

## **Region 6 Biospecimen/BioBanking Geographic Management Program (BMaP)**

### **Program Description**

The ultimate goal of BMaP is to create unique, centralized, public resources for multi-ethnic biobanking/biospecimens. The primary mission of which is to ensure high-quality human biospecimens for cancer research that also takes into account the cultural sensitivities of diverse communities in specific regions. To this end, BMaP includes strong community outreach and supports the development of training in biospecimen science among underrepresented minority students from undergraduate through PhD and postgraduate level to faculty positions.

For the next two years, representatives from various institutions within Region 6 will engage in a planning process to lay the foundation for the development of these “hubs” to address and develop multi-ethnic biospecimen/biobanking systems within various geographic areas and populations (including rural).

### **PHASE 1: Core Services/Elective Opportunities:**

Provide supporting BMaP infrastructure through the establishment of five core services:

- Administrative
- Communications and Dissemination
- Community and Socio-cultural Beliefs
- Ethical, Legal and Policy
- Collection, Processing, Storage and Analysis of Biospecimens

### **PHASE 2: Needs Assessment:**

Assess a region’s current strengths, resources, capabilities, needs and interest in developing a BMaP network or hub.

### **PHASE 3: BMaP Implementation Plan:**

Based on the findings in the assessment, a detailed BMaP implementation plan which will provide the foundation for establishing an operational BMaP network will be, to include training and research opportunities, and community engagement/outreach. Thus, with funds from this administrative supplement, each prospective regional BMaP hub will establish and work through a BMaP coordinator and coordinating committee with strong institutional commitment.

### **Participating Institutions Include:**

SDSU/UCSD Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology  
Charles R Drew University Cancer Research Lab  
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center  
San Francisco State University  
University of California Irvine School of Medicine  
University of Guam  
Cancer Research Center of Hawaii at the University of Hawaii  
City of Hope, Beckman Research Institute  
UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center  
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium  
Lyndon Baines Johnson Tropical Medical Center  
UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center  
'Imi Hale Native Hawaiian Cancer Network  
Consumer Advocate in Research and Related Activities (CARRA) Member

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