certain sections that may not be  
 2 the right ones, but . . .  
 3 (Exhibit 3 was marked for  
 4 identification.)  
 5 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 6 Q I'm going to hand you what's been marked  
 7 as Exhibit 3, if you want to take a look at that.  
 8 (Witness peruses document.)  
 9 THE WITNESS: Okay.  
 10 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 11 Q Do you recognize this document?  
 12 A Yes.  
 13 Q What is it?  
 14 A It appears to be Section 3.3 of our USC  
 15 Policy Guide.  
 16 Q In the second bullet under the terms of  
 17 the Flores Settlement Agreement -- there is a  
 18 discussion of how care providers "must provide the  
 19 following minimum services for each unaccompanied  
 20 alien child in their care," and the second bullet  
 21 says "appropriate routine medical and dental care,  
 22 family planning services, including pregnancy  
 23 tests and comprehensive information about and  
 24 access to medical reproductive health services and  
 25 emergency contraception."

1 Is that current? Is this a current  
 2 policy statement?  
 3 A Yes.  
 4 Q What is your understanding of whether  
 5 abortion is included in that phrase I just read?  
 6 A Could you restate the question?  
 7 Q Sure.  
 8 What is your understanding of whether  
 9 abortion is included in appropriate routine  
 10 medical care? Let's just start there.  
 11 A It is not.  
 12 Q Why is it not?  
 13 A It just falls outside of the definition  
 14 of routine, "appropriate routine medical care."  
 15 Q Is there a policy document that says  
 16 that abortion falls outside of the definition of  
 17 routine medical care?  
 18 A Yeah, could you rephrase the question?  
 19 Q Sure.  
 20 Does ORR have a policy document that  
 21 says that abortion is not included in the  
 22 definition of "routine medical care"?  
 23 A Not to my knowledge.  
 24 Q So if it's your understanding that  
 25 abortion falls outside of routine medical care

1 above you has not told you that abortion is not  
 2 included in routine medical care, I'm wondering if  
 3 you, yourself, have made the pronouncement or  
 4 decided that abortion is not part of routine  
 5 medical care.  
 6 A I can't say it was myself, so no.  
 7 Q Okay. So who was it?  
 8 A It was the chain of command. It was  
 9 kind of everybody.  
 10 Q But if there was nobody above you that  
 11 communicated to you that abortion is not included  
 12 in routine medical care under this policy, then  
 13 how did you come to learn that abortion is not  
 14 included in routine medical care as indicated in  
 15 this policy?  
 16 A Well, part -- again it goes partly back  
 17 to established policy, but also I think this is a  
 18 governing assumption.  
 19 Q Have you had any conversations with  
 20 anyone either above or below you in the chain of  
 21 command about whether abortion is included in  
 22 routine medical care in the policy that is marked  
 23 as Exhibit 3?  
 24 A I don't know.  
 25 Q You don't know?

1 required under this policy guidance, where does  
 2 your understanding come from?  
 3 A A number of, a number of places.  
 4 Q Okay. Please enumerate them.  
 5 A Well, gosh. It comes from kind of, in a  
 6 certain sense, the chain of command within our  
 7 department; it comes from legal advice from our,  
 8 from our policy division; it comes from  
 9 established policy and so on.  
 10 Q So taking the first one with respect to  
 11 chain of command, has someone above you told you  
 12 that routine medical care does not include  
 13 abortion?  
 14 A No.  
 15 Q Have you, yourself, made the  
 16 determination that routine medical care does not  
 17 include abortion?  
 18 A I'm sorry?  
 19 Q Have you, yourself, made the  
 20 determination that routine medical care does not  
 21 include abortion?  
 22 A What do you mean by have I myself made  
 23 that --  
 24 Q Well, I'm confused about what you said.  
 25 You said the "chain of command." So if someone

1 A Right.  
 2 Q With respect to the phrase in the  
 3 second, second bullet that references "access to  
 4 medical reproductive health services," what do you  
 5 interpret that to mean?  
 6 A You know, any -- I mean it's kind of  
 7 self-evident. Health services relating to  
 8 reproduction.  
 9 Q Does that include abortion?  
 10 A No.  
 11 Q Does abortion relate to reproductive  
 12 health services, putting this policy aside?  
 13 A Can you repeat the question.  
 14 Q So putting aside the policy and just in  
 15 terms of your regular lay opinion, if someone  
 16 asked you, does abortion relate to reproductive  
 17 health services?  
 18 A It relates to it, yes.  
 19 Q Okay. So then why is this policy  
 20 interpreted different from that lay understanding  
 21 of what abortion relates to?  
 22 A Well, that's, that's a very broad  
 23 question. I don't think I'm authorized or -- I'm  
 24 not the person to answer that question.  
 25 Q Who would be the person to answer that



1 question?  
 2 A I don't know.  
 3 Q As the ORR director, is it your position  
 4 that access to medical reproductive health  
 5 services does not include abortion?  
 6 A Yes.  
 7 Q Have you had conversations with you --  
 8 sorry. Have you had conversations with anyone  
 9 above you with respect to that phrase "access to  
 10 medical reproductive health services" in this  
 11 policy marked as Exhibit 3?  
 12 A I don't recall.  
 13 Q Have you had any conversations with  
 14 anyone below you in the chain of command related  
 15 to this phrase "access to medical reproductive  
 16 health services"?  
 17 A I don't recall.  
 18 Q The policy also references  
 19 comprehensive, "comprehensive information about,"  
 20 and I'm curious as to your definition of  
 21 "comprehensive information" in this policy and  
 22 whether it involves information about abortion.  
 23 A It could.  
 24 Q When could it?  
 25 A When the circumstances are appropriate.

1 A That would be me.  
 2 Q Okay. Anyone other than you at ORR who  
 3 is permitted or has the authority to make that  
 4 determination?  
 5 A No, not without my -- not without my  
 6 approval.  
 7 Q So when this policy says "Under the  
 8 terms of the Flores Settlement Agreement, care  
 9 providers must provide the following minimum  
 10 services for each unaccompanied alien child in  
 11 their care," and it goes on to say that that  
 12 includes comprehensive, "comprehensive information  
 13 about medical reproductive health services," it's  
 14 your testimony that you make the determination  
 15 about whether "comprehensive information" can be  
 16 interpreted to include information about abortion?  
 17 A Yes.  
 18 Q Doesn't that seem to contradict the  
 19 policy? Doesn't the policy say that care  
 20 providers "must" provide the following minimum  
 21 services?  
 22 A I'm sorry? Which policy?  
 23 Q Exhibit 3.  
 24 A I'm not following you. Sorry.  
 25 Q So above the first bullet, it says,

1 Q When are the circumstances appropriate?  
 2 A That's a case-by-case determination.  
 3 Q And who makes that determination?  
 4 A It depends.  
 5 Q Depends on what?  
 6 A On the circumstances of the individual  
 7 case.  
 8 Q Does anyone other than you make the  
 9 determination about whether comprehensive  
 10 information about medical reproductive health  
 11 services includes abortion other than you?  
 12 A It could, yes. It could happen that  
 13 way.  
 14 Q Who are the other people who work at ORR  
 15 that could make a determination about whether  
 16 access to comprehensive information about abortion  
 17 is included in this policy manual?  
 18 A That seems to me like a different  
 19 question than whether a specific UAC would receive  
 20 comprehensive -- what the UAC receives is going to  
 21 depend on the circumstance.  
 22 Q I'm trying to ascertain: Who makes the  
 23 determination about what services with respect to  
 24 comprehensive information about abortion the minor  
 25 receives?

1 "Under the terms of the Flores Settlement  
 2 Agreement, care providers must provide the  
 3 following minimum services for each unaccompanied  
 4 alien child in their care."  
 5 A Mm-hmm.  
 6 Q "Must" is mandatory, right?  
 7 A Yes.  
 8 Q So if care providers "must" provide the  
 9 following information -- I'm sorry -- the  
 10 following minimum services, and then the second  
 11 bullet it includes "comprehensive information  
 12 about medical reproductive health services," then  
 13 how do you, as the director of ORR, have the  
 14 discretion to determine whether a particular minor  
 15 can have access to information about abortion?  
 16 A I see.  
 17 The -- well, on the one hand, to the  
 18 extent that anything contained in here is policy  
 19 and just ORR policy, then that's something that  
 20 the director is, I guess, empowered to alter but  
 21 would be done as part of an internal deliberative  
 22 process.  
 23 To the extent that this reflects finding  
 24 a precedent, you know, as in the case of Flores or  
 25 statutory requirements, then, then the Office of

1 the Director and all personnel would be following  
2 statutes, settlements and such.

3 Q So we'll definitely talk about the  
4 Flores Settlement Agreement and statutes and  
5 regulations, but I just wanted to focus  
6 particularly on the policies right now.

7 A Mm-hmm.

8 Q So are you saying that, as the director  
9 of ORR for the policy, that you have the ability  
10 to override what's written in Exhibit 3?

11 A To override? I -- no. I -- yeah, uh,  
12 no.

13 Q So as the director of ORR, you are  
14 required to follow the policy in Exhibit 3 as  
15 written?

16 A I, I think, I think so.

17 MR. PHIPPS: Again, I've got the  
18 standing objection here on legal conclusions  
19 here.

20 MS. AMIRI: Sure.

21 MR. PHIPPS: I'm not reraising it  
22 out of just smoothness, but, but it is a  
23 standing objection.

24 MS. AMIRI: Absolutely.  
25

1 BY MS. AMIRI:

2 Q With respect to the phrase "family  
3 planning services" in the second bullet, what is  
4 your understanding of what that term means?

5 A A number of interventions related to  
6 family planning.

7 Q Does it include contraception?

8 A It could.

9 Q When could it?

10 A When the circumstances are appropriate.

11 Q And who makes the determination about  
12 whether circumstances are appropriate?

13 A Usually that's done at the program  
14 level.

15 Q Do you have any involvement, as the  
16 director of ORR, in making determinations about  
17 when an unaccompanied minor can have access to  
18 contraception?

19 A No.

20 (Exhibit 4 was marked for  
21 identification.)

22 BY MS. AMIRI:

23 Q I've marked as Exhibit 4 another aspect  
24 of the policy manual.

25 (Witness peruses document.)

1 THE WITNESS: Okay.

2 BY MS. AMIRI:

3 Q Do you recognize this document that's  
4 been marked as Exhibit 4?

5 A Yes.

6 Q What is it?

7 A It appears to be section 4.9.2, 4.9.3  
8 and 4.9.4 of our Unaccompanied Alien Children  
9 Policy Guide.

10 Q So let's start with 4.9.2, and if you  
11 could look at the second paragraph, and it says,  
12 "If pregnancy results from an instance of sexual  
13 abuse, the care provider must ensure that the  
14 victim receives comprehensive information about  
15 all lawful pregnancy-related medical services  
16 within 24 hours of the positive pregnancy test."

17 A Okay.

18 Q Does "comprehensive information" in that  
19 sentence include information about abortion?

20 A It could.

21 Q When could it?

22 A At any, any time that that's  
23 appropriate.

24 Q Do you make the determination in the  
25 context of a sexual assault in a shelter whether

1 "comprehensive information" includes abortion when  
2 there's a positive pregnancy test for a minor?

3 A No.

4 Q Who makes that determination?

5 A Do I or -- so do I? No. I don't get  
6 involved in that. Who makes the determination?  
7 This arises out of an Interim Final Rule and also  
8 out of statutory languages, language, so in a  
9 sense, Congress made that determination along with  
10 the Department when the IFR was released.

11 Q So when you're talking about the "IFR,"  
12 you're talking about the Interim Final Rule  
13 related to the Prison Rape Elimination Act?

14 A Yes, yes.

15 Q And we'll certainly talk about that  
16 regulation, but just with respect to the Policy  
17 Manual, I'm trying to understand what your  
18 understanding is with respect to what  
19 "comprehensive information" is interpreted to mean  
20 by the Agency with respect to the policy manual.

21 A Sure.

22 It -- well, I mean it's "comprehensive  
23 information," whatever, whatever that means to the  
24 person reading it.

25 Q What does it mean to you?

1 MR. PHIPPS: Just for  
 2 clarification, is this in his layperson  
 3 capacity? I know you asked previously about  
 4 laypersons.  
 5 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 6 Q Correct. No, this is in your, in your  
 7 position as the head of ORR. What does  
 8 "comprehensive information about all lawful  
 9 pregnancy-related medical services" mean to you?  
 10 A It means exactly what the language says,  
 11 so comprehensive information, so enough  
 12 information to make it comprehensive about what's  
 13 lawful and pregnancy-related and that are medical  
 14 services.  
 15 Q Does it include abortion?  
 16 A It could.  
 17 Q As director of ORR, when do you think it  
 18 could?  
 19 A Whenever the circumstances deem it  
 20 appropriate.  
 21 Q Are there certain circumstances that  
 22 you, as the head of the Agency, have encountered  
 23 where you have believed that it was inappropriate  
 24 to provide information about abortion in the  
 25 context of a sexual assault at a shelter?

1 Q Okay. So then my next question was: So  
 2 it sounds then, it would follow that you have not  
 3 had an opportunity to interpret, in a concrete  
 4 situation, 4.9.2 as it relates to a particular  
 5 minor; is that fair?  
 6 A Yes.  
 7 Q If you could look at 4.9.4 related to  
 8 religious objections.  
 9 A Mm-hmm.  
 10 Q Do you know whether there are any care  
 11 providers that have submitted a plan to ORR under  
 12 4.9.4?  
 13 A I don't know.  
 14 Q Who would know?  
 15 MR. PHIPPS: Object as to time  
 16 period of the submission of the plan. Vague.  
 17 THE WITNESS: Jonathan White  
 18 probably would know. I guess he could,  
 19 could, yeah.  
 20 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 21 Q Putting aside whether a formal plan has  
 22 been submitted to ORR, do you know whether there  
 23 are care providers that have a religious objection  
 24 to providing information for and/or access to any  
 25 of the required services outlined in this policy?

1 A No.  
 2 Q Has a situation ever arisen where there  
 3 has been a positive pregnancy test of a minor as a  
 4 result of sexual abuse in a shelter in your time  
 5 at ORR? And that includes both the transition  
 6 team and your current position.  
 7 A No.  
 8 Q So as director of ORR, you have not had  
 9 an opportunity to apply this policy, 4.9.2?  
 10 A I don't know.  
 11 Q Because you don't remember?  
 12 A No. Because of the phrasing of your  
 13 question. Sorry.  
 14 Q Well, I was trying to understand if --  
 15 let's back up.  
 16 A Sure.  
 17 Q 4.9.2 relates to when a minor is  
 18 sexually abused while in ORR care.  
 19 A Mm-hmm.  
 20 Q Has there been a circumstance while you  
 21 have been at ORR, either as director or as part of  
 22 the transition team, where there has been a minor  
 23 who has been sexually abused at a shelter and has  
 24 a positive pregnancy test? I believe you said no.  
 25 A Right.

1 MR. PHIPPS: Objection. Vague as  
 2 to "care provider." I assume it's a care  
 3 provider working with ORR?  
 4 MS. AMIRI: Yes.  
 5 MR. PHIPPS: Just want to make  
 6 sure.  
 7 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 8 Q Yeah, whatever the language is in the  
 9 policy is how I'm using it.  
 10 A I don't know.  
 11 Q Who would know the answer to that?  
 12 A Perhaps Jonathan White.  
 13 Q But as director of ORR, you have not  
 14 been asked to approve a plan submitted by a  
 15 religiously affiliated care provider related to  
 16 their religious objection to providing medical  
 17 care information that is required under this  
 18 policy?  
 19 A No, not to my recollection.  
 20 Q Okay.  
 21 Do you know whether, prior to you  
 22 becoming the director of ORR and prior to the  
 23 transition team, any prior ORR director has  
 24 approved a plan by a religiously affiliated care  
 25 provider that had an objection to providing

1 information or medical care under this policy?

2 A No, I don't know.

3 Q We were talking before about the Flores  
4 Settlement Agreement, so let's take a look at  
5 that. We will mark it as Exhibit 5.

6 (Exhibit 5 was marked for  
7 identification.)

8 BY MS. AMIRI:

9 Q And I will tell you, so you don't have  
10 to sit here and read the whole thing --

11 A Sure.

12 Q -- but what I'm going to ask you  
13 about --

14 A Thank you.

15 Q -- yes -- is Exhibit 1.

16 A Yes.

17 Q And under "Minimum Standards for  
18 Licensed Programs," I'm going to be asking about  
19 A2.

20 A Okay.

21 Q So under A2 it says "Appropriate" -- I'm  
22 sorry.

23 Let me back up and say under "A" it says  
24 "Licensed programs shall comply with all  
25 applicable state child welfare laws and

1 the Flores Settlement Agreement includes access to  
2 abortion?

3 A No.

4 Q So before when you talked about your  
5 understanding -- or I think when you were  
6 referring to "it was the same answer," I assumed  
7 that that was the answer, so when you talk about  
8 the, the chain of command, I think previously you  
9 had testified that it's just generally assumed.

10 Is that the same answer with respect to  
11 the Flores Settlement Agreement?

12 A I think so.

13 Q So it is generally assumed in the chain  
14 of command at HHS that the Flores Settlement  
15 Agreement does not include access to abortion?

16 A Yes.

17 Q But you have not had a specific  
18 conversation with anyone in the chain of command  
19 about whether the Flores Settlement Agreement  
20 includes access to abortion?

21 A Right.

22 Q With respect to family planning services  
23 referenced in the Flores Settlement Agreement, is  
24 it your understanding, as the director of ORR,  
25 that that includes contraception?

1 regulations and all state and local building,  
2 fire, health and safety codes, and shall provide  
3 or arrange for the following services for each  
4 minor in its care," and number 2 says,  
5 "Appropriate routine medical and dental care,  
6 family planning services, and emergency health  
7 care services."

8 With respect to the language in Flores,  
9 what is your position, as ORR director, as to what  
10 "routine medical care" means with respect to  
11 abortion? Does -- is abortion included in  
12 "appropriate routine medical care"?

