

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

**Outcomes and Next Steps for the
COPR**

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Consensus Building and Priority Setting

The COPR has raised a number of significant issues over the past two years.

The Agenda Setting Work Group identified:

- Issues addressed in past meetings
- Relevant past activities
- Significant work products
- Issues raised but not yet addressed by the COPR

Consensus Building and Priority Setting

As a framework for this meeting, the COPR developed a process to:

- Discuss the topics
- Come to general consensus about priority issues and next steps

Areas for Exploration and Potential Action Items

In large and small groups, the COPR discussed 12 issues within four major categories:

- Community engagement
- Diversity issues and health disparities
- Disenfranchised areas
- Emerging issues

Outcomes

Through consensus building:

- Confirmed the continuation of the Role of the Public in Research Work Group
- Selected the following action item:

Identify ways to encourage researchers to involve the public

Action Item

Identify ways to encourage researchers to involve the public including, but not limited to:

- Health disparities
- Diversity
- Community engagement
- Behavioral and social context in research

Next Steps

Use listserv and teleconferences to identify:

- Specific activities
- Potential deliverables