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## **Consultant Biographies**

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### **David Chambers, PhD**

David Chambers, Ph.D., is Associate Director of Dissemination and Implementation Research at the National Institute of Mental Health, NIH. He is also the Chief of the Dissemination and Implementation Research Program within the Services Research and Clinical Epidemiology Branch, in which he oversees a portfolio of research grants focused on the translation of research into practice. His work has focused on how change occurs in clinical practice, how diffusion of innovations occurs, and how barriers and facilitators to improving evidence-based practice affect dissemination and implementation efforts. Prior to arriving at NIMH in 2001, Dr. Chambers was a member of a research team based at the University of Oxford in the UK that evaluated several NHS funded initiatives attempting to translate research findings into medical practice.

### **Nicole Lurie, MD, MSPH**

Before coming to RAND, Dr. Lurie was Professor of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Minnesota, and most recently, Medical Advisor to the Commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Health. From 1998-2001, she served as Assistant Secretary of Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

As Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health at HHS, Dr. Lurie had line responsibility for the Office of Emergency Preparedness, which included development of emergency response plans at state and local levels, including plans for events involving multiple jurisdictions and development of the pandemic influenza plan. She was involved with flu surveillance and response at a time when hospitals in

multiple jurisdictions across the country were full, with multiple preparedness and response exercises, and with other efforts to directly link public health and health delivery sectors.

Dr. Lurie serves as Senior Editor for Health Services Research and has served on editorial boards and as a reviewer for numerous journals. She was President of the Society of General Internal Medicine, is currently on the board of directors for the Academy of Health Services Research, and has served on multiple national committees. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the AHSR Young Investigator Award, the Nellie Westerman Prize for Research in Ethics, the Heroine in Health Care Award, and is a member of the Institute of Medicine.

### **Richard K Nakamura, PhD, MA**

Dr. Richard K. Nakamura is currently the Deputy Director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), one of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Nakamura received his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Earlham College (Richmond, IN), his Master of Arts in Psychology from New York University, and his Ph.D. in Psychology from State University of New York (Stony Brook, NY). He has been with the NIMH since 1976, and since 1997, has served as Acting Deputy Director, Deputy Director and Acting Director. While at NIMH, he has held other positions such as Associate Director for Science Policy and Program Planning; Chief, Behavioral and Integrative Neuroscience Research Branch; and Coordinator, ADAMHA Office of Animal Research Issues. Dr. Nakamura has special expertise in several areas, including cognitive and comparative neuroscience,

science policy/funding and ethics in science. He has published 24 peer-reviewed scientific journal articles, most related to neurocognition of primates.

In 1999, Dr. Nakamura led the NIH/NIMH participation with the U.S. Surgeon General's Office in researching and writing the first report on mental illness. The report goes into detail on the fundamentals of mental health and mental illness, the prevalence and treatment of mental illness, the tie between mind and body, policy, legal and ethical issues around mental illness, and a vision for the future. The report further details mental health issues surrounding children, adults and older adults. Dr. Nakamura was also intricately involved in the development of the supplement to the Surgeon General's Report: Mental Health: Culture, Race, and Ethnicity. In addition, as acting director of the Office for Special Populations, he led the development of the National Mental Health Advisory Council approved report entitled: Racial/Ethnic Diversity in Mental Health Research Careers: An Investment in America's Future. The report outlines innovative strategies and implementation procedures to help train minorities to produce research that will lead to successful research careers at universities and institutions.

Dr. Nakamura received recognition from the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, for his leadership in the Secretary's Initiative in Mental Health, and for the Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health. In 2001, he received NIH-Asian/Pacific American Organization (APAO) Outstanding Achievement Award for Administrative Work. In 2002, Dr. Nakamura was elected by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Board of Directors to the status of

AAAS Fellow. Most recently, Dr. Nakamura was awarded the Presidential Rank Award by President Bush for his outstanding leadership.

**Nina Wallerstein, Dr. PH**

Professor and director of the Masters in Public Health Program, School of Medicine, UNM, has been developing participatory research methodologies and empowerment intervention research for over twenty-five years, with her latest co-edited volume covering these fields, Community-Based Research for Health. She has worked both in North American and Latin American contexts, in healthy city initiatives, in adolescent and women's health intervention research, and in community health development. She has been the PI for an NIAAA-funded youth empowerment intervention, for youth policy and women's empowerment programs, and currently, for the NIAAA-funded Southwest Alcohol Research Group (2002-2006), a Training Center whose purpose is to mentor junior faculty of color to initiate research to reduce alcohol-related disparities among Native American and Hispanic communities.

Since 1999, she has been funded by CDC and NARCH/NIH grants to work in collaboration with Native American tribes, developing understandings and assessment tools for tribal community capacity, tribal public health infrastructure, and measures of social capital. She is currently the PI of an NIH/I.H.S. community based participatory research grant (2005-2009) to develop tribally specific elder-family-youth empowerment interventions in two Southwestern tribes. Her research interests are in developing measures of empowerment and in understanding the impacts of participatory research and intervention processes to improve health status.