13 A No.

14 Q Where do you obtain that understanding?

15 A In a number of places. It's kind of the  
16 same answer as the earlier question.

17 Q We can go through that.

18 So we talked about the chain of command.  
19 Have you had conversations with anyone above you  
20 in the chain of command at HHS about whether the  
21 Flores Settlement Agreement includes access to  
22 abortion?

23 A No.

24 Q Have you had conversations with anyone  
25 below you in the chain of command about whether

1 A It could.

2 Q And who makes that determination about  
3 whether it could?

4 A As to a specific UAC, it's the, it's  
5 the -- it's a number of people, but it's a  
6 case-by-case determination.

7 Q Who is involved in the decision whether  
8 to allow a UAC to have access to family planning  
9 other than the physician who is providing care to  
10 the minor and the minor herself?

11 A Well, the minor, the minor themselves --  
12 so the physician providing care, potentially the  
13 case manager, potentially the medical director of  
14 the grantee, and -- yes, and it, it could, you  
15 know, it could potentially go all the way up to  
16 our medical department and so on.

17 Q In what situation would it go all the  
18 way up to the medical department of ORR, this  
19 request for contraception for a minor?

20 A Some, some wacky medical situation.

21 Q Have you ever seen such a wacky medical  
22 situation?

23 A No.

24 Q Has there ever been a minor's request  
25 for contraception that has reached your level, a

1 request for contraception?  
 2 A No.  
 3 Q Do you know if a request for  
 4 contraception has reached the level of  
 5 Dr. Bartholomew or any of the physicians that are  
 6 working with ORR?  
 7 A I don't know.  
 8 Q Do any of the people that you mentioned  
 9 get to override the minor's decision to have  
 10 access to contraception?  
 11 A Well, they could.  
 12 Q How so?  
 13 A If it's medically contraindicated for  
 14 some reason.  
 15 Q Would that be a medical decision or a  
 16 decision by someone else, like the grantee?  
 17 A No. It would, it would be a medical  
 18 decision.  
 19 Q So in the context of religiously  
 20 affiliated shelters that have an objection to  
 21 providing access to family planning services  
 22 because they have an objection to providing access  
 23 to contraception, how are those grantees  
 24 complying -- well, I should say are those grantees  
 25 complying with the Flores Settlement Agreement?

1 policy, my special assistant, and Ken Tota may  
 2 have been there.  
 3 Q So was this a meeting?  
 4 A Mm-hmm.  
 5 Q Was counsel present at that meeting?  
 6 A Anna Marie is legal counsel. She's the  
 7 director of our policy division.  
 8 Q That's Anna Marie Bena?  
 9 A Yes.  
 10 MS. AMIRI: Is there -- are you  
 11 asserting a privilege to Anna Marie Bena's  
 12 presence in that meeting?  
 13 MR. PHIPPS: I don't know right  
 14 now. If you want to know, we can, we can --  
 15 MS. AMIRI: Let's put a pin in it,  
 16 and let's come back.  
 17 I think we'll do this and then take  
 18 a break.  
 19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the  
 20 record at --  
 21 MS. AMIRI: Oh, no, sorry. Not  
 22 yet. We are going to do one more exhibit. I  
 23 was just giving a little preview.  
 24 THE WITNESS: Okay.  
 25

1 A I'm sorry. Could you, could you  
 2 rephrase the question?  
 3 Q Yes. Well, let me ask you this --  
 4 A Sure.  
 5 Q -- and I'll back up a little bit  
 6 further.  
 7 Do you know whether there are any  
 8 religiously affiliated shelters that refuse to  
 9 provide access to contraception for unaccompanied  
 10 minors?  
 11 A I don't know.  
 12 Q You don't know?  
 13 A Right.  
 14 Q Who would know the answer to that?  
 15 A Potentially Jonathan White.  
 16 Q Has anyone had a conversation with  
 17 you -- and I mean anyone at ORR -- about  
 18 religiously affiliated shelters' objection to  
 19 providing contraception or abortion?  
 20 A Yes.  
 21 Q And who -- we can go through them if  
 22 there's more than one, but let's start with one.  
 23 Who have you had those conversations with?  
 24 A Oh, a number of people. Jonathan,  
 25 Jonathan White was there, but our, our director of

1 (Exhibit 6 was marked for  
 2 identification.)  
 3 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 4 Q You don't have to look through  
 5 everything.  
 6 A Sure.  
 7 Q I wanted to first -- we talked before  
 8 about the Interim Final Rule with respect to the  
 9 Prison Rape Elimination Act.  
 10 A Yes.  
 11 Q If I say "PREA," you'll know what that  
 12 means?  
 13 A Yes.  
 14 Q Does Exhibit 6 look like what was  
 15 published in the Federal Register in terms of the,  
 16 the Preamble and the Final Rule itself?  
 17 A It looks like it, yes.  
 18 Q I wanted to ask you about the Preamble  
 19 in PREA related to working with faith-based  
 20 entities.  
 21 I can't find it. If anyone finds it,  
 22 let me know. It will be a race.  
 23 Yeah, okay, I found it. I win.  
 24 77784 is the page number in the Federal  
 25 Register in the middle column, and I think it's

1 the first full paragraph.  
 2 "ORR is mindful that some potential and  
 3 existing grantees and contractors may have  
 4 religious or moral objections to providing certain  
 5 kinds of services, including referrals, for  
 6 example, for emergency contraception. ORR is  
 7 committed to providing resources and referrals for  
 8 the full range of legally permissible services to  
 9 UCs who need them, helping to facilitate access to  
 10 these options and doing so in a timely fashion and  
 11 in a manner that respects diverse religious and  
 12 cultural background of UCs. At the same time, ORR  
 13 is committed to finding ways for organizations to  
 14 partner with us, even if they object to providing  
 15 specific services on religious grounds."  
 16 As ORR director, have you  
 17 operationalized -- I guess is the best word --  
 18 this accommodation for religious objectors that is  
 19 here in the Preamble?  
 20 A Yes.  
 21 Q In what way?  
 22 A By proceeding along, along -- by  
 23 proceeding according to its terms.  
 24 Q So you follow the regulations in the  
 25 Preamble?

1 A Yes.  
 2 Q Is there a specific circumstance in  
 3 which there has been a religiously affiliated  
 4 shelter who has objected to providing something  
 5 that is required under the PREA IFR, and you  
 6 have -- you or someone in your office has made a  
 7 religious accommodation?  
 8 A Since me coming on?  
 9 Q Yes.  
 10 A No.  
 11 Q Are you aware of that happening prior to  
 12 you coming on?  
 13 A I don't know.  
 14 Q So when you had -- when you said that  
 15 you, you follow the Preamble, is there anything  
 16 that you have done in your time as ORR director in  
 17 your day-to-day work that has been -- or has  
 18 involved this Preamble?  
 19 A No.  
 20 Q But you're familiar with it?  
 21 A Yes.  
 22 Q And how did you become familiar with it?  
 23 A Just by reading it.  
 24 Q Does the Policy Manual that we looked at  
 25 before, 4.9.2, 4.9.3, 4.9.4, does it track

1 verbatim the PREA IFR?  
 2 A I think so.  
 3 MR. PHIPPS: Objection. Personal  
 4 knowledge.  
 5 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 6 Q Okay. If it does, I don't think that we  
 7 necessarily need to go through the, the same  
 8 questions. I'm wondering, though, if your, your  
 9 questions about how you interpret the policy with  
 10 respect to the PREA IFR is different than how you  
 11 would interpret the regulations.  
 12 A I would interpret both the same.  
 13 Q Okay. So -- just as an example, so when  
 14 the policy in 4.9.2, I think, references  
 15 comprehensive -- or sorry -- "lawful pregnancy  
 16 services" and I had asked you about whether that  
 17 encompasses abortion, to the extent that the PREA  
 18 IFR uses the same knowledge, you would interpret  
 19 both the PREA regulation and the policy the same?  
 20 A Yes.  
 21 MS. AMIRI: Okay. Do you want to  
 22 take a break?  
 23 MR. PHIPPS: Yeah, sure.  
 24 MS. AMIRI: Do you want this to be  
 25 our lunch break?

1 MR. PHIPPS: Yes.  
 2 MS. AMIRI: Do you want to take a  
 3 half hour?  
 4 MR. PHIPPS: Yes.  
 5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the  
 6 record at 1:11.  
 7 (Whereupon, the lunch recess was  
 8 taken.)  
 9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going  
 10 back on the record at 1:53.  
 11 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 12 Q So before the break we were talking  
 13 about a meeting where abortion would have been  
 14 discussed, and I believe that you talked that  
 15 there were different people in that meeting,  
 16 including Anna Marie Bena, and I wanted to make  
 17 sure that there wasn't going to be an assertion of  
 18 attorney/client privilege that would prevent me  
 19 from asking questions about that meeting, ad I  
 20 understand that there is not, although there may  
 21 be other objections that may come back, I just  
 22 wanted to turn our attention back to that meeting,  
 23 and, and maybe if you can restate who was at the  
 24 meeting and what, what the purpose of the meeting  
 25 was for.

1 A Sure.  
 2 Going by memory, Jonathan White, Anna  
 3 Marie Bena, perhaps Ken Tota, , my  
 4 assistant. That's all I recall.  
 5 Q And when was this meeting?  
 6 A Oh, that would be early. I'm going to  
 7 guess March/April.  
 8 Q 2017, obviously?  
 9 A Yeah.  
 10 Q Okay, and what was the purpose of the  
 11 meeting?  
 12 A I don't recall, just because we, we have  
 13 a lot of meetings, and it may have come up in a --  
 14 I don't remember if it was a discrete meeting on  
 15 this issue or if it was brought up in a broader  
 16 meeting.  
 17 Q But abortion was discussed?  
 18 A No. This is, this is, as I recall, a  
 19 religious accommodation.  
 20 Q I see. Okay, but when we're talking  
 21 about "religious accommodation," we're talking  
 22 about religious accommodation to access to  
 23 abortion and contraception?  
 24 A I, I, I don't recall in a sense. Yeah,  
 25 I don't recall.

1 objections to providing contraception or abortion?  
 2 A No, no.  
 3 Q So there were no changes after that  
 4 meeting?  
 5 A Right.  
 6 Q Okay. So then what was the purpose of  
 7 that meeting?  
 8 A I don't recall what information  
 9 regarding a request for -- I don't recall the  
 10 overall purpose, but specific to this issue,  
 11 informational to advise me of a religious  
 12 accommodation request.  
 13 Q So it was a religious accommodation  
 14 request by a grantee?  
 15 A Yes, I believe.  
 16 Q Okay, and do you remember which grantee?  
 17 A No.  
 18 Q Have you been involved personally, at  
 19 your time at ORR, either before you became the  
 20 director or after, in negotiating any cooperative  
 21 agreements with religiously affiliated entities  
 22 and as they pertain to this accommodation for  
 23 religious -- sorry -- accommodation for  
 24 abortion/contraception?  
 25 A Prior to --

1 Q So when you talk about the religious  
 2 accommodation at issue in this case, you  
 3 understand it to be that it's a religious  
 4 accommodation to access to abortion and  
 5 contraception?  
 6 A That would be my assumption in this  
 7 case.  
 8 Q Okay. Do you know whether, as a result  
 9 of that meeting, new policies were adopted with  
 10 respect to religious accommodations for access to  
 11 abortion and contraception?  
 12 A Yes.  
 13 Q And what was that policy?  
 14 A Sorry. The question was do I recall?  
 15 Yes, I recall.  
 16 Q And also then what was that policy? If  
 17 a policy came out of that meeting, what was that  
 18 policy?  
 19 A No policy came out of the meeting.  
 20 Q Did a practice come out of that meeting?  
 21 A No.  
 22 Q Okay. So were there any -- were there  
 23 any changes in the way that ORR handled religious  
 24 accommodations by religiously affiliated  
 25 contractors that had -- or grantees that had

1 Q Anytime that you've been at ORR in any  
 2 capacity.  
 3 A Oh, since -- I misheard you. So since  
 4 coming on ORR, have I been involved in negotiating  
 5 any --  
 6 Q Cooperative agreements with any  
 7 religiously affiliated grantees as those  
 8 cooperative agreements pertain to abortion and  
 9 contraception.  
 10 A No.  
 11 Q Are you aware of whether anyone at your  
 12 agency has negotiated cooperative agreements with  
 13 religiously affiliated entities that pertain to an  
 14 objection to providing access to  
 15 abortion/contraception?  
 16 A I don't know.  
 17 Q Who would know the answer?  
 18 A It would depend on which, which grantee,  
 19 which program.  
 20 Q Do you personally sign cooperative  
 21 agreements?  
 22 A Yes.  
 23 Q Do you personally approve the terms of  
 24 cooperative agreements?  
 25 A Yes. That's implicit in signing.

1 Q Have you signed any cooperative  
2 agreements with religiously affiliated grantees  
3 that contain a religious objection to  
4 contraception or abortion?

5 A I don't know.

6 Q You don't know if you, you signed an  
7 agreement, or you don't remember if that  
8 accommodation was in there?

9 A Oh, yeah, I don't remember if it was in  
10 there.

11 Q Do you remember seeing any language at  
12 all in any cooperative agreement with any entity  
13 related to a religious objection to providing  
14 abortion or contraception?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And do you remember the grantee?

17 A Oh, no.

18 Q Do you remember what the language said?

19 A I remember some of the language.

20 Q What is -- I'm not asking for a direct  
21 quote.

22 A Sure.

23 Q But if you can paraphrase for me what  
24 the cooperative agreement that you remember said.

25 A By my memory?

1 Q Yes.

2 A It's similar, similar language to what  
3 you find in the Preamble to PREA --

4 Q Okay.

5 A -- regarding religious accommodations.

6 Q Okay.

7 Have you personally been involved in  
8 placement decisions related to a minor who is  
9 seeking an abortion and a placement decision that  
10 was affected by whether a grantee had a religious  
11 objection to abortion or contraception?

12 A No.

13 Q Have you been involved in any individual  
14 minor's circumstances where she has requested an  
15 abortion and needed to be transferred because the  
16 grantee where she was residing had a religious  
17 objection to providing access to abortion?

18 A I'm sorry. Could you -- I missed the  
19 first part.

20 Q Yes.

21 Have you personally been involved in the  
22 decision to transfer a minor out of a religiously  
23 affiliated shelter that has a religious objection  
24 to abortion to another facility because she  
25 requested an abortion?

1 A No.

2 Q Do you know whether, since your time at  
3 ORR, that has happened, that a minor has requested  
4 an abortion at a religiously affiliated shelter  
5 and has been transferred to a shelter that doesn't  
6 have a religious objection to abortion?

7 A I don't recall.

8 Q Can you walk me through how it works  
9 when a minor requests an abortion at ORR.

10 A All of our UACs receive routine medical  
11 services and also regular clinical intervention  
12 counseling services, both on an individual and  
13 group basis, and there's just counseling or  
14 clinical services available generally.

15 And so at some point it's raised to  
16 either -- oftentimes a UAC will find out she's  
17 pregnant during a, during the initial medical exam  
18 or will have known and will disclose it at some  
19 point during the initial process. Usually it  
20 happens by one of those two means, by  
21 self-disclosure or discovering it during the  
22 initial medical exam.

23 Q And let's say then the minor requests an  
24 abortion to her doctor or the grantee. Then what  
25 happens?

1 A Then, then it would be essentially  
2 through the medical staff -- I was about to say  
3 staff. Through the grantee medical staff, it  
4 would go to ORR medical staff, sometimes perhaps  
5 through federal field staff who aren't necessarily  
6 medical personnel, and then would go through our  
7 medical department, DHUC, Division of Health for  
8 Unaccompanied Children. Sometimes directly to me,  
9 with Jonathan White copied, or sometimes through  
10 Jonathan White to me.

11 Q And when you talk about how this comes  
12 through, is it through a Significant Incident  
13 Report or some other mechanism?

14 A It's, it's, it's more through -- a  
15 Significant Incident Report may trigger it, or it  
16 could be a less formal means of communication. It  
17 usually wouldn't come to me in the form of a  
18 Significant Incident Report. It would be more of  
19 an email, usually, either from Michael Bartholomew  
20 or Jonathan White.

21 Q And when you get the request for an  
22 abortion, what is your role at that point?

23 A To, to gather information.

24 Q And how do you do that?

25 A I read the record that's provided, and



1 if there's anything that needs to be further  
2 developed, I'll, I'll request that information.

3 Q What would be an example of something  
4 that needs to be further developed?

5 A Oh, you know, sometimes the, the nature  
6 of the relationship that gave rise to pregnancy,  
7 prospects for sponsorship, any medical conditions,  
8 how far along she is in the pregnancy. It could  
9 be, could be any of those factors.

10 Q Why does the manner in which she became  
11 pregnant affect your analysis?

12 A It's just the number of -- it's one  
13 among the many potentially relevant facts.  
14 It's -- we, we are seeking to understand the  
15 totality of the circumstances, and so I guess it  
16 goes to the totality of the circumstances,  
17 understanding that.

18 Q To, to what end? To make the final  
19 determination of whether to approve the abortion?

20 A Yeah, I mean that would be -- it would  
21 be a piece of information we would need to know to  
22 make that determination.

23 Q Is there a difference in your mind of  
24 whether a minor is pregnant as a result of rape or  
25 if she's not in terms of whether she may be

1 record, and its absence would be puzzling. I  
2 don't know that we really had to chase that  
3 information down, but it's -- it's possible that  
4 we may have, but in any case just to understand  
5 the totality of the circumstances.

6 Q Why is the sponsor relevant in your  
7 determination -- or the possibility of a sponsor  
8 relevant in your determination about a minor's  
9 request for abortion?

10 A This is a person who is going to inherit  
11 that, you know, care for that individual, and we  
12 need to have some rudimentary understanding of --  
13 not just rudimentary -- actually a detailed  
14 understanding of what that individual is prepared  
15 to take on, and also, also factors related to  
16 whether the UAC is related to the sponsor or how  
17 far along the sponsorship process is could affect  
18 a determination about a pregnancy termination.

19 Q Have you ever approved an abortion  
20 request in your time as ORR director?

21 A No.

22 Q Are there any circumstances under which  
23 you would approve an abortion request?

24 MR. PHIPPS: Objection. Calls for  
25 speculation.

1 granted the permission to have the abortion?

