

**The NIH Director's
Council of *Public Representatives* (COPR)**

**An Overview of COPR Activities
(October 2008–April 2009)**

**Presentation to the NIH Director
April 17, 2009**

Presented by Linda Crew McNamara and Elmer
Freeman

COPR Agenda Work Group Members

- Linda Crew McNamara, Co-Chair
- Elmer Freeman, Co-Chair
- Micah Berman
- Lora Church
- Beth Furlong
- Eileen Naughton
- Ann-Gel Palermo
- Carlos Pavão
- John Walsh

COPR Conditional Appointee Agenda Work Group Participants

- Amye Leong
- Greg Nycz

COPR Member Activities (October 2008–April 2009)

COPR Members Naomi Cottoms, M.S., and Carlos Pavão, M.P.A., participated in the Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Conference, sponsored by the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

COPR alumni Marjorie Mau, M.D., M.S., and Ted Mala, M.D., presented and Nicolas Linares-Orama, Ph.D., attended the event.

COPR Member Activities (October 2008–April 2009)

- COPR Member Ann-Gel Palermo, M.P.H., gave a presentation on COPR and keeping the public informed and involved in scientific research at Albert Einstein College of Medicine sponsored by the Bronx Center for Reducing and Eliminating Ethnic Disparities and the Hispanic Center of Excellence.
- COPR member Beth Furlong, R.N., Ph.D., J.D., presented a half-day workshop on research ethics at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines. About 60 nursing faculty and practicing nurses attended the workshop, which featured many NIH resources and promoted NIH Web sites on clinical research ethics, including <http://bioethics.od.nih.gov>.

COPR Member Activities (October 2008–April 2009)

- COPR Members and Carlos Pavão, M.P.A., and Ann-Gel Palermo, M.P.H., were selected to become members of the Steering Committee for the first Partners in Research Workshop, tentatively scheduled for October 2009.

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COPR Member Matthew Margo, LL.M., produced colonoscopy public service announcements (PSAs) that refer viewers to the CBS Cares Web site, which features a link to the colon and rectal cancer home page of the National Cancer Institute (<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/types/colon-and-rectal>).

The PSAs first aired during *60 Minutes* on February 22, 2009. In connection with the PSAs, which feature Alan Kalter of *The Late Show* and Tony Award-winner Patti Lupone, CBS Cares also sponsored a ground-breaking sweepstakes for a free colonoscopy. Weill Cornell Medical College intends to use the PSAs in its curriculum for fourth-year medical students and gastroenterology fellows in New York City and Qatar. Plans also include use of the PSAs at Weill's Myra Mahon Patient Resource Center.

COPR Work Group Day

Information Gathering Session

Speakers:

- Dr. Karen Peterson, Scientific Advisor to the Director, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, NIH: nanomedicine research
- Dr. Timothy Hays, Science and Policy Consultant, Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives, NIH: transparency, access, public trust, and the new RCDC system
- Dr. Donna Jo McCloskey, Health Scientist Administrator, National Center for Research Resources, NIH: CTSA's
- Mr. John Burklow, Associate Director for Communications and Public Liaison, NIH: NIH communications update

COPR Work Group Day Breakout Sessions

Two work group sessions:

- Agenda Work Group
- Communications Work Group

Agenda Work Group Session

- **Purpose:** Decide how COPR members will introduce the Council to the new NIH Director
- **Outcomes:** Members will prepare a formal presentation for the new Director
 - Include the COPR's history, values, processes, and outcomes
 - Offer recommendations for future opportunities
 - Look to support new Director's goals for the Council