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CSR's New Healthcare Delivery, Methodologies IRG Chief: Dr. Katherine Bent of Veterans Affairs

Dr. Katherine Bent of the Department of Veterans Affairs will be the new chief of the [Healthcare, Delivery and Methodologies](#) Integrated Review Group (IRG), the Center for Scientific Review announced today.



“Many in the search committee were ecstatic in recommending her and my senior staff and I shared their enthusiasm after speaking with her,” said CSR Director Toni Scarpa. “We look forward to Dr. Bent’s fresh perspective and contribution to review. She will bring volumes of fresh air to CSR.”

At the Department of Veterans Affairs central office in Washington, DC, Dr. Bent served as a Scientific Program Manager in the Office of Research and Development. She oversaw and fostered a diverse, scientific portfolio of health services research related to managing and treating chronic conditions, health profession education and nursing. Dr. Bent also organized scientific peer review groups, assisted researchers at various stages of the funding process and conceptualized and arranged scientific meetings and professional symposia.

Dr. Bent has a doctorate from the University of Colorado Denver Graduate School. Among other degrees, she also is an advanced practice registered nurse, who graduated from the University of Virginia with specializations in complex illness and home and community health.

Her IRG reviews applications for research on health and health-related behaviors of individuals and populations, particularly studies related to socio-environmental factors, cultural factors and processes, and more. It is located in CSR’s AIDS, Behavioral and Population Sciences Division.

About CSR

CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR’s mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH institutes and centers that fund grants. For more information, go to CSR’s Web site—<http://www.csr.nih.gov>—or phone 301-435-1111.

About NIH

NIH — the Nation’s Medical Research Agency — includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research, and it investigates the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit www.nih.gov.