SACGHS Priority-Setting Process and Outcomes

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Goals for Discussion

- Review the priority-setting process
- Review and discuss results to date
- Reach preliminary consensus on high priority issues and next steps in process

Priority-Setting Process Milestones

Feb-May: Identified 73 possible issues

June: SACGHS members and Ex Officios scored

the issues

July 7-8: Decisions regarding preliminary priority

issues

July-Nov: Compile additional information about

issues and send to Committee for review

Dec: Make final decisions on study priorities

Process for Identifying Issues

- Brainstorming session at February SACGHS meeting
- Additional issues suggested by SACGHS members
- Conference call with ex officios
- Request for public comments
- Conversations with "horizon scanners"

Request For Public Comments April 17, 2008 – May 16, 2008

Comments sought through:

- Federal Register
- SACGHS website
- Distribution list: Expanded to include a greater range of:
 - consumer organizations
 - major medical organizations (e.g., the AMA)
 - groups representing health care disparities
 - representatives of business groups and payers

Horizon Scan: Experts Interviewed

- Thomas Caskey, M.D., Director, CEO-elect of the Brown Foundation Institute of Molecular Medicine for the Prevention of Human Diseases; by Jim Evans
- Juan Enriquez, Chairman and CEO of Biotechonomy, LLC; by Paul Billings
- Catherine M. Baase, M.D., Corporate Medical Director, Dow Chemical; by Steven Teutsch
- Myrl Weinberg, CAE, President, National Health Council; by Steven Teutsch
- lan Morrison, Ph.D., President Emeritus, Health Advisory Panel Chair, Institute for the Future; by Mara Aspinall

SACGHS Scoring of Issues June 9 – June 20

Total Number of Issues: 73

From:

- Public Comments: 33 (in 26 submissions)
- Horizon Scanning: 16
- SACGHS/EOs/Staff: 18
- Office of the Secretary: 5
- Journal: Nature Review Genetics: 1

Scoring Process June 2008

- Likert scale used to assign the relative importance of each issue, with 1 being Not Important and 5 being Very Important.
- Scoring Form was provided to SACGHS members and ex officios June 2008

Criteria for SACGHS Priority Issues

- The urgency and national importance of the issue
- The extent to which the Federal Government has jurisdiction/authority over the issue
- The need for Federal guidance or regulation on this issue
- Whether the issue raises concerns that only the Federal Government can address
- Whether the issue raises ethical, legal, or social concerns that warrant Federal Government involvement/leadership
- Whether the Committee's policy advice on this issue would significantly benefit society

Criteria for SACGHS Priority Issues, Con'd

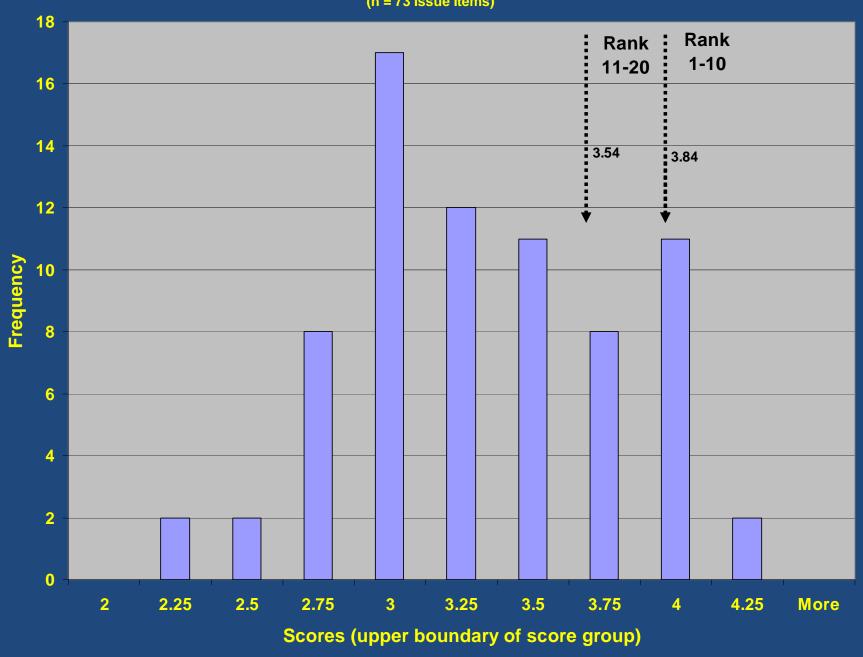
- Whether failure to address the issue would prolong any negative impact the issue may be having on society
- Whether sufficient data about the issue exist for the Committee to develop informed policy advice
- Whether another body is already addressing the issue or is better equipped to address it
- Whether the issue is within the SACGHS charter (charter provided in the request)