2 A There, there is a difference.

3 Q And why is that?

4 A It's just from the 2008 policy, it  
5 treats the two differently.

6 Q Does it treat the two differently with  
7 respect to the substantive decision about whether  
8 she can have the abortion or with respect to  
9 funding?

10 A Well, does the 2008 policy?

11 Q Yes.

12 A My understanding is that it's related to  
13 the funding.

14 Q So if there's a decision about funding  
15 with respect to the nature of the pregnancy, does  
16 the nature of the pregnancy matter to you in terms  
17 of your decision about whether to permit the  
18 abortion or not?

19 A Yeah. All circumstances, the nature of  
20 the pregnancy among them, matter.

21 Q You also mentioned how far along she is.  
22 Why does that matter in terms of your decision to  
23 permit the abortion or not?

24 A It's just some information that you  
25 expect to be part of a like well-developed medical

1 THE WITNESS: Well, I was going to  
2 not answer that.

3 BY MS. AMIRI:

4 Q Well, you can still answer it.

5 A I don't, I don't know.

6 Q Are there any -- let me back up.

7 You have denied abortion requests,  
8 correct?

9 A Yes.

10 Q You have denied abortion requests even  
11 in the context where the pregnancy is as a result  
12 of rape, right?

13 A Yes.

14 Q So it sounds like if the young woman has  
15 been raped, that is not a determining factor about  
16 whether you would allow the abortion, right?

17 A It could be.

18 Q But it hasn't yet?

19 A No.

20 Q You're personally opposed to abortion,  
21 correct?

22 A Yes.

23 Q You've written on the subject?

24 A Yes.

25 Q You're personally opposed to

1 contraception, correct?  
 2 A Depends.  
 3 Q You wrote an article that said in order  
 4 to be pro-life, you need to be anti-contraception?  
 5 A That was the title of the article,  
 6 something along those lines.  
 7 Q Right. So you have, have written on the  
 8 subject?  
 9 A I have written on subjects related to  
 10 those things, yes.  
 11 Q And you believe that unaccompanied  
 12 minors have no constitutional right to abortion?  
 13 A That's legal speculation.  
 14 MR. PHIPPS: Objection.  
 15 THE WITNESS: I mean --  
 16 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 17 Q You're an attorney. I'm not asking you  
 18 for your, your legal understanding in like the  
 19 context of the defense of this proceeding. I'm  
 20 asking you in terms of what you as the ORR  
 21 director believe.  
 22 A Okay. Then please restate the question.  
 23 Q Do you believe that unaccompanied  
 24 immigrant minors maintain a constitutional right  
 25 to access abortion?

1 approve an abortion request?  
 2 A I don't know.  
 3 MR. PHIPPS: Objection. Calls for  
 4 speculation.  
 5 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 6 Q If the young woman's life was in  
 7 jeopardy if she carried the pregnancy to term.  
 8 A Potentially.  
 9 Q Potentially that would lead you to  
 10 approve the abortion?  
 11 A (Nods.)  
 12 Q Do you believe that --  
 13 A Actually, if I could, that wouldn't even  
 14 come up to my desk. That would be a -- that would  
 15 be an emergency, and there's a, there's a blanket  
 16 emergency exception.  
 17 Q To the policy?  
 18 A Well, I mean it's not an exception to  
 19 the policy. It's a part of the policy that any  
 20 medical emergencies -- I mean, you know, as part  
 21 of the 2008 policy, no medical emergency requires  
 22 approval from me in any circumstance.  
 23 Q So if there was a true medical  
 24 emergency, then you would not be in a position to  
 25 grant or deny the abortion?

1 MR. PHIPPS: I'll object. I know  
 2 there's a standing objection, but this is,  
 3 this is such a pure legal question that I am  
 4 going to, for the sake of it calls for a  
 5 legal conclusion.  
 6 MS. AMIRI: Duly noted.  
 7 THE WITNESS: And I've declined to  
 8 answer that in a number of settings, because  
 9 we have legal representation on that, on that  
 10 point.  
 11 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 12 Q I understand that, but we're here at a  
 13 deposition, and absent an instruction by counsel  
 14 for you not to answer the question, you must  
 15 answer the question.  
 16 A Okay. So do I believe --  
 17 Q Yes. Do you believe that unaccompanied  
 18 minors have no constitutional right to abortion  
 19 because of their immigration status?  
 20 A Do I believe that unaccompanied children  
 21 have no constitutional right to abortion --  
 22 Q Because of their immigration status.  
 23 A Yes.  
 24 Q So in what universe of facts could  
 25 present themselves to you that would lead you to

1 A Right, or any medical procedure.  
 2 Q And if a woman, young woman is raped in  
 3 the shelter and becomes pregnant as a result and  
 4 requests an abortion, would you approve an  
 5 abortion in that circumstance?  
 6 MR. PHIPPS: Objection. Calls for  
 7 speculation.  
 8 THE WITNESS: Potentially.  
 9 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 10 Q Isn't that what the regulations require  
 11 under PREA?  
 12 A Well, again, I mean it's speculative, so  
 13 we would look at the circumstances and/or  
 14 requirements under regulations and the law and  
 15 everything else.  
 16 Q Doesn't PREA explicitly say that she  
 17 must have access to all lawful pregnancy-related  
 18 services?  
 19 A Yes. If that's what it says, that's  
 20 what it says.  
 21 Q Is abortion a lawful pregnancy-related  
 22 service?  
 23 A Yeah.  
 24 (Exhibit 7 was marked for  
 25 identification.)

1 (Discussion was held off the  
 2 record.)  
 3 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 4 Q Okay. Exhibit 7. You may not have seen  
 5 these. These are the interrogatories that we  
 6 propounded to counsel. Jonathan White is the one  
 7 who signed them, but I wanted to draw your  
 8 attention to a couple of the answers to  
 9 interrogatories and ask you about whether they  
 10 reflect ORR policy.  
 11 So if you can turn to page 3.  
 12 A Okay.  
 13 Q So about halfway down the page, it says  
 14 that "if pregnancy results from an instance of  
 15 sexual abuse, care provider facility must ensure  
 16 the victim receives timely and comprehensive  
 17 information about all lawful pregnancy-related  
 18 medical [care] and timely access to all lawful  
 19 pregnancy-related medical services."  
 20 So this is an answer that your attorneys  
 21 wrote in response to our interrogatory request,  
 22 which is described "defendant's interpretation of  
 23 the extent of their obligation and their grantee's  
 24 obligation under regulations implementing the  
 25 Prison Rape Elimination Act to provide UCs with

1 to facilitate these options, do you understand  
 2 that to mean that when a religiously affiliated  
 3 shelter has an objection to providing access to  
 4 abortion to a minor who has suffered sexual abuse  
 5 in a shelter, that ORR will help instead  
 6 facilitate access to abortion?  
 7 A Yeah, I mean it's a speculative question  
 8 potentially, I mean as we're going to follow the,  
 9 the regulations as written.  
 10 Q It also then says "and doing so in a  
 11 timely fashion."  
 12 Do you know what guarantees are in place  
 13 to ensure that a minor receives access to abortion  
 14 in a timely fashion if the religiously affiliated  
 15 shelter has an objection?  
 16 A Our, our policy itself is, is a  
 17 guarantee.  
 18 Q Are there any requirements, for example,  
 19 that within 24 hours of the minor requesting an  
 20 abortion after she's been sexually abused at a  
 21 shelter, there must be an appointment with a care  
 22 provider who can talk to her about her options?  
 23 A I'm not aware of, of that. Just, just  
 24 our policy, what the policy says.  
 25 Q So is there any policy or guidance or

1 access to family planning information services,  
 2 including abortion."  
 3 So I wanted to ask you, given our  
 4 conversation a couple minutes ago, whether what is  
 5 in this interrogatory response on page 3 that I  
 6 read you reflects your understanding of what ORR's  
 7 policy is with respect to permitting abortion  
 8 access for minors who have suffered sexual abuse  
 9 in a shelter.  
 10 A Yes.  
 11 Q And if you turn to page number 4 -- oh,  
 12 I'm sorry. Can we back up for just a second and  
 13 talk about the faith-based policy there?  
 14 On the bottom of page 3, this is the  
 15 accommodation we talked about before that is in  
 16 the IFR, and it says that "ORR is committed to  
 17 providing resources and referrals for the full  
 18 range of legally permissible services to UCs who  
 19 need them, helping to facilitate access to these  
 20 options, and doing so in a timely fashion and in a  
 21 manner that respects the [diverse] religious and  
 22 cultural backgrounds of UCs."  
 23 So when it talks about ORR's commitment  
 24 to providing resources and referrals for the full  
 25 range of legally permissible services and helping

1 practice that explicates what it means to ensure  
 2 access in a, quote, "timely fashion"?  
 3 A I don't know.  
 4 Q If there is, you're not aware of one?  
 5 A If there is, I'm aware of where it would  
 6 be, which is our Operational Guide.  
 7 Q Okay, and your Operational Guide is  
 8 different than the Policy Manual, correct?  
 9 A Yes.  
 10 Q If you look on page 4, interrogatory 3  
 11 asks, "Describe the criteria Defendants have used  
 12 to transfer UCs between grantees when a UC  
 13 requests abortion services."  
 14 A Sorry. I don't see --  
 15 Q On page 4.  
 16 A On page 4?  
 17 Q Interrogatory number 3. I was just  
 18 reading the interrogatory.  
 19 A Oh, gotcha. Yep.  
 20 Q And if you want to take a minute and  
 21 read the supplemental response.  
 22 (Witness peruses document.)  
 23 THE WITNESS: Okay.  
 24 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 25 Q So the supplemental response to

1 interrogatory 3 says, "There are no published  
2 criteria governing transfer of UCs when a UC  
3 requests abortion services, but, when a UC  
4 requested abortion services, and where the  
5 religiously affiliated grantee or subgrantee had  
6 objections to such services, the federal field  
7 specialist, in conjunction with the central  
8 office, effectuated the transfer of the UC."

9 My question is: Is that still ORR's  
10 policy?

11 A Yeah, I mean that describes a, kind of a  
12 series of events, and that's how those series of  
13 events would unfold.

14 Q I noticed that this is written in the  
15 past tense, and so my question is whether this is  
16 the current policy of ORR when there's a religious  
17 objection by a shelter to provide access to  
18 abortion.

19 MR. PHIPPS: I just object to the  
20 use of the word --

21 MS. AMIRI: Characterization?

22 MR. PHIPPS: "Policy" and then,  
23 yeah --

24 BY MS. AMIRI:

25 Q Sure.

1 providing the services?

2 A I said, yeah, I believe that's the  
3 standing policy.

4 Q Or would you continue to have her placed  
5 at a religiously affiliated entity that has a  
6 religious objection to abortion because you would  
7 just deny her abortion?

8 A That's, that's speculative. I don't  
9 know.

10 Q Well, when we get to the [REDACTED] documents,  
11 perhaps then will . . .

12 Do you know whether any minor has been  
13 unable to receive abortion or contraception  
14 because of the religious entity's objection to  
15 providing that service?

16 A No.

17 Q No, you don't know, or no, that hasn't  
18 happened?

19 A I don't recall that happening.

20 Q If it happened, would you know?

21 MR. PHIPPS: Objection as to time  
22 period. This is during his time --

23 BY MS. AMIRI:

24 Q Sure, during your time period -- unless  
25 otherwise stated, at your time at ORR, regardless

1 A I would, I would expect things to unfold  
2 as described here.

3 Q But only after you approve the abortion?

4 A No, no. I'm sorry.

5 Q So just --

6 A Yeah, I mean this hasn't come up, and  
7 so -- I mean this is -- I don't know how we  
8 would -- how exactly it would unfold, in light of  
9 the policy that kind of already exists.

10 Q Well, it did come up in the context of a  
11 minor who was transferred between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
12 correct?

13 A Yeah. I mean that's my recollection.

14 Q So this has happened while you've been  
15 at ORR even though you haven't necessarily been  
16 the director of ORR when it happened?

17 A Well, I don't recall.

18 Q Well, we'll get some documents that  
19 maybe will refresh your recollection --

20 A Sure.

21 Q -- but my question is: Sitting here  
22 today as the ORR director, if a UC requests  
23 abortion services, and she's at a religiously  
24 affiliated grantee, do you at that point transfer  
25 her to a grantee that has no objection to

1 of what title you have held.

2 A Sure. Okay.

3 Q So during that period of time that  
4 you've been at ORR, are you aware of whether any  
5 minor has been unable to receive abortion or  
6 contraception because of the religious objection  
7 of the shelter within which she resides?

8 A I, I am aware. I have a pretty firm  
9 recollection.

10 Q You are aware that that has happened?

11 A No, that that has not happened.

12 Q Okay. So just to clarify, you -- it is  
13 your recollection that no minor has been unable to  
14 receive abortion or contraception because of the  
15 religious objection of a grantee?

16 A Yes, in my recollection.

17 Q Okay.

18 In the 2008 Significant Incident  
19 Policy -- do you want to go back to Exhibit 2?

20 A Exhibit 2?

21 Q Yeah. Does this policy cover pregnancy  
22 in general?

23 A Not necessarily.

24 Q When would it necessarily?

25 A When it involves a medical service

1 requiring heightened ORR involvement.  
 2 Q So if a minor becomes pregnant and she  
 3 has an uncomplicated pregnancy, an uncomplicated  
 4 delivery, that pregnancy doesn't --

5 A Probably delivery would, would be a  
 6 significant -- or yeah -- sorry -- medical service  
 7 requiring heightened ORR involvement.

8 Q And what does that look like? Does  
 9 that -- do you approve how a minor gives birth or  
 10 a C section?

11 A No, no. It's, it's -- and, and  
 12 actually, I'll just back up and describe any, any  
 13 significant medical procedure, and we'll use the  
 14 example of wisdom teeth, which is a common one.

15 We contract with a medical services --  
 16 not exactly a provider, but they're an entity that  
 17 negotiates with the providers on ORR's behalf on  
 18 price and related details, and so that -- wisdom  
 19 teeth would be something that we contact -- or I  
 20 guess program medical staff contact the PSC and  
 21 coordinate with, with our medical staff to find a  
 22 provider in the area who can provide and --  
 23 provide the wisdom teeth extraction and then give  
 24 an indication as to what the price would be, and  
 25 that, that's kind of written up in a document.

1 I mean if you were to have the document  
 2 in your hand, it would be a folder with background  
 3 materials, and then also kind of a decision memo  
 4 where the -- in most cases, the, the question of  
 5 payment is before me where I would say approved or  
 6 disapproved, and I would check the appropriate box  
 7 at signing.

8 Q But the March 21, 2008 memo, which is  
 9 marked as Exhibit 2, is not just about payment,  
 10 correct?

11 A Correct.

12 Q So in the context of the wisdom teeth  
 13 example, do you personally approve whether a minor  
 14 can get her wisdom teeth removed?

15 A The, the question of payment is  
 16 essentially, in most cases, prohibitive. If we  
 17 were ever to say no, it probably wouldn't happen.  
 18 So usually there's only one question, and that's  
 19 the question of payment.

20 Q Payment, okay, but let's talk about  
 21 pregnancy, and I wasn't actually joking about  
 22 whether -- what it means for you to be involved in  
 23 the delivery decisions.

24 This is -- this policy is not just --  
 25 this policy that's marked as Exhibit 2 is not just

1 about payment. It's about making -- having  
 2 certain involvement by ORR in certain decisions.

3 And so, you know, we mentioned delivery,  
 4 and so in what context does it come up where the  
 5 minor who is delivering a baby has some sort of  
 6 medical issue that reaches your desk?

7 A It hasn't come up, to my recollection,  
 8 since being ORR director, but, you know,  
 9 potentially any procedure related to pregnancy  
 10 could come across my desk, but your question, I  
 11 think, went to, to my involvement, which is  
 12 somebody has to -- the director has to put his  
 13 signature on the payment in that instance, but my  
 14 involvement is not as a medical professional, but  
 15 as, you know, somebody who needs to provide the  
 16 authorization.

17 And usually the record is very well  
 18 developed by the time it gets to my desk, and so  
 19 there's not much for me to consider, but if  
 20 anything looks weird, I would, I would ask a  
 21 question about it.

22 Q So have you had any minors deliver their  
 23 babies while in ORR custody since you've been in  
 24 ORR?

25 A Yes, I think so.

1 Q And so when that has happened at the  
 2 delivery stage, something comes to you with  
 3 respect to their delivery, and you, you approve it  
 4 or you approve the payment for it?

5 A Actually, I don't recall a delivery ever  
 6 coming to, to my desk, so it may be that we're  
 7 categorizing that as like "routine."

8 Q I see.

9 So you, you think that the delivery may  
 10 be routine medical care, and it's not coming to  
 11 you under this heightened involvement policy?

12 A Right.

13 Q Okay.

14 You mentioned in the context of  
 15 pregnancy that you're not a medical provider and  
 16 don't make medical decisions, but in the abortion  
 17 context you were listing a number of factors that  
 18 you consider when deciding to approve an abortion  
 19 decision or not.

20 So can you explain to me the difference  
 21 between those factors that you consider for  
 22 permitting an abortion versus the factors that are  
 23 medical relating to delivery.

24 A Well, we, we would receive -- or if we  
 25 didn't receive it, we would request it -- an

1 analysis as to whether there's a medical  
2 indication for the abortion, whether it's  
3 medically indicated, and then beyond that, there  
4 are other factors that go into the decision for  
5 abortion.

6 Q But those other decisions are not  
7 medical factors, right?

8 A No.

9 Q Okay. So what, what determines -- or  
10 how, how do you determine what factors to consider  
11 in approving or denying abortion requests if there  
12 are nonmedical factors?

13 A What we're going for is the totality of  
14 the circumstances, so whether we know -- whether  
15 it's been communicated, I guess, everything we  
16 know about the case up to, you know, the  
17 decision-makers, Office of the Director, I would  
18 say is what's going to be relevant.

19 Q But totality of the circumstances to  
20 what end? I think that I'm missing something,  
21 because usually there is some, you know, criteria  
22 that you are employing and thinking about the  
23 totality of the circumstances for some sort of  
24 result.

25 So what, what ultimately are you doing

1 in your analysis if it's not a medical  
2 decision-making process?

