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Call #5: Beyond the University IRB: Understanding Alternative Models for Human Protection

**Part II: Creating an Independent Community IRB — When is it Right for You?
Thursday, May 24, 2007, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time**

Moderator and Speaker Biographies

Moderator:

***Vanessa Northington Gamble, Director, Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in
Research and Health Care, Tuskegee, Alabama***

Vanessa Northington Gamble, MD, PhD 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:

***Sheila Beckham, Preventive Health Services Director, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health
Center, Waianae, Hawaii***

Sheila Beckham, RD, MPH, is the Director of Preventive Health at Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, overseeing chronic disease management, traditional Hawaiian healing, lifestyle enhancement, preventive health/nutrition, and a primary care clinic. Sheila chairs the Center's Research Committee and IRB. She worked as an Assistant Professor at the University of Hawaii's School of Public Health; as a Clinical Nutritionist at Kapiolani Medical Center; and as a Nutrition Consultant for over 20 organizations prior to coming to WCCHC, where she has worked for the past 24 years. Sheila has been active both locally and nationally in various professional organizations and boards, and has numerous publications related to her work with health disparities. She received her BS from Whittier College, MPH and post-graduate work from University of Hawaii and is a Registered Dietitian.

Jacqueline H. Tran, Program Manager, Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance, Garden Grove, California

Jacqueline Tran is currently the Program Manager of the NCI-funded WINCART (Weaving an Islander Network for Cancer Awareness, Research and Training) project at Cal State Fullerton. WINCART is a multi-year project focusing on reducing disparities in cancer among Pacific Islander communities, with a focus on southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, Imperial, Riverside and San Diego counties). The project focuses on community-based participatory action research as a mechanism to address cancer disparities. Jackie is also a Program Manager at the Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA), a non-profit community based organization serving the Asian and Pacific Islander communities regarding health, policy, youth, capacity development and education needs. Jackie works on various community-based health research programs, examining aspects such as patient navigation, the role of multi-media as a cancer education tool, and the importance of culturally and linguistically tailored programs to address health disparities. Jackie has also worked on research and academic publications addressing statewide policy issues such as budget cuts, patient rights, access for the uninsured, and language access rights established by Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Jackie's work has focused on community advocacy for quality, linguistic, and culturally appropriate health care, especially among underrepresented Asian and Pacific Islander subgroups. Previously, Jackie worked as Clinic Manager at a non-profit community based health center in Santa Ana. Jackie received her undergraduate degree in Biology and Asian American Studies and Master's in Public Health (in the department of Health Services) at the University of California at Los Angeles and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Public Health in Health Services. Jackie has served on various committees and task forces and is currently a Board Member of the Los Angeles Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Eric Wat, Data Manager, Special Services for Groups, Los Angeles, California

Since 2003, Eric Wat has managed Census Data and Geographic Information Services (CD&GIS), the research and evaluation unit of Special Service for Groups, Inc. (SSG) in Los Angeles. SSG's mission is to help people identify the needs in their community and devise local and grassroots solutions to their problems. SSG programs address urgent local issues, including: homelessness, mental health, youth development, family support, HIV and AIDS, cultural and linguistic competence in medical services, health disparities, benefits assistance and system navigation, and community health promotion. In his capacity at SSG, Eric participates in program development, develops evaluation plans for SSG projects, administers an Institutional Review Board (IRB), and provides technical assistance to community-based organizations and public agencies on data mining, use and mapping. Eric also offers various workshops on community-based research and program evaluation to empower community leaders and increase their research capacity. Through SSG, Eric partners with other community-based organizations and higher education institutions to conduct community-based research projects. Recent research projects include an access and utilization study for the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health, an occupational health assessment of immigrant restaurant workers in Los Angeles Koreatown, an oral history project on street vending in East Los Angeles, a needs assessment of civic engagement among Oaxacan community, and a Southern California assessment on access to health services by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender South Asians. Since 2005, he has been the chair of the Asian Pacific American Community Research Roundtable, which aims to promote equitable and effective research partnerships between academic researchers and community-based organizations.

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).