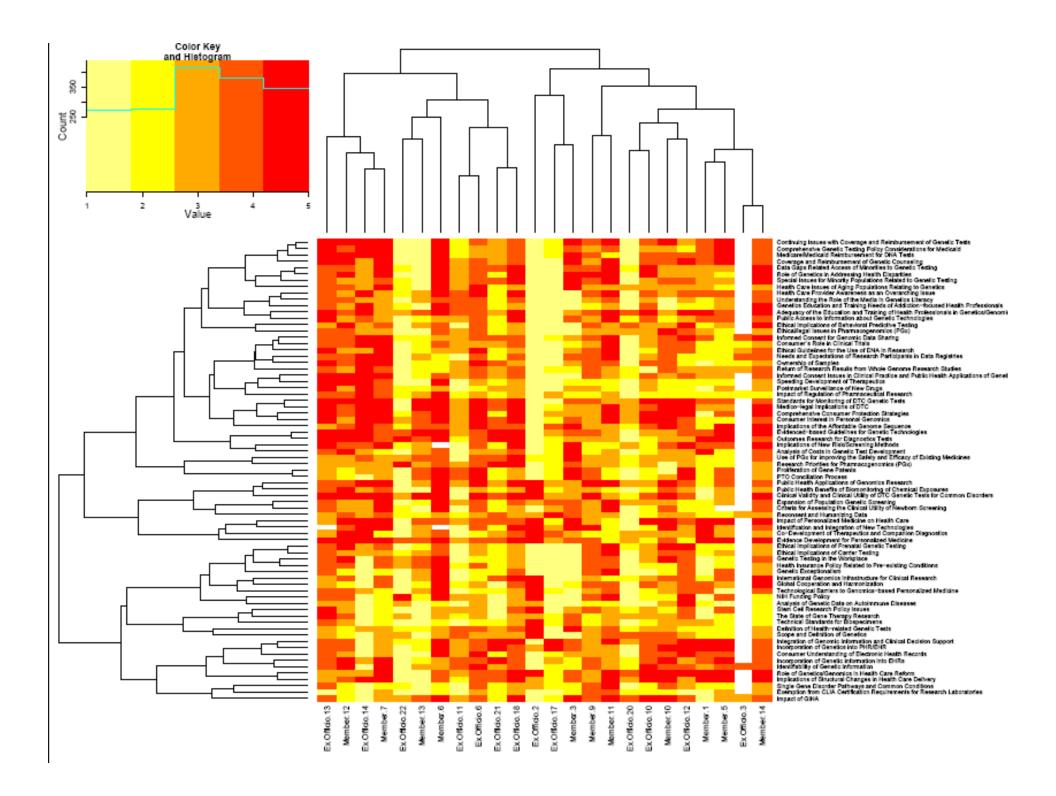
Results of Scoring—Top 20

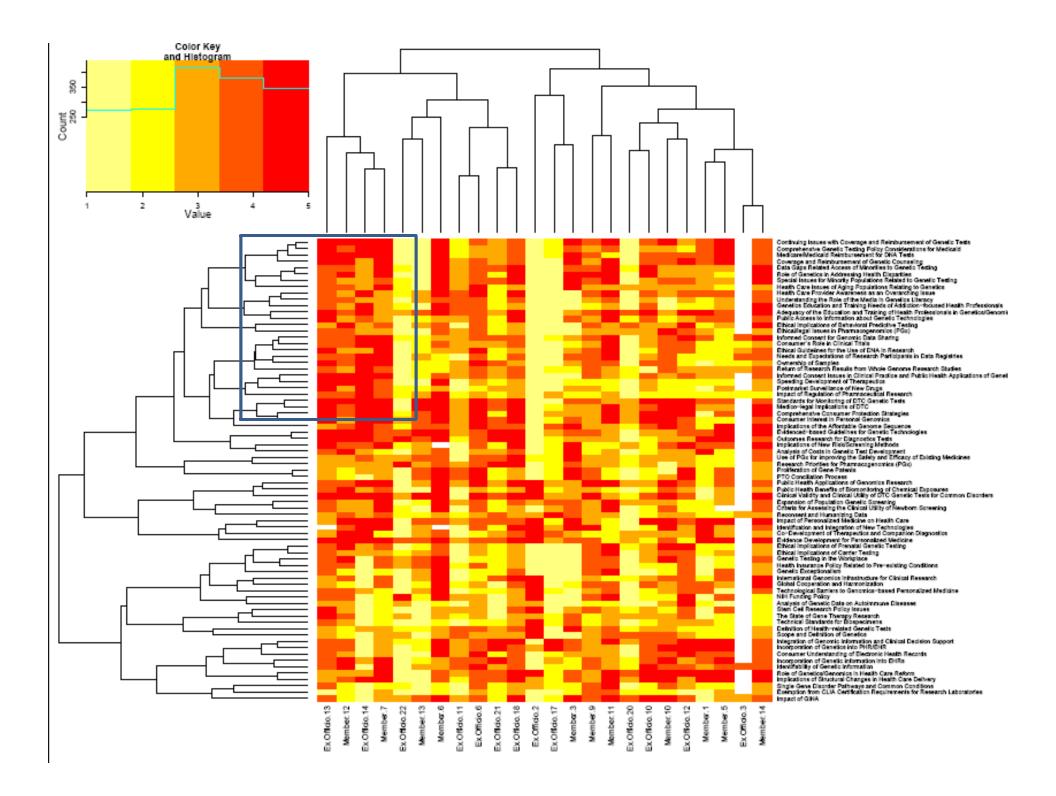
Rank	Issue #	Issue	MEAN SCORE
1	33	Standards for Monitoring of DTC Genetic Tests	4.04
2	15	Evidence Development for Personalized Medicine	4.04
3	38	Adequacy of the Education and Training of Health Professionals in Genetics/Genomics	4.00
4	18	Evidenced-based Guidelines for Genetic Technologies	4.00
5	53	Public Health Applications of Genomics Research	3.96
6	30	Clinical Validity and Clinical Utility of DTC Genetic Tests for Common Disorders	3.96
7	34	Comprehensive Consumer Protection Strategies	3.88
8	31	Consumer Interest in Personal Genomics	3.88
9	32	Medico-legal Implications of DTC	3.84
10	36	Integration of Genomic Information and Clinical Decision Support	3.84
11	49	Impact of Personalized Medicine on Health Care	3.84
12	47	Role of Genetics/Genomics in Health Care Reform	3.80
13	17	Outcomes Research for Diagnostics Tests	3.76
14	48	Implications of Structural Changes in Health Care Delivery	3.68
15	46	Continuing Issues with Coverage and Reimbursement of Genetic Tests	3.68
16	35	Incorporation of Genetics into PHR/EHR	3.64
17	50	Implications of the Affordable Genome Sequence	3.64
18	45	Coverage and Reimbursement of Genetic Counseling	3.60
19	44	Medicare/Medicaid Reimbursement for DNA Tests	3.56
20	21	Informed Consent for Genomic Data Sharing	3.54