3 MR. PHIPPS: Characterization. I'm  
4 not sure he said it wasn't medical. I think  
5 he said it wasn't entirely medical. I mean I  
6 don't know, I don't know if that's right, but  
7 I just want to --

8 MS. AMIRI: Okay.

9 BY MS. AMIRI:

10 Q You're not a medical provider?

11 A Right.

12 Q So you don't make, you don't make  
13 medical decisions on behalf of the unaccompanied  
14 minors in your care?

15 A Well, I'm involved in the approval  
16 process, but I don't make the medical  
17 recommendation. The medical team makes the  
18 medical recommendations.

19 Q So I mean, for example, a minor had a  
20 placenta previa and she was at risk for  
21 chorioamnionitis, would you be in a position to  
22 make a determination about whether that abortion  
23 was medically indicated or not?

24 A No, no. That would be the medical staff  
25 who makes that determination.

1 Q Okay. So let's talk about the  
2 non-medical factors that you talked about before,  
3 which involved the way in which she became  
4 pregnant, sponsorship. You also talked about how  
5 far along she was in pregnancy.

6 Where does that criteria come from? Did  
7 you determine that those are the things that you  
8 wanted to consider in deciding whether to allow an  
9 abortion to happen?

10 A There's -- the criteria is totality of  
11 circumstances, and there's no formal written  
12 criteria. It's people working together as a team  
13 to develop the record as fully as possible, given  
14 our limitations.

15 Q Right, but I'm trying to understand  
16 where those criteria come from.

17 For example, did Steven Wagner say to  
18 you: "Welcome to the job of being ORR director.  
19 When an abortion request comes to you, these are  
20 the three things that you need to consider, and  
21 then you make a determination of whether to allow  
22 the abortion or not."

23 Did anyone in your higher chain of  
24 command say that those were the criteria to  
25 consider?

1 A No.

2 Q Did anyone in the chain of command  
3 beneath you suggest that those were the criteria  
4 to use to determine whether to allow an abortion  
5 to happen?

6 A No.

7 Q So my question to you is like where,  
8 where did they come from, like how were they  
9 arrived at?

10 A Deliberative process.

11 Q So that is you -- are you invoking a  
12 privilege by saying "deliberative process"?

13 A I'm just describing the reality.

14 Q So it's you and your other colleagues  
15 deliberated and came up with this criteria?

16 A Yes. Yeah. I mean yeah.

17 Q All right. So the criteria is how far  
18 along the woman is, young woman is, whether she  
19 became pregnant as a result of rape --

20 A It's case by case.

21 Q I understand the ultimate determination  
22 is case by case, but I'm trying to understand what  
23 criteria you use to make the ultimate  
24 determination.

25 And so when you talk about how you have

1 deliberated over this with your colleagues, I'm  
 2 trying to understand the various criteria that are  
 3 used in that deliberation.  
 4 A The totality of the circumstances.  
 5 Q I understand that that is what you  
 6 consider, but before you had also talked about  
 7 very specific things that you considered,  
 8 including whether she was pregnant as a result of  
 9 rape; is that right?  
 10 A Yes.  
 11 Q Okay. You also consider whether there  
 12 is a sponsor available, correct? Yes?  
 13 A Yes.  
 14 Q For the court reporter, you need to have  
 15 a verbal answer.  
 16 A Sure.  
 17 Q Also you talked about how far along she  
 18 was in her pregnancy, correct?  
 19 A Yes.  
 20 Q Okay, and you also talked about whether  
 21 there are medical indications?  
 22 A Yes.  
 23 Q Are there any other criteria that I have  
 24 not covered that you consider when making an  
 25 abortion decision?

1 their pregnancy or you instruct the federal field  
 2 staff or the shelter to do so?  
 3 A It's a case-by-case basis.  
 4 Q So as, you know, we have seen from the  
 5 documents, there are times when a minor has been  
 6 adamant that her parents not be notified, and you  
 7 have instructed that the parents be notified  
 8 against her wishes.  
 9 Is that true?  
 10 A Yeah, I mean you're characterizing it,  
 11 so you're asking me to accept a characterization.  
 12 Q We can, we can pull up, we can pull up  
 13 the email if that would be helpful.  
 14 A Sure.  
 15 Q And we'll certainly get to that. We'll  
 16 get to that.  
 17 Do you remember doing an interview with  
 18 Eternal World television network?  
 19 A Yes.  
 20 Q On that interview you said that you  
 21 were, were potentially considering making changes  
 22 to ORR's policy with respect to abortion.  
 23 A That's not what I said.  
 24 Q What did you say?  
 25 A I don't recall, but do you have the

1 A Clinical criteria? They're receiving  
 2 clinical psychological services, so mental  
 3 condition, I guess you would say.  
 4 Q Her mental health?  
 5 A Mm-hmm.  
 6 Q Okay.  
 7 A And, and other factors.  
 8 Q But you are not a psychologist?  
 9 A No, I'm not a psychologist.  
 10 Q Okay, and I think at the end you said  
 11 there might be other factors. Are there other  
 12 factors?  
 13 A Yes, there could be.  
 14 Q Anything that comes to mind from the  
 15 past -- let's start there -- of the abortion  
 16 requests that come across your desk since you've  
 17 been at ORR.  
 18 A Family circumstances.  
 19 Q In what sense?  
 20 A Well, you know, the condition of the  
 21 family, who, who lives where, are the family -- is  
 22 the family involved in sponsorship, and, you know,  
 23 are they aware of the pregnancy and so on.  
 24 Q Do you have a requirement that all  
 25 pregnant minors either tell their parents about

1 transcript?  
 2 Q I don't. We could probably get it  
 3 during a break.  
 4 A Okay.  
 5 Q Are you considering making any changes  
 6 to the policy with respect to abortion?  
 7 MR. PHIPPS: Wait. This may be  
 8 deliberative process privilege. I might need  
 9 a minute.  
 10 MS. AMIRI: Do you want -- or we  
 11 can put a pin in it and come back.  
 12 MR. PHIPPS: Yeah.  
 13 (Discussion was held off the  
 14 record.)  
 15 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 16 Q Let us look quickly at a Significant  
 17 Incident Report just so I have a sense of whether  
 18 this is still the process.  
 19 (Exhibit 8 was marked for  
 20 identification.)  
 21 MS. AMIRI: I should also say that  
 22 some of these documents are from the new  
 23 batch, and so we have not done the redactions  
 24 pursuant to any sort of confidentiality  
 25 protection, because I need to know what the

1 Bates range is for certain things. So to the  
2 extent that we're -- this, this deposition is  
3 under the protective order, and the exhibits  
4 will be, until we can figure out what is --  
5 needs to be redacted, right?

6 MR. PHIPPS: Right.

7 MS. AMIRI: Okay. I think this is  
8 one of the new ones.

9 BY MS. AMIRI:

10 Q I just wanted to ask you, at least in  
11 the first instance -- and then we need to take a  
12 break to switch over the tape -- about the  
13 Significant Incident Report, and actually what I  
14 wanted to ask you about was the -- starting on  
15 page 2 of this exhibit, about what is required in  
16 the SIR reporting.

17 You can flip through the whole exhibit.  
18 (Witness peruses document.)

19 THE WITNESS: Okay.

20 BY MS. AMIRI:

21 Q This is more of a question in terms of  
22 process, so this exhibit, starting on page 2,  
23 looks like the process that grantees follow when  
24 submitting an SIR when there is an abortion  
25 request, and different steps that are required. I

1 A Sure.

2 Q So using those three categories, I was  
3 trying to ask: When a request for the use of  
4 federal funds has come across your desk, in what  
5 category did the request fall?

6 A Oh, all of the termination requests have  
7 had the question of funding attached, so it  
8 wouldn't necessarily be in those cases.

9 Q I see.

10 So as a part of all the requests for  
11 abortion, it is both the approval for the abortion  
12 itself and also the approval for federal funding?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And is a request for federal funding  
15 made even if federal funds prohibit the use of  
16 money to pay for an abortion --

17 A Right.

18 Q -- except in those three circumstances?

19 A No, no.

20 Q Okay, and because you haven't approved  
21 any abortion requests, you also have not approved  
22 any request to use federal funds to pay for the  
23 abortions?

24 A That's correct.

25 MS. AMIRI: We need to take a break

1 understand that this is dated March 6, it's before  
2 you became director, but I wanted to ask whether  
3 this significant incident reporting process is  
4 still the same process today.

5 A I can't, I can't say for certain.

6 Q Do you know who at the Agency would  
7 know?

8 A Yeah, I mean Jonathan White would know,  
9 but this -- it wouldn't be vastly different than  
10 this.

11 Q Have any requests to use federal funds  
12 for a pregnancy termination come to you since  
13 you've been ORR director?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And have you granted any of those  
16 requests?

17 A No.

18 Q Are they circumstances in which the  
19 minor had been raped or whether she was the victim  
20 of incest or whether her life was endangered?

21 A Could -- I missed the first part.

22 Q Yes. So federal funds can only be used  
23 in the context of where the woman is pregnant as a  
24 result of rape, whether her life is in danger, or  
25 whether she was the victim of incest.

1 to change out the tape.

2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the  
3 record at 2:46.

4 (Whereupon, a short recess was  
5 taken.)

6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going  
7 back on the record at 3:02. This begins disc  
8 number 2.

9 MR. PHIPPS: As we discussed during  
10 the break, there was a question that we had  
11 and we kind of left pending, roughly, about  
12 contemplated changes in policy that the ORR  
13 director was or was not contemplating. This  
14 question prompts -- could prompt, depending  
15 on the scope of the response, deliberative  
16 process and attorney/client privilege issues.  
17 It may not.

18 What I would like to do is -- we've  
19 talked a little bit with the witness about  
20 that issue, and the witness is prepared to  
21 make a statement in response to that  
22 question, and then we'll turn it back over to  
23 you for more questions that we may or may not  
24 have to implicate privileges on, but this  
25 statement, we're fine with him making it



1 without privilege.  
 2 MS. AMIRI: Okay, great. Thank  
 3 you.  
 4 THE WITNESS: So the question kind  
 5 of that I touched on in the interview with  
 6 EWTN, the answer was intended to describe a  
 7 general sense of, of any policy being under  
 8 review by virtue of a new team coming in and  
 9 just also the need to improve where  
 10 improvements are needed.

11 So in a certain sense, all of our  
 12 policies are under review.

13 BY MS. AMIRI:

14 Q But the interview with EWTN was about  
 15 the young woman who is known as "Jane Doe" in the  
 16 public, correct?

17 A Well, I mean it was -- it arose out of  
 18 those circumstances.

19 Q And the interview was about access to  
 20 abortion?

21 A Parts of it.

22 Q This isn't about a policy that, for  
 23 example, would be relevant in the context of  
 24 access to proper food in a shelter, right?

25 A Sure.

1 Q When the question came up with the  
 2 interviewer, and I -- our phone seems to not be  
 3 working so great here, so I wasn't able to pull it  
 4 up, but my recollection is something like the  
 5 interviewer asked -- and it was in the context of  
 6 abortion access -- whether you were considering  
 7 changing policies, and I believe you said  
 8 something like "we're looking at it" or something  
 9 like that.

10 A Yeah, or it's under review, but I mean  
 11 all of our policies are under review.

12 Q At all times? All policies?

13 A Well, sure. So if, if some, some fact  
 14 pattern arises, and we find that our policy  
 15 doesn't serve it very well, and there's a way that  
 16 we can improve the policy to make it better the  
 17 next time that fact pattern arises, then yeah,  
 18 we're going to change that policy.

19 Q So without -- and I'll give Peter a  
 20 chance to jump in here. Without getting into the  
 21 substance, let's start first with whether you can  
 22 answer the question of: Is the policy with  
 23 respect to abortion access under review?

24 A And would I be answering that?

25 MR. PHIPPS: I think -- I don't

1 think -- for privilege reasons, I don't think  
 2 that he can answer that question beyond his  
 3 general answer, which is I guess all policies  
 4 are under review.

5 If it's something unique to that  
 6 policy that's looking at unique components of  
 7 a potential review, then we have to assert  
 8 deliberative process and potentially  
 9 attorney/client. I don't think either of  
 10 those privileges are ripe yet. I don't think  
 11 there's a question that goes to those.

12 MS. AMIRI: Okay.

13 MR. PHIPPS: I think as your  
 14 question is phrased, there's a way he can  
 15 answer it that doesn't go to those, but it's  
 16 -- I don't think it's going to provide any  
 17 new information.

18 MS. AMIRI: Right, and I guess it's  
 19 a yes-or-no question. I mean like the fact  
 20 that the specific policy with respect to  
 21 abortion access is under review or not  
 22 doesn't tell me what the actual meat is about  
 23 whether it could be changed. You know, it's  
 24 just whether it's under review or not.

25 THE WITNESS: Like I said, all of

1 our policies are in a sense under review.

2 MS. AMIRI: Okay, and so are you  
 3 asking him not to --

4 MR. PHIPPS: I think beyond that  
 5 response, if it's going to single out a  
 6 specific policy -- I mean I understand him  
 7 saying the answer is yes, much like all of  
 8 our other policies are under --

9 MS. AMIRI: Okay.

10 MR. PHIPPS: If the answer is what  
 11 is unique about it, then we're going to maybe  
 12 touch on other stuff.

13 MS. AMIRI: Okay.

14 MR. PHIPPS: So I don't know how  
 15 satisfying that is, but I'm not asserting  
 16 privileges yet.

17 MS. AMIRI: Okay. Well, let's keep  
 18 going, and maybe some of these other, more  
 19 recent documentation will allow for some  
 20 conversation that is out already.

21 So let's go to 15. I'm going to  
 22 mark this as Exhibit 9.

23 (Exhibit 9 was marked for  
 24 identification.)

25 (Witness peruses document.)

1 THE WITNESS: Okay.  
 2 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 3 Q Have you seen Exhibit 9 before?  
 4 A I don't think so.  
 5 Q On March 4, 2017, were you a member of  
 6 the second transition team, I believe you had  
 7 said?  
 8 A Yes.  
 9 Q Did you have a conversation with Ken  
 10 Tota around the time this memo was issued about  
 11 access to abortion for unaccompanied minors?  
 12 A Yes.  
 13 Q And what was that conversation?  
 14 A It was related to specific unaccompanied  
 15 minors.  
 16 Q So individual --  
 17 A UACs, yes.  
 18 Q Individual requests?  
 19 A Yeah.  
 20 Q Did you speak to Ken Tota about issuing  
 21 this particular memorandum?  
 22 A I don't recall.  
 23 Q More specifically, in the first  
 24 paragraph at the last sentence, it says, "This  
 25 means that the Director of ORR is empowered by

1 to a particular minor's abortion in the sense that  
 2 you are prohibiting a minor from accessing  
 3 abortion where a parent could not?  
 4 MR. PHIPPS: Objection. Calls for  
 5 speculation.  
 6 THE WITNESS: And that's, that's  
 7 not -- no.  
 8 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 9 Q That's not your sense?  
 10 A No.  
 11 Q Okay. So in the context of parents, is  
 12 it your understanding -- putting aside  
 13 unaccompanied minors just in the normal world,  
 14 normal country -- that parents can override their  
 15 minor's desire to have an abortion?  
 16 A I'm sorry. You need to repeat the first  
 17 part.  
 18 Q Sure. Yes.  
 19 In the context of just the normal  
 20 country, putting aside federally detained  
 21 minors --  
 22 A Just in the United States?  
 23 Q -- in general in the United States.  
 24 A Okay.  
 25 Q Is it your opinion that parents can

1 Congress to make all medical decisions for the  
 2 unaccompanied alien child (UAC) in place of the  
 3 child's parents."  
 4 A Okay.  
 5 Q Is it your understanding that that is an  
 6 accurate reflection of the director of ORR's  
 7 power?  
 8 A That's not the way I would put it --  
 9 Q Okay.  
 10 A -- but, you know, there's accuracy in  
 11 it.  
 12 Q What is your -- so put this aside for a  
 13 second.  
 14 A Sure.  
 15 Q And just in terms of how, how would you  
 16 put what ORR's role is with respect to making  
 17 medical decisions or evaluating medical decisions  
 18 for the unaccompanied minors in their care?  
 19 A Well, I mean so ORR broadly does, does  
 20 review and in the end provides or arranges for  
 21 providing all medical care for a UAC in our  
 22 custody.  
 23 Q In the context of abortion explicitly,  
 24 is it your opinion as the director of ORR that you  
 25 have more power than a parent would with respect

1 override their child's decision to have an  
 2 abortion?  
 3 A It's a state-by-state determination.  
 4 Q Is there any state in the union --  
 5 A Oh, okay.  
 6 Q Sorry. I'll finish the question.  
 7 Is there any state in the union that  
 8 gives a parent the ability to prevent their child  
 9 from having an abortion?  
 10 MR. PHIPPS: Objection.  
 11 Foundation. You haven't established a basis  
 12 of personal knowledge for this, but go ahead.  
 13 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 14 Q You can answer.  
 15 A I'm not aware of a state where that's  
 16 operationally the case.  
 17 Q So then back to my question, which was:  
 18 Do you believe that the director of ORR has more  
 19 power than a parent would in the sense that ORR is  
 20 prohibiting minors from accessing abortion where  
 21 parents cannot?  
 22 A No.  
 23 Q That's not your belief?  
 24 A No.  
 25 Q When you disapprove a minor's request

1 for abortion, what do you -- what does that mean  
2 to you?

3 A It means that we are declining to assist  
4 her in obtaining an abortion.

5 Q Assist her or allow her to have access  
6 to?

7 A Assist her.

8 Q And in what ways do you think that she  
9 will need to be assisted in having an abortion?

10 A We're statutorily mandated that we  
11 cannot release a UAC on their own recognizance, so  
12 we have to staff it.

13 Q I believe that there are two different  
14 things. One is a requirement that ORR cannot  
15 release unaccompanied minors by their own  
16 recognizance, but there is another aspect of the  
17 statute that talks about -- or maybe it's  
18 regulations that talk about others who can take  
19 custody of the minor, including attorneys of  
20 record.

