RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Medicine's Dr. Terry Magnuson is one of nine professionals appointed to the National Institute of Health's Council of Councils. Magnuson will serve through October 2016.

The council was established to advise the NIH Director on policies and activities of the Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI), including making recommendations on research that represents important areas of emerging scientific opportunities, rising public health challenges, or knowledge gaps that deserve special emphasis or would otherwise benefit from strategic planning and coordination. The council is composed of 27 members nominated by the NIH Institutes and Centers and from the Council of Public Representatives, an advisory committee to the NIH Office of the Director. Council members bring knowledge of institutes and centers and Office of the Director Office missions and operations, not as official representatives, but to provide advice beyond the research agenda of any individual institute or center.

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