

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

**An Overview of COPR Activities
(October 2007–April 2008)**

**Presentation to the NIH Director
April 18, 2008**

Presented by Christina Clark and James Wendorf

Discussion Points

- COPR Mission-in-Action
- COPR Delivers...
- COPR Member Activities (October 2007 to April 2008)
- Reports from the Communications Work Group and the Role of the Public in Research Work Group

COPR Mission-in-Action

- Enhanced work groups' ability to align with the COPR's charge to make recommendations regarding "the broad development of NIH programmatic and research priorities"
- Engaged work groups in joint planning to produce specific and coordinated recommendations
- Organized the COPR Work Group Day to more effectively carry out the dual functions of the COPR:
 - Bringing the public's perspectives to NIH
 - Identifying ways to help NIH deliver information to the public

COPR Delivers...

Using its consensus-building process:

- Editorial to raise public awareness
- Definitions of community engagement and public participation to strengthen the role of the public in NIH research
- Recommendations to support trans-NIH communications strategies
- Support for strategic initiatives of the Office of the Director related to public interest

COPR Member Activities (October 2007–April 2008)

- COPR Member Marjorie Mau, M.D., M.P.H., and COPR Alumnus Douglas Yee, M.B.A., published an article in the January 2008 issue of the *Hawaii Medical Journal* based on the full Council's editorial on public participation in biomedical/behavioral research, which was developed through group efforts during the spring and summer of 2007.
- COPR Alumna Wendy Chaite, Esq., has been appointed to the National Advisory Research Resources Council.

COPR Member Activities (October 2007–April 2008)

- COPR Members Valda Boyd Ford, M.P.H., Brent Jaquet, Anne Muñoz-Furlong, and James Wendorf, along with COPR Alumnus Michael Manganiello, M.P.A., are helping NIH evaluate a new research categorization tool from the Office of Portfolio Analysis and Strategic Initiatives.

COPR Member Activities (October 2007–April 2008)

- COPR Member Nicole Johnson, M.A., M.P.H., visited the laboratory of Dr. David Harlan in the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases and aired the tour on a segment of her show, *dLife*.
- COPR Members Marjorie Mau, M.D., M.S., and Syed Ahmed, M.D., M.P.H., Dr.P.H., are participating on the external Advisory Committee to the NIH Director working group to examine the peer-review process.

COPR Work Group Reports

- Role of the Public in Research
- Communications