21 Do you know what I'm talking about?

22 A No.

23 Q Okay.

24 So because you can't release her on her  
25 own, and you are prohibiting your grantees from

1 assisting a minor in any way, how else is the  
2 minor supposed to get the abortion?

3 A Well, if they're released to their  
4 sponsor in the interim, that's one way.

5 Q While they're still in ORR custody.  
6 Let's stick with while they're in ORR custody.

7 A Without -- functionally, if an abortion  
8 is to occur, our program has to be there.

9 Q Under what authority do you make that  
10 determination?

11 A The homeland Security Act.

12 Q Where in the Homeland Security Act does  
13 it say that?

14 A 462 -- section 462 -- I'm forgetting the  
15 last part. A2A or A2B? B2A?

16 Q Is it Homeland Security or is it the  
17 TVPA?

18 A It's Homeland Security.

19 Q Okay, and to the best of your  
20 recollection, what provision are you stating?  
21 What's the substance?

22 A A UAC shall not, under any  
23 circumstances, be left to their own recognizance.

24 Q So it's the recognizance piece of it?

25 A Yes.

1 Q So Congress hasn't spoken about the  
2 specific issue of abortion for minors, to your  
3 knowledge?

4 A In the UAC context?

5 Q Yes.

6 MR. PHIPPS: Objection. It's  
7 ambiguous. Spoken through statute?

8 BY MS. AMIRI:

9 Q Yes.

10 A Not to my knowledge, no.

11 Q Okay.

12 So a minor's in ORR custody. She's  
13 requesting an abortion. The only way she can  
14 obtain the abortion while still in ORR custody is  
15 if you approve the abortion request, correct?

16 A I think so, yeah.

17 (Exhibit 10 was marked for  
18 identification.)

19 BY MS. AMIRI:

20 Q I've handed you what's been marked as  
21 Exhibit 10.

22 (Witness peruses document.)

23 THE WITNESS: Okay.

24 BY MS. AMIRI:

25 Q So earlier in the deposition you had

1 mentioned an email that went out, clarifying --  
2 I'm not trying to recharacterize your testimony --

3 A Okay.

4 Q -- but you mentioned an email that was  
5 clarifying the 2008 heightened medical  
6 involvement, and I wanted to see if there was some  
7 piece of this Exhibit 10 that you were  
8 referencing.

9 A It appears that, beginning on page 1,  
10 the piece that begins -- entitled "ORR Director"  
11 and "Dear Colleagues" and continues on page 2,  
12 down through "Ken Tota, Acting Director," and ends  
13 after page 2.

14 Q So this is the email that you were  
15 referring to that is a clarification of the 2008  
16 heightened medical procedures memo; is that fair?

17 A Yes.

18 Q All right, and so in -- on page 2 there,  
19 it, it says like in the second paragraph,  
20 "Grantees should not conduct procedures, or take  
21 any steps that facilitate future procedures such  
22 as scheduling appointments, transportation, or  
23 other arrangements without signed written  
24 authorization from the ORR Director. Note that  
25 the requirement for written authorization by the

1 ORR Director applies whether the procedure will be  
2 paid for with Federal funds or by other means."

3 Is that currently the policy at ORR now?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Were you speaking to Ken Tota at the  
6 time that he wrote this email?

7 A Could you rephrase the question?

8 Q Sure.

9 Were you speaking to Ken Tota, at the  
10 time he wrote this email, about the, this  
11 particular email?

12 A He, he wrote this email within a time  
13 period after I had begun communications with him,  
14 after I had met him, essentially.

15 Q Oh, so you were still in the transition  
16 team? He wasn't reporting to you and you weren't  
17 reporting to him; is that fair?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. Did you work with him on the  
20 language for this email?

21 A I don't recall.

22 Q Was the email sent to all shelter staff?

23 MR. PHIPPS: Objection. Lack of  
24 personal knowledge.

25 THE WITNESS: I believe it was sent

1 to all grantees, which wouldn't necessarily  
2 include all, all staff.

3 BY MS. AMIRI:

4 Q Okay. So if it's current policy that  
5 "grantees should not conduct procedures or take  
6 any steps that facilitate future procedures, such  
7 as scheduling appointments, transportation, or  
8 other arrangements, without signed written  
9 authorization" from ORR, what is the way in which  
10 this policy is operationalized? How does it work  
11 in practice?

12 A Okay. Well, Ken, who has described  
13 before, termination requests come up through the  
14 chain to the Office of Director and me personally.

15 Q And that's for every, quote,  
16 "facilitative step"?

17 A I think it's more the situation  
18 generally.

19 Q Well, let's break it down.

20 A Sure.

21 Q If a grantee wanted to provide an  
22 unaccompanied minor with access to nondirectives,  
23 nondirective options counseling at an abortion  
24 facility, would that grantee need your explicit  
25 approval to do that?

1 A Yes.

2 Q If a grantee wanted to help a minor  
3 navigate a judicial bypass, would the grantee need  
4 your explicit approval to do that?

5 A I don't know.

6 Q The issue of grantees' involvement in  
7 judicial bypasses has come up before, hasn't it?

8 A Yes.

9 Q All right. So in those contexts, what  
10 has your response been when the grantee has  
11 requested the ability to facilitate a judicial  
12 bypass for a minor in their care?

13 A The question doesn't really work the way  
14 you asked it.

15 Q Okay. So explain to me: How is it  
16 operationalized? How does it work in practice?

17 A Legal, legal services are provided to a  
18 UAC through our contractors, and the attorneys  
19 involved with the legal services pursue whatever  
20 legal services are warranted in any particular  
21 situation.

22 Q You have instructed a grantee to  
23 prohibit a minor from meeting with an attorney for  
24 the purposes of pursuing a judicial bypass before,  
25 though, haven't you?

1 A No.

2 Q Okay. Well, we'll get to that email,  
3 and perhaps you can explain at that point.

4 A Sure.

5 Q Why is this policy in place?

6 A This one?

7 Q Yes. Why does a grantee need the ORR  
8 director's permission to provide any facilitative  
9 step in the path for an abortion?

10 A This, this is the policy, essentially,  
11 and, and it existed since 2008, but when we, we,  
12 the transition team, arrived on the scene, we  
13 found that grantees' staff weren't necessarily  
14 following the 2008 policy.

15 Q Do you believe that this email reflects  
16 a verbatim recitation of what is in the 2008  
17 policy, or is there a change that is indicated in  
18 this email to the 2008 policy?

19 A I would say it's a clarification.

20 Q A clarification. Does the 2008 policy  
21 prohibit grantees from taking any facilitative  
22 steps?

23 A With this clarification, it does.

24 Q Why don't we take a look at the policy  
25 from 2008. I think it's Exhibit 1, maybe.

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1 MR. PHIPPS: Exhibit 2.  
2 BY MS. AMIRI:  
3 Q Exhibit 2. Thank you.  
4 A Okay.  
5 Q So I just wanted to give you an  
6 opportunity to look at Exhibit 2 and see if there  
7 is something in the 2008 policy that leads you to  
8 believe that the email that we were just looking  
9 at on Exhibit 10 is a clarification of or addition  
10 to the 2008 policy.  
11 A "Grantees are prohibited from taking any  
12 actions in these cases without direction and  
13 approval from ORR."  
14 Q So you read "in these cases" to mean  
15 abortion requests?  
16 A "Serious medical services, including  
17 significant surgical or medical procedures,  
18 abortions, and services that may threaten the life  
19 of a UAC, require heightened" our involvement, so  
20 yes, in those enumerated situations.  
21 Q So for other significant surgical or  
22 medical procedures, has ORR clarified, since the  
23 time you've been there in any capacity, that  
24 grantees must submit requests to the ORR director  
25 for any facilitative steps?

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1 A No.  
2 (Exhibit 11 was marked for  
3 identification.)  
4 BY MS. AMIRI:  
5 Q I want to ask you about your email to  
6 Jonathan White on March 30, and you say grantees  
7 "should not be supporting abortion services pre or  
8 post release; only pregnancy services and  
9 life-affirming options counseling."  
10 A Okay.  
11 Q What did you mean?  
12 A Should not be supporting abortion -- I  
13 mean really what it says.  
14 Q What do you mean by "life-affirming  
15 options counseling"?  
16 A Options counseling that affirms life.  
17 Q Whose life?  
18 A Well, life generally. Anybody's life.  
19 In the context of pregnancy, it would be the  
20 mother and the child.  
21 Q So that would not include counseling  
22 about abortion?  
23 A Not necessarily.  
24 Q Not necessarily it doesn't include it?  
25 So I'm confused.

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1 A So am I.  
2 Q Okay.  
3 So are there any circumstances under  
4 which your phrase, "life-affirming options  
5 counseling," would include abortion?  
6 A Yes.  
7 Q What are those circumstances?  
8 A Potentially all circumstances with  
9 regard to options counseling.  
10 Q Yes. So normally when we think of  
11 options counseling, we think of here are your  
12 options with respect to your pregnancy.  
13 A Yeah.  
14 Q You can have an abortion, you can carry  
15 the pregnancy to term.  
16 A Sure.  
17 Q Really those are the two options,  
18 correct?  
19 A No. Adoption.  
20 Q Right, but with respect to the actual  
21 pregnancy. That's after she gives birth, right?  
22 A Oh, okay, fair enough, but I mean if  
23 we're defining the term "options counseling," that  
24 would include adoption in what's meant there.  
25 Q Okay.

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1 A If it were lacking adoption --  
2 Q It's not really an option.  
3 A -- we would, we would fix that.  
4 Q Okay. So carry the pregnancy to term,  
5 option 1, and parent the child; carry the  
6 pregnancy to term and place the child for  
7 adoption, number 2; or have an abortion, number 3.  
8 A Mm-hmm.  
9 Q So my question is: When you use the  
10 phrase "life-affirming options counseling," does  
11 that include number 3, the option for abortion?  
12 A Yes.  
13 Q In all circumstances?  
14 A Potentially. I mean I'm an attorney, so  
15 I don't really answer in absolutes, but  
16 potentially in all circumstances it can include  
17 abortion.  
18 Q Then I'm confused by this sentence then,  
19 because it says grantees "should not be supporting  
20 abortion services pre or post release."  
21 A Right, right.  
22 Q "Only pregnancy services and  
23 life-affirming options counseling."  
24 A Sure.  
25 Q So if you implicitly mean abortion in

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1 the context of life-affirming options counseling,  
2 then the first clause of the sentence is  
3 inherently contradictory.  
4 A No, it's not.  
5 Q So explain to me why it's not.  
6 A Well, life-affirming options counseling  
7 does not exclude information about life-negating  
8 options. It just affirms the life, the life  
9 options, the ones that involve or don't, don't  
10 involve the destruction of life.  
11 Q Do you believe abortion is the  
12 destruction of human life?  
13 A Yes.  
14 Q So then I'm not sure how life-affirming  
15 options counseling can include abortion.  
16 A Okay.  
17 Q So you told me -- so you -- I'm, I'm  
18 extra confused now, so if you believe that  
19 abortion is the termination or -- sorry -- the  
20 destruction of human life --  
21 A Mm-hmm.  
22 Q -- and grantees should only be  
23 supporting life-affirming options counseling --  
24 A Mm-hmm.  
25 Q -- it would seem then, by definition,

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1 that any options counseling that included  
2 presenting abortion as a neutral option --  
3 A Sure.  
4 Q -- would not be life-affirming, in your  
5 opinion.  
6 A I don't share that characterization.  
7 Q You do not?  
8 A Yes. Well, yeah, I mean right.  
9 Q Do you believe that an abortion provider  
10 provides life-affirming options counseling?  
11 A I believe they could.  
12 Q You were on the board of a crisis  
13 pregnancy center, correct?  
14 A Yes.  
15 Q What were the counseling services  
16 offered at that pregnancy center?  
17 A Ultrasound services, limited medical  
18 services related to the ultrasound, and then  
19 counseling about options for the pregnancy.  
20 Q And do you believe that that crisis  
21 pregnancy center that you were on the board of  
22 provided life-affirming options counseling?  
23 A Yeah.  
24 Q Did they include a discussion of  
25 abortion in a neutral manner in their counseling?

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1 A I, I didn't witness any of the  
2 discussions.  
3 Q You never saw any counseling sessions  
4 yourself?  
5 A No.  
6 Q Did you see any materials that were used  
7 to counsel?  
8 A Yeah, yeah.  
9 Q And what were those materials?  
10 A I, I don't remember. I mean really just  
11 information related to, to pregnancy and options  
12 in pregnancy.  
13 Q What was the name of the crisis  
14 pregnancy center that you were on the board of?  
15 A Front Royal Pregnancy Center.  
16 Q Are they associated with Heartbeat  
17 International or CareNet?  
18 A I, I don't recall. It's kind of  
19 actually a pretty technical question.  
20 Q Okay. Are they -- sorry. Does the CPC  
21 that you were on the board of, did it have a  
22 religious mission?  
23 MR. PHIPPS: The subject is vague  
24 in terms of what's meant by "religious  
25 mission."

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1 THE WITNESS: Yeah, yeah, that's --  
2 BY MS. AMIRI:  
3 Q Often crisis pregnancy centers have a  
4 mission statement, correct?  
5 A Yes, yeah.  
6 Q So for this particular crisis pregnancy  
7 center, did they have a mission statement?  
8 A Yes.  
9 Q And did that mission statement include  
10 references to God or the Bible or a particular  
11 religion?  
12 A I, I don't remember.  
13 Q So in this email to Jonathan White, you  
14 say that grantees "should not be supporting  
15 abortion services pre or post release."  
16 A Mm-hmm.  
17 Q Is that full stop? Is there any way in  
18 which a grantee could be supporting abortion  
19 services pre or post release?  
20 A Potentially.  
21 Q And how would that happen?  
22 A I don't know.  
23 Q So it could happen, but you --  
24 A Yeah, it could, but I don't know how it  
25 could happen.

1 Q Because they're prohibited from doing  
2 so?  
3 A Within the confines of our program, yes.  
4 Q Okay. So are you saying that if a  
5 grantee went rogue and ignored the rules, then it  
6 could do this?  
7 A No.  
8 Q Okay. So then in what context could a  
9 grantee support abortion services pre or post  
10 release?  
11 A Well, it couldn't within the context of  
12 our program, but some of our grantees serve other  
13 programs that aren't, that aren't ours. State  
14 programs, et cetera.  
15 Q Okay. What do you mean by the word  
16 "supporting" there, "should not be supporting  
17 abortion services"?  
18 A Well, providing.  
19 Q Okay, but grantees don't provide  
20 abortions themselves, right?  
21 A Right.  
22 Q So then we're talking about something  
23 beyond the actual provision of the abortion  
24 itself, right?  
25 A Yeah.

1 Q So you mean access to abortion?  
2 A Well, right, yeah, so -- right.  
3 Q With this particular minor that is being  
4 discussed in Exhibit 11 --  
5 A Yeah.  
6 Q -- do you remember the circumstances?  
7 It looks like she had requested a pregnancy  
8 termination.  
9 A Yeah, I mean that, that sounds right.  
10 Q Do you remember anything about her  
11 request for an abortion, the circumstances by  
12 which she got pregnant, any of the factors that  
13 you had laid out before in terms of --  
14 A No, I, I remember the circumstances, but  
15 from this email I can't determine which, which  
16 case it is necessarily.  
17 Q Okay.  
18 On the bottom you talk about confirming  
19 whether "the minor has received options counseling  
20 for the pregnancy as discussed."  
21 A Mm-hmm.  
22 Q Is that specifically an options  
23 counseling session with a crisis pregnancy or  
24 crisis resource center?  
25 A In, in this particular case, I believe

1 so.  
2 Q And with respect to confirming the  
3 sponsor and the minor's parents have been notified  
4 of the pregnancy, is that a requirement that  
5 you're imposing?  
6 A I don't, I don't recall in this case.  
7 Q Is there any minor who has requested an  
8 abortion -- well, strike that.  
9 For all minors who have requested an  
10 abortion since your time at ORR, have you required  
11 them to visit a crisis pregnancy or crisis  
12 resource center?  
13 A I don't recall.  
14 Q You have, in fact, though, made that  
15 requirement of some minors, correct?  
16 A Yes.  
17 Q And HHS has a list of trusted providers,  
18 correct?  
19 A I think that's correct.  
20 Q And this list was developed by Heartbeat  
21 International and CareNet; is that correct?  
22 A I don't know.  
23 Q Who would know?  
24 A I don't know, actually.  
25 Q You had a conversation with Maggie Wynne

1 about crisis pregnancy centers and where to send  
2 minors, correct?  
3 A About -- conversations with Maggie Wynne  
4 about --  
5 Q Crisis pregnancy centers --  
6 A Yes.  
7 Q -- and where to send a particular minor.  
8 A Probably.  
9 Q What is Maggie Wynne's role?  
10 A Counselor to the Secretary.  
11 Q Of ACF?  
12 A Of HHS.  
13 Q Has that always been her role since you  
14 have been the director of ORR?  
15 A I don't recall, but I think so.  
16 No.  
17 Q No? Do you know what her prior role is?  
18 A General transition.  
19 Q Have you had conversations with Maggie  
20 Wynne about access to abortion for unaccompanied  
21 immigrant minors?  
22 A Yes.  
23 Q Particular minors' requests or the  
24 policy?  
25 MR. PHIPPS: Just to interject, if

1 he testified that she currently serves as  
 2 counselor, and counselor involves legal  
 3 advice --  
 4 MS. AMIRI: Oh, I don't think she's  
 5 an attorney.  
 6 MR. PHIPPS: Okay. So is it  
 7 nonlegal?  
 8 THE WITNESS: Yeah, it's --  
 9 MR. PHIPPS: Okay.  
 10 THE WITNESS: -- it's kind of one  
 11 of those weird things where she's a counselor  
 12 but not counsel.  
 13 MR. PHIPPS: Okay. Sorry. Okay.  
 14 I just wanted to make sure that we -- please  
 15 continue on, uninterrupted.  
 16 THE WITNESS: And that's always  
 17 confusing. That happens a lot.  
 18 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 19 Q Right.  
 20 So have you spoken with Maggie Wynne  
 21 about certain abortion requests for minors?  
 22 A Yes.  
 23 Q Have you spoken with Maggie Wynne about  
 24 the policy for abortion access for minors?  
 25 A Yes.

