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## **Call #6: IRB Reform: Changing Policy and Practice to Protect Communities**

Monday, June 25, 2007, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time

### **Speaker Biographies**

Speakers:

***Nancy Shore, Assistant Professor at the University of New England School of Social Work, Portland, Maine and CCPH Senior Consultant***

Nancy Shore, PhD is Assistant Professor at the University of New England's School of Social Work. Her primary teaching areas include research and community practice. She has served on various ethics review committees and has conducted several studies related to the IRB process and the promotion of ethical research. In Maine she works with community groups to design and implement evaluation strategies, as well as to formulate research partnership guidelines. Currently she is a board member of a peer support and recovery center, as well as a grassroots organization aimed at empowering Latino women and their families. She was also recently appointed as a CCPH senior consultant.

***Sarah Flicker, Assistant Professor, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada***

Sarah Flicker is an assistant professor at York University, Faculty of Environmental Studies in Toronto. Previously, Sarah was the Director of Research at the Wellesley Institute (2004-2006). She has a doctorate in Social Science and Health from the University of Toronto's Department of Public Health Sciences. Her research interests are in the areas of youth empowerment, health promotion, HIV and community-based participatory research. She holds a MPH in Maternal and Child Health and Epidemiology from UC Berkeley and an honors degree in Anthropology from Brown University. Sarah sits on a number of community boards and believes strongly in community partnerships for research and action. She is an active member of the Gendering Adolescent AIDS Prevention Research Team and the TeenNet Research Group.

***Robb Travers, Scientist and Director of Community-Based Research, Ontario HIV Treatment Network, Toronto, Ontario, Canada***

Dr. Robb Travers is a Scientist and Director of Community-Based Research (CBR) at the Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN), and an Associate Research Scientist at the Centre for Research on Inner City Health at St. Michael's Hospital in downtown Toronto. At the OHTN, Dr. Travers is responsible for the development and implementation of a comprehensive program of CBR initiatives, as well as facilitating capacity building for community-academic-policy partnerships in HIV research. His passion for community-based research dates back more than 15 years and is rooted in his experience in community development. Dr. Travers completed a Masters degree in Community Psychology at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto, and received his PhD in Public Health Sciences from the University of Toronto.

In recent years, Dr. Travers has been a consistent contributor to the field of CBR through workshops, conference presentations, and journal articles. Dr. Travers co-developed and taught Canada's first undergraduate course in CBR in the Health Studies Program at the University of Toronto, and he is actively engaged in CBR through his own research program addressing HIV vulnerability among gay men and youth, ethical issues in CBR, and the health of people living with HIV.

***Syed Ahmed, Director of the Center for Healthy Communities (CHC) & Professor of Family and Community Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI***

Syed M. Ahmed, MD, MPH, DrPH is a Professor of Family and Community Medicine and the Director of the Center for Healthy Communities (CHC), at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and a Diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice (ABFP). Through his educational, scholarly, and community work, Dr. Ahmed has made nationally recognized contributions to community health, community academic partnerships, and community based participatory research and received numerous local and national awards. Dr. Ahmed received degrees in medicine and surgery from the Sir Salimullah Medical College of Dhaka University of Bangladesh and a masters and a doctorate in Public Health from the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston. He completed a residency and a fellowship in family medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

***Sarah Beversdorf, Rural Health Liaison for the Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin***

Sarah Beversdorf, MPH/MSW, is a Rural Health Liaison in the Center for Healthy Communities, Department of Family and Community Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin. She has spent her career supporting rural-based initiatives. While at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Ms. Beversdorf has been a leader in supporting partnerships, facilitating medical student rotations and opportunities in rural communities, and building relationships with local stakeholders. Ms. Beversdorf received a Master of Social Work and a Master of Public Health from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. She is a past president of the Wisconsin Public Health Association and has held various other leadership positions within that organization.