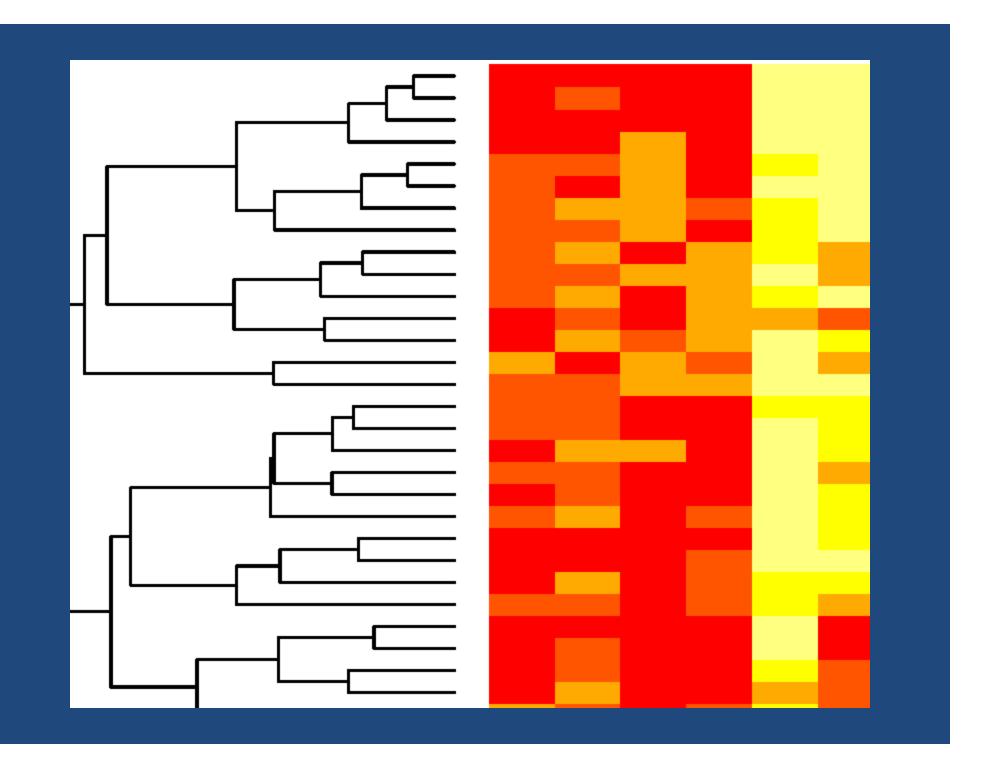
Distribution of Total Scores

(n = 73 Issue Items)





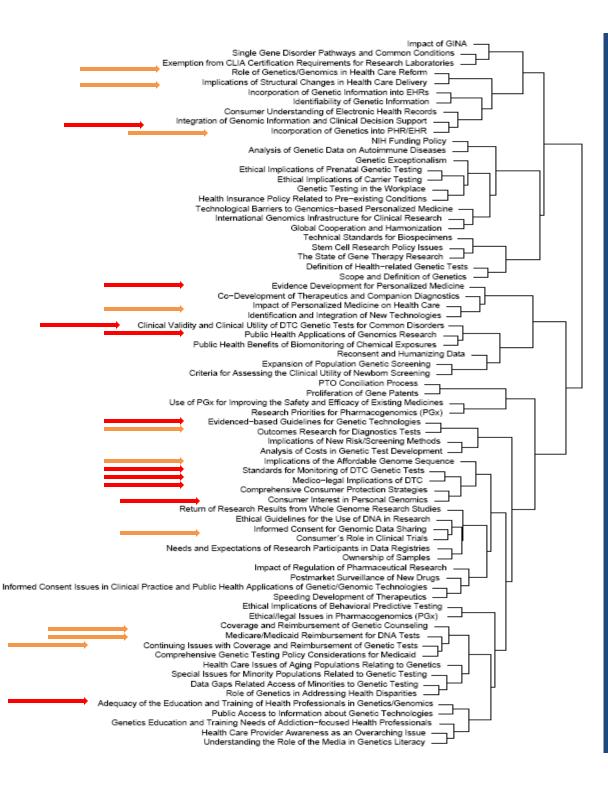




Issue Dendrogram with Voting Rank

RANK 1-10 ____

RANK 11-20



Suggested Clusters of Issues with Highest Scores

- Genetics and health care reform
- Ensuring the clinical utility of genetic information
- Public health applications of genomic research
- Consumer access to genomic information
- Informed consent for genomic data sharing
- Coverage and reimbursement for genetic services
- Education of health professionals on genetics
- Genetics, minorities and health disparities