1 (Exhibit 12 was marked for  
 2 identification.)  
 3 (Witness peruses document.)  
 4 THE WITNESS: Okay.  
 5 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 6 Q Do you recognize this chain of emails?  
 7 A Yeah.  
 8 Q And it looks like this is an email  
 9 between you and Maggie Wynne in the middle of  
 10 March, which would have been official -- before  
 11 your official appointment as ORR director,  
 12 correct?  
 13 A Yes, yes.  
 14 Q So what was your role at this time on  
 15 March 12, in the context of this email exchange  
 16 with Maggie Wynne about pregnancy care centers?  
 17 A Kind of a general policy advisor. It  
 18 had not changed, changed from my, from my  
 19 onboarding at that point.  
 20 Q And why were you talking to Maggie Wynne  
 21 about pregnancy resource centers in  
 22 A This related to a specific UAC.  
 23 Q Is she the minor who was in and  
 24  
 25 A I don't recall.

1 Q Have you had a conversation with Maggie  
 2 Wynne about the policy for abortion access for  
 3 unaccompanied minors that has been formalized?  
 4 I'm trying to get around, you know, the  
 5 deliberative process, but something that has then  
 6 been sent out into the world.  
 7 A Okay, yeah.  
 8 Q Okay, and so what was the, the ultimate  
 9 policy that came out of the conversation?  
 10 A The email from Ken Tota.  
 11 Q I see. So Maggie Wynne was involved in  
 12 that email?  
 13 A Yes.  
 14 Q Okay. Was -- do you know if Maggie  
 15 Wynne was also involved in obtaining the list of  
 16 approved -- or sorry -- trusted HHS providers that  
 17 was sent to shelters?  
 18 A I don't know.  
 19 Q Have you told any grantee or grantee's  
 20 staff, after you took office as ORR, that there  
 21 would be no abortion access for minors upon your  
 22 taking office?  
 23 A Have I told grantees' staff?  
 24 Q Yes.  
 25 A Not that I recall.

1 Q You went to visit a minor in  
 2 when she was pregnant, correct?  
 3 A Not exactly.  
 4 Q What do you mean "not exactly"?  
 5 A I went to to do a number of  
 6 things, and one of the things that happened while  
 7 I was there is that I met one of the UACs who was  
 8 pregnant.  
 9 Q Did you ask to meet with her?  
 10 A I don't recall.  
 11 Q So she was pregnant, considering  
 12 abortion. You met with her. What did you say to  
 13 her?  
 14 A Um, yeah, that's, that's not accurate,  
 15 actually.  
 16 Q Okay. You did not meet with her face to  
 17 face?  
 18 A No. She was not considering abortion.  
 19 Q At the time you met with her?  
 20 A Right.  
 21 Q Okay. She had previously been  
 22 considering an abortion?  
 23 A Yes.  
 24 Q What did you say to her at that meeting?  
 25 A I kind of asked her questions about how



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1 she's doing.

2 Q Did you talk to her about her pregnancy?

3 A Generally.

4 Q Did you talk to her about her pregnancy

5 decision?

6 A I don't, I don't know. I don't think I

7 did.

8 Q Did you pray with her?

9 A No.

10 Q Did you speak to her about God?

11 A I don't know. I don't know.

12 Q Did you speak with her about the Bible?

13 A I don't think so.

14 Q This is the minor who had been in

15 care, and because she requested an

16 abortion, she was transferred out of s care

17 and into .

18 A Okay.

19 Q Does that ring a bell?

20 A It rings a bell, yes.

21 Q Okay.

22 Were you aware -- I believe this is

23 before you were the ORR director, right, that she

24 was transferred from into correct?

25 A Yes.

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1 Q Okay.

2 At the time she was being transferred

3 out of into -- that's 19 -- out of

4 because she requested an abortion, were you having

5 conversations with anybody in ORR about her

6 transfer because she requested an abortion?

7 A Possibly.

8 Q So if you "possibly" were, what were

9 those conversations?

10 A Informational in nature.

11 Q What information did you learn?

12 A Just the fact of it, of I guess the

13 transfer.

14 Q Okay. So she requested an abortion, but

15 she was in a religiously affiliated shelter that

16 had a religious objection to providing abortion,

17 correct?

18 A Yes.

19 Q So then she was transferred to

20 A Yes.

21 Q -- so that she could obtain an abortion

22 while at correct?

23 A I'm not, I'm not exactly sure what the

24 reason for the transfer was.

25 Q Did you meet with her while she was at

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1 or at

2 A

3 (Exhibit 13 was marked for

4 identification.)

5 (Witness peruses document.)

6 THE WITNESS: Okay.

7 BY MS. AMIRI:

8 Q I'm going to ask you about your email

9 dated March 14. The "to" has been blacked out.

10 A You mean the "from"?

11 Q It's on page 2 of the chain.

12 A Okay. Okay.

13 Q Number 3 in your email, you say, "As

14 I've said, often these girls start to regret

15 abortion."

16 So if she had already decided to carry

17 her pregnancy to term at this point that you met

18 her -- you sent this email after you met with her?

19 A Yes.

20 Q So why are you raising the issue of

21 regretting an abortion if she had already made the

22 decision to carry her pregnancy to term?

23 A I believe this is in reference to a

24 different girl.

25 Q So items 1, 2 and 4 are about the minor

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1 you met with in person in but

2 number 3 is about another girl?

3 A I think that's correct.

4 Q At or someplace else?

5 A I don't recall.

6 Q Is number 4 about the minor that you met

7 with?

8 A Yes.

9 Q So 1, 2 and 4 are about the minor you

10 met with, but number 3 is not?

11 A Yes. I think that's correct. That's my

12 recollection.

13 Q Have you met with other minors in person

14 who are seeking abortion?

15 MR. PHIPPS: And is this in the

16 context of ORR?

17 THE WITNESS: Yeah, that's kind of

18 characterizing.

19 BY MS. AMIRI:

20 Q Other -- yeah. Sorry. As ORR director

21 or your time before becoming director, since

22 you've been in ORR, yes. I didn't mean like in,

23 you know, the span of your whole life have you met

24 with young women who are considering abortion.

25 A Okay.

1 Q At your time at ORR, have you met with  
 2 young women who are considering abortion?  
 3 A I don't know.  
 4 Q You don't know because the topic of  
 5 abortion didn't come up and you don't know if they  
 6 were considering an abortion?  
 7 A Right.  
 8 Q Have you ever spoken on the phone with a  
 9 minor who was considering abortion?  
 10 MR. PHIPPS: While at ORR?  
 11 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 12 Q Yes, while at ORR.  
 13 A Yes.  
 14 Q What was the nature of that  
 15 conversation?  
 16 A To provide information.  
 17 Q What kind of information?  
 18 A About options.  
 19 Q And who -- was it more than one  
 20 conversation? More than one girl?  
 21 A No.  
 22 Q Just one girl?  
 23 A Yes.  
 24 Q And where was she located?  
 25 A I don't recall.

1 conversation?  
 2 A It's speculative, yeah.  
 3 Q So --  
 4 A I don't know. A number of ways.  
 5 Q Okay. You would discuss the option of  
 6 abortion with a pregnant minor even though you  
 7 have never approved an abortion request?  
 8 A Yeah.  
 9 MR. PHIPPS: Is this, is this  
 10 hypothetically, or is this in actuality?  
 11 THE WITNESS: Is it talking about a  
 12 specific case?  
 13 MR. PHIPPS: Is this what actually  
 14 happened?  
 15 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 16 Q I'm just talking in general. I'm just  
 17 asking the question why would you even talk about  
 18 abortion as an option if you have never approved  
 19 an abortion request.  
 20 A Well, it exists as an option.  
 21 Q Even if, while in ORR custody, she will  
 22 not be able to obtain an abortion?  
 23 A It's really I mean hypothetical.  
 24 Q But it's not a hypothetical, right?  
 25 You've never approved an abortion request?

1 Q What did you say to her?  
 2 A I gave her information about her various  
 3 options regarding pregnancy, options we had  
 4 discussed before.  
 5 Q Did you talk to her about God?  
 6 A I don't recall.  
 7 Q Did you speak with her about religion in  
 8 general?  
 9 A I don't think so.  
 10 Q Did you encourage her to carry her  
 11 pregnancy to term?  
 12 A No.  
 13 Q So you said here are your three options?  
 14 A Essentially.  
 15 Q Did you present the option of abortion  
 16 in a neutral manner?  
 17 A I don't recall. I don't recall how the  
 18 topic of abortion came up.  
 19 Q If you believe that abortion is the  
 20 destruction of human life --  
 21 A Mm-hmm, okay.  
 22 Q -- are you able to speak about abortion  
 23 in a neutral way to these minors?  
 24 A Yes.  
 25 Q And how, how would you have that

1 A Not to my knowledge, no.  
 2 Q Okay.  
 3 What was the outcome of the woman at  
 4 [REDACTED] who decided to carry her pregnancy to term?  
 5 A She was -- as far as I know, she was  
 6 reunified with her sponsor, and that's all I know.  
 7 Q Did you require this young woman to  
 8 visit a crisis pregnancy center?  
 9 A I think so.  
 10 Q The list of [REDACTED] crisis pregnancy  
 11 centers that Maggie Wynne and you discussed over  
 12 email, was that for this particular minor?  
 13 A I don't recall.  
 14 Q Did you require this particular minor to  
 15 speak with her parents in her home country about  
 16 her abortion?  
 17 A Um, I -- yes.  
 18 Q Do you require --  
 19 A Well, yeah. I don't agree with the  
 20 characterization of that question. She did, she  
 21 did have a conversation with her parents.  
 22 Q Did you encourage her to have a  
 23 conversation with her parents?  
 24 A The program did.  
 25 Q At your direction?

1 A Yes.  
 2 Q Do you know if she was transferred back  
 3 to [REDACTED] after she made the decision to have -- to  
 4 carry the pregnancy to term?

5 A I don't think that she was.  
 6 (Exhibit 14 was marked for  
 7 identification.)  
 8 (Witness peruses document.)  
 9 THE WITNESS: Okay.

10 BY MS. AMIRI:

11 Q Before we talked about the judicial  
 12 bypass process, and on page 7 you say in your  
 13 email to Jonathan --

14 A Yeah.

15 Q -- "She should not be meeting with an  
 16 attorney regarding her termination or otherwise  
 17 pursuing judicial bypass at this point."

18 A Yep. Where are we? Sorry.

19 Q Page 7.

20 A 7? Okay.

21 Q So before when I asked you whether a  
 22 grantee needed to obtain explicit approval from  
 23 you before facilitating the judicial bypass  
 24 process. I wanted to reask the question, that  
 25 question in the context of Exhibit 14.

1 A Okay. So could you restate the question?

2 Q Yes.

3 So does a grantee have to get explicit  
 4 permission from you prior to pursuing a judicial  
 5 bypass for an unaccompanied minor?

6 A Generally, no.

7 Q So what was going on here that you  
 8 instructed that the minor "should not be meeting  
 9 with an attorney regarding her termination or  
 10 otherwise pursuing judicial bypass at this point"?

11 A UACs are entitled to legal  
 12 representation, but they're entitled to be free  
 13 from attorneys when it's not necessary. We were  
 14 in the midst of deliberations about the, the legal  
 15 effect of judicial, state judicial bypass and its  
 16 binding, uh, binding force on federal programs,  
 17 and so that's why I was saying at this point she  
 18 shouldn't be talking to attorneys about that.

19 Q But why should your policy  
 20 considerations have anything to do with whether  
 21 she, this particular minor, seeks a judicial  
 22 bypass?

23 A I don't, I don't know. While it was a  
 24 question, why would -- why would she meet with an  
 25

1 attorney about judicial bypass when we're not sure  
 2 what that even means for us is my point there.

3 Q So you said something about you tried to  
 4 keep the minor free from unnecessary attorneys, I  
 5 think is what you said?

6 A Yeah.

7 Q And what does that mean?

8 A Well, I don't want to read too much into  
 9 it, you know, just there, there shouldn't be any  
 10 unnecessary meetings with attorneys.

11 Q Who gets to make that determination  
 12 about whether a meeting is unnecessary?

13 A Usually nobody is making that  
 14 determination. They're just meeting with  
 15 attorneys.

16 Q Do you know what happened with this  
 17 particular minor?

18 A No.

19 Q Have you --

20 A I think she was -- no, I don't  
 21 remember --

22 Q You mentioned --

23 A -- for certain.

24 Q Okay. You mentioned a, that you were  
 25 considering your policy or something along those

1 lines with respect to what judicial bypasses mean  
 2 for the Agency.

3 Have you come out with a policy or  
 4 guideline about the interplay between judicial  
 5 bypasses and, and the Agency's authority over  
 6 these minors?

7 MR. PHIPPS: Just to clarify, you  
 8 said "you." Do you mean him personally? Do  
 9 you mean ORR --

10 BY MS. AMIRI:

11 Q ORR. Sorry. The Agency.

12 A No.

13 Q Is it your policy -- and I mean ORR's  
 14 policy -- today to prohibit minors from meeting  
 15 with attorneys for the purposes of pursuing  
 16 judicial bypass?

17 A No.

18 Q In that circumstance, does the grantee  
 19 need to obtain prior approval from you to allow  
 20 the minor to meet with an attorney for judicial  
 21 bypass?

22 A No.

23 Q If the grantee wants to facilitate the  
 24 judicial bypass, for example, by taking the minor  
 25 to court, does the grantee need to get your

1 permission to do that?  
 2 A That, I believe, is covered in the 2008  
 3 policy, if I recall.  
 4 Q Well, on page 2 of that, it says -- are  
 5 you referencing ORR funds may not be used for  
 6 legal services --  
 7 A Right.  
 8 Q -- or court costs --  
 9 A Right.  
 10 Q -- related to the case of a UAC seeking  
 11 an abortion, jurisdictional bypass process?  
 12 A Yes.  
 13 Q Do you believe it to be the case that  
 14 obtaining a judicial bypass costs any money in  
 15 terms of court costs?  
 16 A It depends.  
 17 Q So let's say it was free. Let's say no  
 18 filing fee for a judicial bypass. It doesn't cost  
 19 anything. The grantee staff accompanied the minor  
 20 to the courthouse, helped her fill out the papers,  
 21 submitted judicial bypass papers.  
 22 Is that prohibited absent your explicit  
 23 consent?  
 24 A Not necessarily.  
 25 Q But it might be?

1 to occur; and so if the attorney fills out a bunch  
 2 of paperwork with the UAC, there's not going to be  
 3 anything to stop them from doing that.  
 4 Q I understand that, but I'm talking about  
 5 let's say it's a social worker who works with the  
 6 grantee, worked at, is employed by the grantee,  
 7 and she's not an attorney, she's a social worker,  
 8 but she has agreed to go with the minor to the  
 9 courthouse and help her fill out the papers.  
 10 Is that prohibited absent your consent?  
 11 A There's nothing that prohibits that  
 12 absent my consent.  
 13 Q Isn't that the email that Ken Tota sent  
 14 out that -- wouldn't that be a facilitative step?  
 15 A Well, potentially.  
 16 Q Okay.  
 17 A I would expect the Program to ask a  
 18 question at that point.  
 19 Q Ask a question to you about whether they  
 20 need your permission?  
 21 A Through the staff.  
 22 Q Also, on page 7 of Exhibit 14, you say,  
 23 "Will work on formalizing these procedures but  
 24 will have to do it ad hoc for now."  
 25 A Mm-hmm.

1 A No.  
 2 Q Okay. So when you say "not  
 3 necessarily," what do you mean?  
 4 A Um, I've lost my train of thought.  
 5 Q Okay. So I was asking whether it would  
 6 be prohibited, whether, whether -- let me back up.  
 7 So the 2008 policy says that ORR funds  
 8 may not be used --  
 9 A True.  
 10 Q -- to pay for legal services or court  
 11 costs related to judicial bypass.  
 12 A Sure.  
 13 Q But I'm asking: If it's free, can a  
 14 grantee facilitate the judicial bypass by helping  
 15 to fill out forms, for example, absent your  
 16 express approval?  
 17 A Potentially.  
 18 Q Okay, and so when you say "potentially,"  
 19 what does that mean? How is a grantee supposed to  
 20 know whether they need your explicit approval or  
 21 not before helping with these things?  
 22 A Well, I mean legal, legal services, it  
 23 is provided, and typically grantee staff don't  
 24 have any, much or any involvement with the legal  
 25 services provided except providing a room for that

1 Q And that was on March 24. I'm guessing  
 2 that's right around the time that you officially  
 3 became ORR Director; is that right?  
 4 A Right around there, yeah.  
 5 Q Okay.  
 6 So you mentioned the intent to formalize  
 7 these procedures. Have you done so?  
 8 A No.  
 9 Q So when you say "will do it ad hoc for  
 10 now," does that mean there's still some ad hoc  
 11 procedures happening with respect to abortion  
 12 access for minors?  
 13 A Yes.  
 14 Q So can you explain to me what those  
 15 ad hoc procedures are?  
 16 A It's a case-by-case basis.  
 17 Q But does it involve those things that we  
 18 talked about? For example, parental notification,  
 19 visits to crisis pregnancy centers --  
 20 A Potentially, potentially.  
 21 Q Okay. Notification to sponsors?  
 22 A Potentially.  
 23 Q And, and anything, anything else in the  
 24 ad hoc category?  
 25 A Anything else that the circumstances

1 call for.  
 2 Q And you make the determination about  
 3 what those circumstances call for?  
 4 A We, the, the staff, along with me, you  
 5 know.  
 6 Q You, Jonathan White, Dr. Bartholomew.  
 7 Anyone else?  
 8 A All staff, clinicians involved, grantee,  
 9 grantees, grantee staff.  
 10 Q Why would you require a parent in a home  
 11 country to be notified about a minor's pregnancy  
 12 against the minor's express wishes?  
 13 A Generally parents should be aware of the  
 14 situation of their children, and the government  
 15 shouldn't be standing in between them in those  
 16 circumstances.  
 17 Q But in those circumstances, it is a  
 18 demand that the parent know about the pregnancy  
 19 even if the minor does not want to tell the  
 20 parent, correct?  
 21 A It depends.  
 22 Q Okay, but that -- there's a difference  
 23 between standing, the program standing between the  
 24 minor and her parents versus affirmatively  
 25 requiring notification of the pregnancy or the

