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**Educational Conference Call Series on IRBs and Ethical Issues in Research
Call #1: What is an Institutional Review Board & What Purpose Does it Serve?
February 14, 2007, 12:00 to 1:30 pm PST**

Moderator and Speaker Biographies

Moderator:

Vanessa Northington Gamble, Director, Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics, Tuskegee, Alabama

Vanessa Northington Gamble, M.D., Ph.D., is director of the Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care. The Center, the only bioethics center at a historically black college university, focuses on bioethics, minority health, and public health. The Center was established in 1999 as a result of President Clinton's apology for the United States Public Health Syphilis Study. Dr. Gamble chaired the committee that took the lead role in the campaign to obtain the apology. At Tuskegee, Dr. Gamble is also a professor of bioethics in the College of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health at Tuskegee University. A physician and medical historian, she is an internationally recognized expert on the history of race and racism in American medicine, racial and ethnic disparities in health and health care, cultural competence, diversity, and bioethics. Dr. Gamble is a member of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences.

Speakers:

Shirley Hicks, Director, Division of Education and Development, Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Rockville, Maryland

As the Director of the Division of Education and Development, Ms. Hicks has responsibility for the development and conduct of education and quality improvement activities to enhance the protections for human research subjects. In addition, Ms. Hicks frequently serves as faculty at major conferences, presenting on numerous topics regarding human research protection. Prior to joining OHRP, Ms. Hicks was a Regulatory Specialist for the Division of AIDS (DAIDS), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH) from January 1998 to September 2001. In this capacity, Ms. Hicks had responsibility for helping to ensure regulatory compliance with human subject protection regulations (HHS and FDA) for all the DAIDS-sponsored clinical trials groups. Ms. Hicks has more than a thirty-year nursing career that includes specialization in clinical research and staff education. Ms. Hicks received her nursing education at Union Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Baltimore, Maryland and Towson State University in Towson, Maryland, and is a licensed registered nurse in the state of Maryland.

Bill Freeman, Director of Tribal Community Health Programs; & Human Protections Administrator, Bellingham, Washington

Bill Freeman is Director of Tribal Community Health Programs, Northwest Indian College (NWIC). NWIC is a two-year tribal community college chartered by the Lummi Nation in western Washington State. Bill retired from the Indian Health Service (IHS) in January 2002 after 25 years. In his first 13 IHS years, he was a family physician in the Health Clinic in the Lummi Nation. Bill is also the Human Protections Administrator at NWIC and a member of its Institutional Review Board (IRB). In his last 12 years in the IHS, he organized and chaired the HIS Headquarters IRB. He is a Certified IRB Professional (CIP), passing the first CIP examination in 2000 and again in 2004. He was a Board member for Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) for 12 years, and a former President of Applied Research Ethics National Association (ARENA)--both organizations for, and involved with, IRBs and Research Ethics Boards (REBs). He continues to teach "IRB 101" workshops sponsored by PRIM&R, and to consult for Native communities and organizations and for IRBs/REBs about the protection of individuals and communities in research. He is co-author of: Freeman WL, Romero FC, Kanade S. Community Consultation to Assess and Minimize Group Harms. (In) Amdur RJ, Bankert EA (eds). Institutional Review Board: Management and Function, Second Edition. Jones and Bartlett Publishers; Sudbury, MA. 2006 (Chapter 5-4, p. 134-139).