Suggested Clusters of Issues with Highest Scores

		<u>lssue #</u>
3.80	Role of Genetics/Genomics in Health Care Reform	47
3.64	Incorporation of Genetics into PHR/HER	35
3.68	Implications of Structural Changes in Health Care Delivery	48
3.76	Outcomes Research for Diagnostics Tests	17
3.64	Implications of the Affordable Genome Sequence	50
3.54	Informed Consent for Genomic Data Sharing	21
3.60	Coverage and Reimbursement of Genetic Counseling	45
3.56	Medicare/Medicaid Reimbursement for DNA Tests	44
3.68	Continuing Issues with Coverage and Reimbursement of Genetic Tests	46
3.48	Health Care Provider Awareness as an Overarching Issue	40
3.52	Data Gaps Related Access of Minorities to Genetic Testing	56
3.44	Special Issues for Minority Populations Related to Genetic Testing	71
3.44	Role of Genetics in Addressing Health Disparities	55

Genetics and Health Care Reform

- 3.80 Role of Genetics/Genomics in Health Care Reform (Issue #47)
- 3.84 Integration of Genomic Information and Clinical Decision Support (Issue #37)
- 3.64 Incorporation of Genetics into PHR/HER (Issue #45)
- 3.68 Implications of Structural Changes in Health Care Delivery (Issue #48)

Ensuring the Clinical Utility of Genetic Information

- 4.04 Evidence Development for Personalized Medicine (Issue #15)
- 3.84 Impact of Personalized Medicine on Health Care (Issue #49)
- 3.96 Clinical Validity and Clinical Utility of DTC Genetic Tests for Common Disorders (Issue #30)
- 4.00 Evidenced-based Guidelines for Genetic Technologies (Issue #18)
- 3.76 Outcomes Research for Diagnostics Tests (Issue #17)

Public Health Applications of Genomics Research

3.96 Public Health Applications of Genomics Research (Issue #53)

Consumer Access to Genomic Information

- 3.64 Implications of the Affordable Genome Sequence (Issue #50)
- 4.04 Standards for Monitoring of DTC Genetic Tests (Issue #33)
- 3.84 Medico-legal Implications of DTC (Issue #32)
- 3.88 Consumer Interest in Personal Genomics (Issue #31)
- 3.88 Comprehensive Consumer Protection Strategies (Issue #34)

Informed Consent for Genomic Data Sharing

3.54 Informed Consent for Genomic Data Sharing (Issue #21)

Coverage and Reimbursement for Genetic Services

- 3.60 Coverage and Reimbursement of Genetic Counseling (Issue #45)
- 3.56 Medicare/Medicaid Reimbursement for DNA Tests (Issue #44)
- 3.68 Continuing Issues with Coverage and Reimbursement of Genetic Tests (Issue #46)

Education of Health Professionals on Genetics

- 4.00 Adequacy of the Education and Training of Health Professionals in Genetics/Genomics (Issue #38)
- 3.48 Health Care Provider Awareness as an Overarching Issue (Issue #40)

Genetics, Minorities and Health Disparities

- 3.52 Data Gaps Related to Access of Minorities to Genetic Testing (Issue #56)
- 3.44 Special Issues for Minority Populations Related to Genetic Testing (Issue #71)
- 3.44 Role of Genetics in Addressing Health Disparities (Issue #55)

Next Steps

- Development of Issue Briefs
- Distribution of Issue Briefs to SACGHS Members for Review
- SACGHS Members Vote on Issue Briefs
- SACGHS Members Select Priority Issues for Action Steps