1 abortion to the parent; there's a difference  
 2 there, right?  
 3 A I don't think so.  
 4 Q Why not?  
 5 A Because withholding the information is  
 6 standing between the parent and the child.  
 7 Q And you would tell a parent or require a  
 8 parent to be told even if that parent is abusive?  
 9 A That's why I said "potentially."  
 10 Q So there is a circumstance in [REDACTED]  
 11 in you remember, and it was an Advocate for the  
 12 [REDACTED] that said if you tell this parent  
 13 against the minor's wishes, then the father is  
 14 going to retaliate against the mother in the home  
 15 country.  
 16 Do you remember that?  
 17 A No.  
 18 Q Let's bring that up.  
 19 (Exhibit 15 was marked for  
 20 identification.)  
 21 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 22 Q We've marked this as Exhibit 15.  
 23 (Witness peruses document.)  
 24 THE WITNESS: Okay.  
 25

1 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 2 Q Have you ever seen this document before?  
 3 A I don't think so.  
 4 Q If you haven't seen this document, were  
 5 you aware that there was a minor who did not want  
 6 to disclose to her mother or father or brother her  
 7 decision to have an abortion? Does this case  
 8 sound familiar to you at all?  
 9 A No.  
 10 Q If you haven't seen the document and  
 11 aren't familiar with the case, I'm not going to  
 12 ask you about that exhibit. It might be something  
 13 you want to read anyway.  
 14 A Sure. Okay.  
 15 Q Going back to Exhibit 9, the Ken Tota  
 16 memo, at the end of the memo it talks about an  
 17 individual minor who was obtaining a medication  
 18 abortion.  
 19 A Mm-hmm.  
 20 Q Actually, do you know -- backing up.  
 21 This memo only says "to whom it may concern." Do  
 22 you know who, who the intended audience for this  
 23 was?  
 24 A No. I'm not familiar with the memo.  
 25 Q Are you familiar with the case mentioned

1 in terms of the medication abortion and the  
 2 requirement that the minor be brought to an  
 3 emergency room at a local hospital at the bottom  
 4 of the memo?  
 5 A I think so, yeah.  
 6 Q Did you talk to Ken Tota about it at the  
 7 time?  
 8 A I may have.  
 9 Q Do you remember anything about that  
 10 conversation?  
 11 A Yeah, it was -- the, the only thing that  
 12 might have touched on it was just him informing me  
 13 of the, of the facts of the situation.  
 14 Q Were you involved in a decision-making  
 15 process to require -- at the end it says, "This  
 16 memorandum directs ORR to bring the UAC to the  
 17 emergency room of a local hospital in order to  
 18 determine the health status of the UAC and her  
 19 unborn child."  
 20 Were you involved in that decision to  
 21 make that direction?  
 22 A Yes.  
 23 Q Okay, and why did you and Ken Tota and  
 24 anyone else make that direction?  
 25 A I'm not sure. To determine the health

1 status of the UAC and her unborn child.  
 2 Q To what end?  
 3 A I can't say.  
 4 Q Do you know how medication abortion  
 5 protocol works?  
 6 A I, I have some understanding of it.  
 7 Q So, so what is that understanding?  
 8 A One pill is administered, and that pill,  
 9 it blocks certain hormones, I think progesterin or  
 10 progesterone, which blocks nutrients to the baby  
 11 such that it dies, and then a second course  
 12 induces labor and expels, expels the baby.  
 13 Q So if the first pill terminates the  
 14 pregnancy and the second one expels the pregnancy,  
 15 what was the goal of requiring the UAC to go to an  
 16 emergency room after she had taken the first dose?  
 17 MR. PHIPPS: Objection.  
 18 Foundation.  
 19 THE WITNESS: I'm not, I'm not  
 20 exactly sure.  
 21 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 22 Q Did you have conversations about whether  
 23 the medication abortion could be reversed?  
 24 A I may have.  
 25 Q Who did you have those conversations

1 Oh, so one of our grantees kind of --  
 2 I'm sorry. So we received a request from our  
 3 grantee, the kind of -- according to our  
 4 notification procedures, the staff let me know  
 5 that this was occurring. We began on the  
 6 information-gathering process, and at some point,  
 7 at some point that litigation began.  
 8 Q So before litigation began, did you  
 9 require that minor to visit a crisis pregnancy  
 10 center?  
 11 A Perhaps.  
 12 Q And perhaps you don't remember or you  
 13 don't know?  
 14 A I don't remember, but I think so.  
 15 Q Did you also send an Ob-Gyn to do an  
 16 examination at the shelter of Jane Doe?  
 17 A No.  
 18 Q The name Dr. R [REDACTED] doesn't ring a  
 19 bell to you?  
 20 A It does.  
 21 Q Who is Dr. R [REDACTED]?  
 22 A He was medical staff at a crisis  
 23 pregnancy center.  
 24 Q So it's fair to say that he would be  
 25 opposed to abortion?

1 with?  
 2 A Other transition staff, including  
 3 attorneys.  
 4 Q Why would ORR seek to try to reverse an  
 5 abortion of an unaccompanied minor?  
 6 A I don't know, I mean except to save the  
 7 life of the baby.  
 8 MS. AMIRI: Let's take maybe a  
 9 break. What, what's our end stop?  
 10 MR. PHIPPS: We're looking at -- so  
 11 we're off the record?  
 12 MS. AMIRI: Yes, let's go off.  
 13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the  
 14 record at 4:20.  
 15 (Whereupon, a short recess was  
 16 taken.)  
 17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going  
 18 back on the record at 4:36. This begins disc  
 19 number 3.  
 20 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 21 Q Can you walk me through what happened  
 22 with Jane Doe.  
 23 A So we, we received a termination  
 24 request. Gosh, I'm sorry. The, the facts of that  
 25 case are escaping me right now.

1 MR. PHIPPS: Objection.  
 2 Foundation.  
 3 THE WITNESS: Yeah.  
 4 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 5 Q You don't know?  
 6 A No, I don't know. He works at a  
 7 pregnancy center.  
 8 Q How did you come to know who  
 9 Dr. R [REDACTED] was? If you know who he is, how do  
 10 you know him?  
 11 A Sure. If I recall correctly, I was  
 12 informed by Maggie Wynne.  
 13 Q Informed by her about him in what sense?  
 14 A Of his, of his person and of his being a  
 15 doctor and his affiliation with the pregnancy  
 16 center.  
 17 Q Did you learn about Dr. R [REDACTED] in the  
 18 context of Jane Doe's request for an abortion?  
 19 A Yes.  
 20 Q And so it came up; either you had a  
 21 conversation with Maggie Wynne somehow, and she  
 22 said there's a Dr. R [REDACTED] in the valley who  
 23 could visit Jane?  
 24 A Not exactly, but roughly, yes.  
 25 Q Okay. Do you know if Dr. R [REDACTED] ever

1 went to the shelter to, to meet with Jane Doe?  
 2 A I don't think that he did.  
 3 Q Do you know if Dr. R [REDACTED] ever  
 4 performed an exam on Jane Doe outside the shelter?  
 5 A I think that he did, yes.  
 6 Q Was it at the pregnancy crisis center he  
 7 was associated with or someplace else?  
 8 MR. PHIPPS: Objection.  
 9 Foundation.  
 10 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure.  
 11 (Exhibit 16 was marked for  
 12 identification.)  
 13 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 14 Q Go ahead and take a minute and just  
 15 thumb through this email set which we believe to  
 16 be about Jane Doe, and I can ask you some  
 17 questions.  
 18 A Sure.  
 19 (Witness peruses document.)  
 20 THE WITNESS: Okay.  
 21 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 22 Q So in your email on page 1 there, it's  
 23 dated September 22, the second Page 1, so it's  
 24 production 14889, you say, "Let's clarify with the  
 25 program that they are not to take her to get a

1 scheduled for Monday."  
 2 A Okay.  
 3 Q Do you know what he's talking about  
 4 there?  
 5 A Yeah, yeah.  
 6 Q What list of approved providers is he  
 7 talking about?  
 8 A That's why, that's why I'm hesitating.  
 9 I've heard of this list, but -- yeah, I don't know  
 10 much about it.  
 11 Q And I should also say that I realize  
 12 there is some sensitive information about Jane Doe  
 13 in here, and since this is all pursuant to the  
 14 protective order, you know, we will -- we can  
 15 figure out the exhibits afterwards, but these are  
 16 the more recent batch that have not been redacted.  
 17 Did you make a determination at any  
 18 point about whether an abortion would be in the  
 19 best interest of Jane Doe?  
 20 A I don't recall.  
 21 Q In the context of abortion requests that  
 22 come to you, and you talk about the totality of  
 23 the circumstances that you are considering, are  
 24 you ultimately looking at the totality of  
 25 circumstances for these factors to make the

1 termination, or to any appointments to prepare her  
 2 for a termination, without consent from the  
 3 Director, which cannot happen without written and  
 4 notarized consent of her parents, and will not  
 5 necessarily follow. Program should proceed with  
 6 life-affirming options counseling and notification  
 7 to the parents of the pregnancy, and if she still  
 8 desires it, the request for termination."  
 9 A Okay.  
 10 Q So in this context you're laying out the  
 11 next steps for the process for Jane Doe's abortion  
 12 request; is that fair?  
 13 A Yes.  
 14 Q And in Jonathan White's response right  
 15 above where I was just reading from, he says that  
 16 "options counseling using a provider from the list  
 17 of approved providers received from the  
 18 Partnership Center is, as I understand it,  
 19 scheduled for Monday."  
 20 Do you know what he's talking about in  
 21 that sentence?  
 22 A Which sentence? Sorry.  
 23 Q "Options counseling using a provider  
 24 from the list of approved providers received from  
 25 the Partnership Center is, as I understand it,

1 determination about whether the abortion is in the  
 2 minor's best interest?  
 3 A Yes.  
 4 Q Is that the ultimate question that  
 5 you're asking yourself?  
 6 A With all, with all interventions  
 7 regarding all UACs, that's, that's the standard  
 8 that applies. Best interest.  
 9 Q And is there any, any circumstance where  
 10 you would find that an abortion is in the best  
 11 interest of a minor?  
 12 A I don't know.  
 13 Q It has not happened yet?  
 14 A No.  
 15 Q Is that because you believe that  
 16 abortion is the destruction of human life?  
 17 A That's part of it.  
 18 Q What's the rest of it?  
 19 A The rest of the circumstances  
 20 surrounding the request.  
 21 Q Well, let's talk about Jane Doe. Why  
 22 was the abortion not in her best interest?  
 23 A I don't recall making that determination  
 24 in that, that circumstance.  
 25 Q So if a minor has asked for an abortion,

1 is firm in her decision that she wants an  
 2 abortion, do you believe you could nevertheless  
 3 make a determination that the abortion is not in  
 4 her best interest based on your totality of  
 5 circumstances test?  
 6 A I didn't hear part of that question.  
 7 Sorry.  
 8 Q If a minor is firm in her decision that  
 9 she wants to have an abortion, do you believe you  
 10 can override that decision and determine that the  
 11 abortion is not in her best interest using your  
 12 totality of circumstances test?  
 13 MR. PHIPPS: This applies to  
 14 unaccompanied alien children in the custody  
 15 of ORR grantees?  
 16 MS. AMIRI: Correct.  
 17 THE WITNESS: While they are in our  
 18 custody?  
 19 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 20 Q While they are in your custody.  
 21 A Sure.  
 22 Q Okay. The answer is yes?  
 23 A Yes.  
 24 Q Okay.  
 25 Did you require the shelter to notify

1 that we mentioned before?  
 2 A Yes, I think so, yes. Yep.  
 3 Q And you see that she was upset, "cried  
 4 and appeared distressed" when you brought up her  
 5 mother?  
 6 A Yes.  
 7 Q And was notified that the shelter  
 8 informed her mother that she was pregnant?  
 9 A Okay. Where is that part?  
 10 Q In the next paragraph.  
 11 MR. PHIPPS: Is there -- so just to  
 12 clarify by way of semi-objection, I guess,  
 13 you're asking if this -- if he was familiar  
 14 with this email and what the email says --  
 15 MS. AMIRI: Yes.  
 16 MR. PHIPPS: -- or factually  
 17 whether she was at that -- whether factually  
 18 this was true?  
 19 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 20 Q Email. I mean I'm a little confused  
 21 about the email chain, because it's from Scott  
 22 Lloyd sent to [REDACTED] Oh, it says,  
 23 "Thank you for the update," but I'm guessing  
 24 [REDACTED] is the one that sent this to you.  
 25 A Yes.

1 Jane Doe's parents, her mother, about her abortion  
 2 decision against her wishes?  
 3 A I don't recall.  
 4 Q If you'd turn to PRICE-PROD 15152.  
 5 A Okay.  
 6 Q So in this email exchange with you and  
 7 Jonathan White and looks like some other folks,  
 8 you say, "She does not have to be the person to  
 9 speak with her parents, but her parents have to  
 10 know that she is pregnant."  
 11 A Mm-hmm.  
 12 Q Why is that?  
 13 A For the same reasons I gave before.  
 14 Q And so you said before that -- or sorry.  
 15 Regarding the email, the email below, that  
 16 Jonathan White is informing you that the minor is  
 17 "strongly opposed to parental notification"?  
 18 A Okay.  
 19 Q And nevertheless, you're insisting that  
 20 her parents be notified?  
 21 A Yes.  
 22 Q And Bates stamp number 15164, discussion  
 23 of the minor going to get a physical examination,  
 24 life-affirming options counseling, in that on --  
 25 do you believe that that is with the Dr. R [REDACTED]

1 Q Okay. So you had received the update  
 2 that the minor was upset?  
 3 A Mm-hmm.  
 4 MR. PHIPPS: Your questions aren't  
 5 factually what was going on with the  
 6 unaccompanied child, but whether he --  
 7 MS. AMIRI: Received the email  
 8 indicating this report.  
 9 MR. PHIPPS: Okay.  
 10 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 11 Q And similarly with Bates 15165, it's an  
 12 email from [REDACTED] to you, saying,  
 13 "Mr. Lloyd, Dr. R [REDACTED] has arrived."  
 14 A Okay.  
 15 Q You understand that -- what was your  
 16 understanding about where he had arrived, what was  
 17 going on?  
 18 A Their program staff arrived at a  
 19 location before Dr. R [REDACTED] arrived.  
 20 Q Did they arrive at a crisis pregnancy  
 21 center or someplace else?  
 22 A I am not sure.  
 23 (Exhibit 17 was marked for  
 24 identification.)  
 25



1 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 2 Q Take a minute to look at Exhibit 17.  
 3 Also, I believe it hasn't been redacted pursuant  
 4 to the protective order yet, but . . .  
 5 A Okay.  
 6 Q Are you familiar with this particular  
 7 minor's request for an abortion at [REDACTED]  
 8 [REDACTED]  
 9 A Yeah.  
 10 Q And it would have been sometime this  
 11 fall, September 2017?  
 12 A Okay. Looks like it.  
 13 Q It looks like it, right? Okay.  
 14 Do you know what the outcome was of this  
 15 particular case?  
 16 A No.  
 17 Q Did you require the shelter staff to  
 18 notify the parents of the pregnancy, regardless of  
 19 the UAC's wishes at PRICE-PROD 14822?  
 20 A That appears to be what I said, yeah.  
 21 Q Okay.  
 22 MR. PHIPPS: You said that was  
 23 14822 or 82?  
 24 THE WITNESS: 822.  
 25 MR. PHIPPS: Oh, 822. Sorry.

1 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 2 Q Have you denied an abortion request for  
 3 a minor based on a report that if the minor had  
 4 the abortion, that the mother would be physically  
 5 abusive toward the minor?  
 6 A No.  
 7 Q If you can look at -- oh, I'm sorry.  
 8 (Exhibit 18 was marked for  
 9 identification.)  
 10 THE WITNESS: Okay.  
 11 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 12 Q So in the email from Jonathan White, it  
 13 says, "HHS has identified a set of providers close  
 14 to each shelter program that is approved to  
 15 provide counseling to UAC requesting information  
 16 on pregnancy termination. Scott has instructed us  
 17 to have programs use these providers."  
 18 My question is: Did you make that  
 19 instruction?  
 20 A I don't recall.  
 21 Q Do you have any reason to doubt that  
 22 this email is wrong?  
 23 A No, except that I, I don't recall the,  
 24 seeing the list.  
 25 Q You don't think you've ever seen a list

1 of providers?  
 2 A I don't recall.  
 3 Q Have you had conversations about who  
 4 should be included in that list?  
 5 A I, I don't think so.  
 6 Q Was that primarily Jonathan White,  
 7 Maggie Wynne? Do you know who was involved in  
 8 that?  
 9 A In --  
 10 Q In developing a list of approved  
 11 providers.  
 12 A I don't have direct knowledge of that.  
 13 Q Do you know whether all of the entities  
 14 on the list are crisis pregnancy or crisis  
 15 resource centers?  
 16 A I, I don't recall seeing the list.  
 17 Q If you can see in the attachment  
 18 section, it says that -- on the email it says  
 19 "CareNetCenters.xlsx."  
 20 A Sure.  
 21 Q Sorry. Xlsx.  
 22 Do you know what CareNet is?  
 23 A Yes.  
 24 Q What is it?  
 25 A It's a, it's a network of crisis

1 pregnancy centers, pregnancy resource centers,  
 2 depending on . . .  
 3 (Exhibit 19 was marked for  
 4 identification.)  
 5 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 6 Q Do you know who Shannon Royce is?  
 7 A Yes.  
 8 Q Who is she or he?  
 9 A No, it's a she. Director for the Center  
 10 for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships.  
 11 Q So it looks like this is an email from  
 12 Jonathan White to Shannon Royce, and it says, "Per  
 13 Scott Lloyd's request, ORR would appreciate it if  
 14 your team would identify pregnancy resource  
 15 centers in each of these areas to which programs  
 16 may refer UAC when appropriate."  
 17 A Okay.  
 18 Q Do you remember making that request?  
 19 A I'm not going to deny it. I mean it  
 20 sounds, it sounds right.  
 21 Q Do you remember anything about the  
 22 substance of the request, what you were asking  
 23 for?  
 24 A Probably to work with Shannon Royce to  
 25 come up with a, with a list of life-affirming

1 resource centers, pregnancy resource centers.  
 2 Q And the sentence includes "to which  
 3 programs may refer UAC when appropriate."  
 4 Do you have an opinion about when it  
 5 would be appropriate for a program to refer a  
 6 minor to one of the pregnancy resource centers on  
 7 this list?  
 8 A Well, if the, if the UAC is pregnant  
 9 and -- yeah, if they're pregnant and seeking  
 10 information about their options.  
 11 Q Do you get reports on a regular basis  
 12 about all pregnant unaccompanied minors in ORR  
 13 custody?  
 14 A Yes.  
 15 Q What do those reports look like?  
 16 A A spreadsheet.  
 17 Q A spreadsheet, and what information  
 18 contained in the spreadsheet?  
 19 A Perhaps the A-number or the alien  
 20 number.  
 21 Q Yep.  
 22 A Location of the UAC -- I guess estimated  
 23 gestational age; whether there's information as to  
 24 whether the pregnancy is the result of sexual  
 25 assault; if the assault occurred in custody, and

1 whether they desire termination or they made any  
 2 request for termination.  
 3 Q Did you request that these reports be  
 4 made to you on a weekly basis?  
 5 A Yeah.  
 6 Q And to whom did you make that request?  
 7 A Jonathan White or Michael Bartholomew.  
 8 Q Why did you make that request?  
 9 A Just to know the universe of what exists  
 10 in our programs.  
 11 Q What action do you take when you see a  
 12 new minor who is pregnant and seeking an abortion?  
 13 A Nothing. I mean usually I would know  
 14 about it before I got the overall report.  
 15 Q I see. So it's a weekly report that you  
 16 get?  
 17 A Mm-hmm.  
 18 Q Can you say "yes" for the court  
 19 reporter?  
 20 A Yes. Sorry.  
 21 Q And it provides updates to you about the  
 22 situation of each pregnant minor?  
 23 A Yes.  
 24 Q Is that fair?  
 25 A Yes.

