NIH Workshop

Multiple Approaches to Understanding and Preventing Elder Abuse

October 30, 2015

Claude D. Pepper Building (31), C wing, 6th Floor, Room 6
National Institutes of Health

As part of a national priority to promote elder justice, a key focus of the 2015 White House Conference on Aging, NIH is hosting a one-day workshop on understanding and preventing elder abuse and mistreatment. Elder abuse and mistreatment is a growing public health problem, and it has a devastating impact on the mental and physical health and wellbeing of some of the most vulnerable members of our communities. Despite growing awareness, the research field is still relatively new and there remain significant research gaps in detecting, preventing and intervening in elder abuse. Increased understanding of the origins of abuse, risk profiles and effective interventions may resonate across contexts of family violence, including elder abuse, child abuse and intimate partner violence. The purpose of this meeting is to focus on the application of lessons learned across fields, and common challenges and opportunities in elder abuse, child abuse, intimate partner violence and other related fields.

**Friday, October 30, 2015**

**8:00-8:15** Welcome and Introductory Remarks (10 min)
Nora Super (White House Conference on Aging)
Marie Bernard (NIA)
Janine Clayton (ORWH)

**8:15-8:25** Speaker Introductions (10 min)

**8:25-8:45** Overview of Relevant Reports and Previously Identified Research Priorities (15 min presentation, 5 min clarifying questions)
Robert Wallace

**8:45-10:15** Panel 1: Identifying Abuse—Screening, Standards, and Detection Challenges (90 min)
Moderator: Scott Beach
Panelists: Tony Rosen
Christopher Carpenter
Phyllis Sharps
Richard Gelles

**10:15-10:30** Break (15 min)
10:30-12:00  Panel 2: Origins of Abuse, Early Adversity, Cycles of Abuse and Abuse across the Lifespan (90 min)
Moderator:  Marie-Therese Connolly
Panelists:  Karl Pillemer – remote participant
           Cathy Widom
           Sherry Hamby
           Sonia Salari
           Xinqi Dong – remote participant

12:00-12:20  Break and Box Lunch Pickup (20 min)

12:20-2:00  Lunchtime Breakout Sessions (100 min)
Topic 1: Health Disparities and Cultural Dimensions of Abuse
Scott Beach, Lori Jervis
Topic 2: Preventing Mistreatment in Familial Environments
Kerry Burnight, Sonia Salari
Topic 3: Risk Factors: Diminished Cognitive/Decisional Capacity
Jason Karlawish, Daniel Marson, Nathan Spreng
Topic 4: Bioethics and Law in Elder Abuse Research
Miriam Kelty, Mark Lachs

2:00-2:15  Break (15 min)

2:15-3:15  Breakout Sessions Reports (15 min per session)
Moderator:  Marie-Therese Connolly

3:15-4:45  Panel 3: Novel Intervention and Prevention Strategies (90 min)
Moderator:  Jeanne Teresi
Panelists:  Elizabeth Skowron
           David Burne
           MaryAnn Dutton
           Laura Mosqueda

4:45-5:30  Closing Session: Summary Discussion and Next Steps (45 min)
Moderators:  Mark Lachs and Robert Wallace

5:30  Adjourn