

**Opening Remarks**  
*Cynthia E. Berry, J.D.*

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MS. BERRY: Good morning. Welcome to the Eighth meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health and Society. You might be wondering who this imposter is. I'm not Reed Tuckson, and I don't even play him on TV. I'm Cindy Berry, and I'll be serving as acting SACGHS Chair for this meeting. Dr. Tuckson had a family emergency and couldn't be here today with us.

We typically begin our meetings with introductory remarks from the Chair. We're going to do something different today. We've modified the format slightly so that we can move very quickly into today's session on large population studies. I'll review the rest of the agenda and provide a few updates later this morning, but first I do want to point out that the public was made aware of this meeting through notices in the Federal Register, as well as the SACGHS website and listserv.

I'd like to welcome members of the public in attendance, as well as viewers tuning in through the Web cast. Thank you very much for your interest in our work.

I should point out, too, that on this day in history, in 1812, Napoleon began his disastrous retreat from Moscow. It's a very important date. Our general this morning will be Dr. Huntington Willard, Chair of our Large Population Studies Task Force. He will introduce today's session and review the task force's work since our June meeting, and I'm confident that under his leadership we will have a much better fate than Napoleon's Grand Army.

So with that, I turn to Hunt.