1 Q Have you ever spoken with anyone at  
 2 Immigration and Customs Enforcement about their  
 3 policies with respect to abortion?  
 4 A I think so.  
 5 Q What were those conversations?  
 6 A I may have asked one or two personnel  
 7 what their policy is.  
 8 Q And what did they say to you?  
 9 A One person said that we, we don't  
 10 provide abortions to people in our custody.  
 11 Q And what did the other person say?  
 12 A I just don't remember if I've had two  
 13 conversations on it, but I can remember more  
 14 clearly the one.  
 15 Q And the one that you can remember, who  
 16 was it with?  
 17 A It was with Tom Homan, H-O-M-A-N, who is  
 18 the director of -- did you say ICE?  
 19 Q Yes.  
 20 A Customs and Border Patrol [sic]?  
 21 Q Yes.  
 22 A He's the director of ICE.  
 23 Q Do you understand ICE to have a current  
 24 policy that allows access to abortion?  
 25 A I don't know any of the details of that.

1 Q Have you ever seen a policy --  
 2 A No.  
 3 Q -- of ICE?  
 4 A No.  
 5 Q And same question with the Bureau of  
 6 Prisons.  
 7 A Yeah, I mean we should back -- sorry.  
 8 We should back up, because -- yeah, I think your  
 9 original question was about Customs and Border  
 10 Patrol, and I don't recall having a discussion  
 11 with anybody at Customs and Border Patrol.  
 12 Q Sorry. Okay. So Immigration and  
 13 Customs Enforcement, so "ICE" is for short.  
 14 A Sure.  
 15 Q Okay. So I'm not sure if you're -- if  
 16 it's the same thing you're thinking about in terms  
 17 of Border Patrol, but --  
 18 A Well, I once made the mistake of calling  
 19 somebody from ICE the Border Patrol --  
 20 Q Right, right.  
 21 A -- and they corrected me.  
 22 Q Right. I bet they did.  
 23 So was your conversation with somebody  
 24 from ICE or Border Patrol?  
 25 A ICE. The one I recall is from ICE.

1 Q Okay. So then my next question is about  
 2 whether you had a conversation with anyone from  
 3 the Bureau of Prisons about access to abortions at  
 4 the Bureau of Prisons.  
 5 A No.  
 6 Q Have you had any conversations with the  
 7 current acting HHS director about access to  
 8 abortion?  
 9 A No.  
 10 Q Did you have any conversations with HHS  
 11 Secretary Price, when he was in office, about  
 12 access to abortion?  
 13 A I don't think so.  
 14 Q You don't think you did or you don't  
 15 remember?  
 16 A I don't think that I did.  
 17 Q Have you had any conversations further  
 18 up in government, above HHS's head in the  
 19 executive branch, about abortion during your time  
 20 as ORR director?  
 21 A Yeah, yeah, I mean yes, I think so.  
 22 Q Who --  
 23 A From the Office of the White House, but  
 24 really following how they overlap is not clear.  
 25 Q So you've spoken with someone in the

1 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 2 Q Have you ever spoken to any pregnant  
 3 unaccompanied minor, during your time as ORR  
 4 director, about religion?  
 5 A I don't know. That's kind of a really  
 6 broad question.  
 7 Q Well, how many pregnant minors have you  
 8 spoken to when you've been director of ORR?  
 9 A I'm not sure.  
 10 Q Has it been more than five?  
 11 A I'm not sure. I don't know how many  
 12 were pregnant. I spoke to a lot of UACs.  
 13 Q So let's talk about UAC in general. Do  
 14 you, do you talk to UAC about religion?  
 15 A About religion?  
 16 Q Yes, or God or the Bible.  
 17 A Well, I mean about religion, I mean  
 18 that, that's so -- no, not, not about religion,  
 19 about religious faith. I mean it's -- yeah, about  
 20 religion, no.  
 21 Q So what, what about the question are you  
 22 struggling with?  
 23 A Well, what do you mean "talk about  
 24 religion"?  
 25 Q Talk about God, the Bible, praying.

1 Office of the White House about abortion?  
 2 A Staff.  
 3 Q Okay. What were the substance of those  
 4 conversations?  
 5 MR. PHIPPS: Wait, wait. I mean  
 6 I'm in a strange position, because I don't  
 7 know what privileges come about --  
 8 MS. AMIRI: All right.  
 9 MR. PHIPPS: -- for White House  
 10 communication.  
 11 MS. AMIRI: Okay.  
 12 MR. PHIPPS: I'm not -- I, I --  
 13 MS. AMIRI: Let's put a pin in it.  
 14 MR. PHIPPS: Yeah, I'm just not  
 15 familiar with the contours of executive  
 16 privilege to assert it, to preserve it.  
 17 MS. AMIRI: You can figure it out.  
 18 MR. PHIPPS: Or maybe not on break.  
 19 MS. AMIRI: Maybe there's an easy  
 20 answer. I'll let you explore it.  
 21 MR. PHIPPS: Okay. I mean I'll  
 22 find out what the substance is and see what  
 23 privilege would apply or further on down.  
 24 MS. AMIRI: Yes, okay, so we'll put  
 25 a pin in that.

1 A I've had conversations that involved  
 2 God --  
 3 Q Okay, and what were those conversations?  
 4 A -- and praying. God bless you, many  
 5 people are praying for you, those sorts of things.  
 6 Q Have you ever prayed with a minor?  
 7 A I don't think so.  
 8 Q Have you ever talked about religious  
 9 opposition to abortion with a minor?  
 10 A No.  
 11 (Exhibit 20 was marked for  
 12 identification.)  
 13 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 14 Q So I've handed you what's been marked  
 15 Exhibit 20.  
 16 Have you seen this document before?  
 17 A Yes, I believe so.  
 18 Q It says it's to the "ASPA." What does  
 19 that acronym stand for?  
 20 A Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.  
 21 Q And who was in that position at the time  
 22 this memo was sent on March 6?  
 23 A I believe there was somebody acting.  
 24 I'm not, I'm not sure who that was at the time.  
 25 Q This memo is from Maggie Wynne, you and

1 Matt Bowman, correct?  
 2 A Yes.  
 3 Q And who is Matt Bowman?  
 4 A He's deputy general counsel for the  
 5 department.  
 6 MR. PHIPPS: You asked who he is  
 7 currently, right?  
 8 MS. AMIRI: Yes.  
 9 MR. PHIPPS: Okay.  
 10 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 11 Q I'm also ask what position did he hold  
 12 at the time this memo was written.  
 13 A Not, not -- I don't, I don't know. I  
 14 think he may have already been -- I don't know.  
 15 Q Okay. How did this memo come about?  
 16 A I believe somebody requested, probably  
 17 ASPA -- A-S-P-A, Assistant Secretary for Public  
 18 Affairs -- background and summary on a few cases  
 19 of termination requests, and, and the three of us  
 20 drafted it. I believe I had the pen on it.  
 21 Q Do you know why the ASPA recommended --  
 22 or I'm sorry -- requested this memo?  
 23 A For informational purposes.  
 24 Q And how did you learn the information  
 25 that is included in this memo?

1 A Discussions with UAC program staff and  
 2 the files, records.  
 3 Q Was there some outcome of this memo? It  
 4 says that there's "next steps" involved.  
 5 A Yeah, yeah, there are, there are  
 6 outcomes --  
 7 Q So what happened after this?  
 8 A -- steps involved.  
 9 So I, so I mean a reference -- this came  
 10 after the reminder of the request. There is an  
 11 investigation into the extent to what programs'  
 12 understanding of, of policy regarding termination  
 13 of pregnancy was at the time that they took the  
 14 actions they did and whether their actions  
 15 violated their understanding of, of the policy.  
 16 Q And were any shelters punished for their  
 17 actions regarding to abortion access for minors?  
 18 A No.  
 19 Q Was there an investigation launched?  
 20 A Yeah. "Launched" is a little dramatic,  
 21 but yeah, there is an investigation.  
 22 Q Okay. No one lost funding?  
 23 A No.  
 24 Q No one was fired from the shelters?  
 25 A No.

1 MS. AMIRI: So I'd like to do 43.  
 2 (Exhibit 21 was marked for  
 3 identification.)  
 4 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 5 Q Exhibit 21. I just wanted to see if  
 6 this was your -- if it's your understanding that  
 7 the minor discussed in Exhibit 21 is the one that  
 8 we discussed earlier that you met with in person  
 9 in [REDACTED].  
 10 A Yes.  
 11 Q I'm sorry. What was the date that you  
 12 came into the transition team?  
 13 A The last week of February.  
 14 Q Okay. Did Jonathan White precede you?  
 15 Was he already in ORR when you came in?  
 16 A Yes.  
 17 Q Is it still the process at ORR that any  
 18 shelter who has a minor in their custody who is  
 19 seeking an abortion sends a memo to the ORR  
 20 director as it was in the Obama administration?  
 21 MR. PHIPPS: Objection. Assumes  
 22 facts not in evidence.  
 23 BY MS. AMIRI:  
 24 Q You can scrap the comparison if you  
 25 want. Does -- do shelter staff send you a

1 memoranda or memorandum requesting abortion  
 2 approval?  
 3 A Yes.  
 4 Q Do you tell shelter staff what they need  
 5 to include in that memo?  
 6 A I don't, no.  
 7 Q Who does?  
 8 A It would be medical staff or program  
 9 staff, as appropriate.  
 10 MS. AMIRI: I want to confer with  
 11 Meagan, and then I also have a question for  
 12 you.  
 13 MR. PHIPPS: Yeah, sure.  
 14 MS. AMIRI: So we can take ten  
 15 minutes.  
 16 MR. PHIPPS: Yes.  
 17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the  
 18 record at 5:19.  
 19 (Whereupon, a short recess was  
 20 taken.)  
 21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going  
 22 back on the record at 5:48.  
 23 MS. AMIRI: I don't have any  
 24 further questions at this time. Questions  
 25 from counsel may prompt me then to follow up

1 with another question, but right now I don't.  
 2 Something that we did talk about,  
 3 however, on break is that because the  
 4 government is still going to make a  
 5 supplemental production before the end of  
 6 discovery, that we are keeping the deposition  
 7 open to reserve our right to have a short  
 8 deposition, if needed, upon receiving the  
 9 rest of the production.  
 10 MR. PHIPPS: Okay.  
 11 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR FEDERAL DEFENDANTS  
 12 BY MR. PHIPPS:  
 13 Q Good afternoon, Mr. Lloyd.  
 14 A Hi.  
 15 Q My name is Peter Phipps. As you know, I  
 16 represent the official capacity defendants in this  
 17 action. I want to ask you a few follow-up  
 18 questions.  
 19 A Okay.  
 20 Q You currently serve as the director of  
 21 the Office of Refugee Resettlement within the  
 22 Department of Health and Human Services, correct?  
 23 A Yes.  
 24 Q Now, that office is known as --  
 25 abbreviated as "ORR"?

1 grantees are Catholic?  
 2 A No.  
 3 Q During your tenure -- and again all  
 4 these questions are to your knowledge -- have any  
 5 of the grant funds for the care and custody of  
 6 unaccompanied alien children been used for  
 7 religious instruction?  
 8 A No.  
 9 Q Religious teaching?  
 10 A No.  
 11 Q Religious items?  
 12 A No.  
 13 Q To promote religion in any way?  
 14 A No.  
 15 Q Again during your tenure as ORR  
 16 director -- and again this is to the best of your  
 17 knowledge -- has ORR assigned or delegated  
 18 authority over an unaccompanied alien child's  
 19 access to abortion to any grantee?  
 20 A No.  
 21 Q That includes any faith-based grantee.  
 22 A Correct.  
 23 MR. PHIPPS: I have no further  
 24 questions. Thank you very much.  
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1 A Yes.  
 2 Q And you've been in that position since  
 3 March of 2017 as director, correct?  
 4 A Yes.  
 5 Q Generally what are your responsibilities  
 6 as director of ORR?  
 7 A I oversee the Unaccompanied Alien  
 8 Children Program, the Refugee Resettlement  
 9 Program, and the U.S. Repatriation Program.  
 10 Q In carrying out those responsibilities  
 11 with respect to overseeing the Unaccompanied Alien  
 12 Children grant program --  
 13 A Sure.  
 14 Q -- are you motivated by the purpose to  
 15 promote religion?  
 16 A No.  
 17 Q In your capacity as ORR director, have  
 18 you given favorable treatment to a Catholic  
 19 grantee or a Catholic organization such as the  
 20 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
 21 because it was Catholic?  
 22 A No.  
 23 Q Are you aware of anyone within ORR who  
 24 gives favorable treatment to Catholic grantees  
 25 such as USCCB because that grantee or those

1 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT-INTERVENOR  
 2 BY MR. NOWICKI:  
 3 Q Mr. Lloyd, I'm Dan Nowicki. I represent  
 4 defendant-intervenor United States Conference of  
 5 Catholic Bishops called USCCB.  
 6 Is that all right?  
 7 A Yes.  
 8 Q Now, you said that you began in your  
 9 current position in March of 2017; is that right?  
 10 A Yes.  
 11 Q And before that, you had been an advisor  
 12 in ORR since February, late February 2017?  
 13 A Advisor to the transition since late  
 14 February, yes.  
 15 Q And before that, when was the last time  
 16 that you had worked at ORR?  
 17 A I had not worked at ORR.  
 18 Q Or at HHS?  
 19 A In HHS? 2009, July 2009.  
 20 Q So it would be fair to say that between  
 21 July of 2009 and February 2017, you had no  
 22 interaction or control over any kind of  
 23 negotiations or any grant agreements or anything  
 24 that ORR had entered into?  
 25 A That's correct.

1 Q And you have been asked today about  
 2 various abortion requests that UAC may have given  
 3 to grantees or to you. I'm sure you recall that.  
 4 A Yes.  
 5 Q And do you believe that the TVAP  
 6 program, Trafficking Victims Assistance Program,  
 7 is different from the UAC program?  
 8 A Yes.  
 9 Q And all of these requests we've been  
 10 referring to with the UAC, those are again  
 11 children in UAC care programs, not in TVAP  
 12 programs; is that correct?  
 13 A Correct.  
 14 Q Do you know if any of the UACs that we  
 15 discussed today were in USCCB's subgrantee  
 16 facilities or under subgrantee care of USCCB?  
 17 A Of the ones, specific ones discussed  
 18 today?  
 19 Q Mm-hmm.  
 20 A I don't think so.  
 21 Q Do you know of any that have -- any UACs  
 22 that have given abortion requests during your time  
 23 here that were in the care of USCCB subgrantees?  
 24 A I don't know.  
 25 MR. NOWICKI: I believe that's my

1 pick a date, probably sometime after  
 2 Christmas, between Christmas and New Year's,  
 3 we'll agree to that date. We want the same  
 4 date you want. I don't think we want it this  
 5 week.  
 6 MS. AMIRI: I don't think so.  
 7 That's fine.  
 8 (Signature having not been  
 9 waived, the video deposition of  
 10 SCOTT LLOYD, ESQUIRE was  
 11 concluded at 5:54 p.m.)  
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1 questions. Thank you.  
 2 MS. AMIRI: I don't have anything  
 3 further, so I'll keep the deposition open and  
 4 wait for the supplemental production and go  
 5 from there.  
 6 MR. PHIPPS: Okay. Very good.  
 7 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off record  
 8 at 5:54.  
 9 THE REPORTER: And I just need to  
 10 ask who wants a transcript.  
 11 MS. AMIRI: Me, please.  
 12 MR. PHIPPS: We do.  
 13 THE REPORTER: And Mr. Nowicki, do  
 14 you want a transcript?  
 15 MR. NOWICKI: We do, yes.  
 16 (Discussion held off the record.  
 17 MS. AMIRI: Can we get a rough?  
 18 Yeah, let's do a rough now.  
 19 THE REPORTER: Okay. Do you want a  
 20 rough, Mr. Phipps?  
 21 MR. PHIPPS: No. I will probably  
 22 take -- is your standard time --  
 23 THE REPORTER: Two weeks, ten  
 24 business days.  
 25 MR. PHIPPS: All right. If you

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