Strategies for Managing Prison Health Care Costs
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Session Description: Providing prison health care is expensive—states spent $8.1 billion in FY 2015. Inmates have higher rates of physical and behavioral health problems than the general population and states and localities are constitutionally mandated to provide a minimum level of care. When prisoners stay healthy, states’ budgets stay healthier, too. Explore state strategies that aim to control rising health care costs in the corrections system, while promoting inmate health and ensuring public safety.

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Representative Ray represents the 13th District for the State of Utah which encompasses the cities of Clinton, Sunset, West Point and Clearfield. He was first elected in 2000. He currently serves as the CEO for the Northern Wasatch Home Builders Association and is active in coaching youth sports and serves as a judge for high school debate competitions.

Ray was born and raised in Peru, Indiana. He graduated from Peru High School and attended Indiana University. During his high school years he participated in football, basketball, baseball and track. He also performed in the Peru Circus in acts such as single trapeze, balancing bike and highwire. He moved to Utah in 1990 to take a position with a local bank. Ray has spent over 20 years in banking and business gaining the expertise to manage the fiscal affairs of the state.

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