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Dr. Delia Olufokunbi Sam Named Chief of CSR's Population Sciences and Epidemiology Integrated Review Group

Dr. Delia Olufokunbi Sam is now Chief of the Population Sciences and Epidemiology Integrated Review Group (IRG) at the NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR). Dr. Olufokunbi Sam was the Scientific Review Officer for CSR's Health Disparities and Equity Promotion review panel.



"The search committee and I were greatly impressed by Delia, who rose from a highly qualified pool of applicants," said CSR Director Dr. Richard Nakamura. "She has excelled as a Scientific Review Officer, and has proved herself a leader in training her fellow Scientific Review Officers and in coordinating multiple trans-NIH activities."

As Chief of the Population Sciences and Epidemiology IRG, she will oversee nine study sections and many special emphasis panels that review NIH grant applications related to the distribution of health conditions and health behaviors in many different human populations and socioeconomic contexts; the determinants of diseases, disease transmission and prevention; and the development and improvement of research designs and methodologies addressing epidemiologic and demographic questions in public health and clinical medicine.

At different times during her tenure as a Scientific Review Officer at CSR, Dr. Olufokunbi Sam served as Coordinator of SRO Training Workshops and as CSR's Patient Centered Outcome Research Institute (PCORI) Coordinator. She also represents CSR on the NIH Extramural Staff Training Advisory Committee and has managed multiple, high profile special reviews for NIH.

She earned a Ph.D. in clinical and health psychology from the University of Florida and received postdoctoral training in mental health services research and policy at the University of South Florida Department of Mental Health Law and Policy. Before joining CSR, she was the Deputy Director of the Center of Integrated Behavioral Health Policy at the George Washington University, where she managed a diverse portfolio of behavioral health research and policy. She was also an assistant professor of Health Policy in the Department of Health Policy at the George Washington University. Her research has focused on behavioral health services and policy, substance abuse prevention and treatment, minority health, and child welfare.

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.

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