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### **Andrea Kopstein Is Now CSR's Director of Planning, Analysis and Evaluation**

Dr. Andrea Kopstein has joined the Center for Scientific Review to head its Office of Planning, Analysis and Evaluation.



In announcing the news, CSR Director Toni Scarpa said, "Dr. Kopstein brings impressive analytic and leadership skills, and we're pleased she will be leading efforts to plan and assess our many initiatives to enhance CSR's peer review operations." He noted that Dr. Kopstein has nearly 30 years experience planning and evaluating Federal health science programs. "And she was the top candidate recommended by a trans-NIH search committee, which conducted a nationwide search," he added.

Dr. Kopstein comes to CSR from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), where she was Chief of the Quality Improvement and Workforce Development Branch within SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. This was one of three progressive terms as chief of branches within the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. She formally led the Practice Improvement and the Program Evaluation Branches.

Before becoming a branch chief, Dr. Kopstein was a survey statistician working on the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, first at the National Institute on Drug Abuse and then SAMHSA. Early in her career, Dr. Kopstein spent 11 years at the National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control, working on multiple national data collection efforts. Dr. Kopstein received her Ph.D. in epidemiology from Johns Hopkins and her Masters in Public Health from the University of Texas.

#### **About CSR**

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