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Dr. Eleanor Hanna is the Associate Director for Special Projects and Centers at the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). She also chairs the Trans NIH Working Group for Research on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFSWG) through which all CFS related research and activities are coordinated, and is the ex-officio representative from NIH on the DHHS Secretary's Advisory Committee on CFS. She represents the ORWH on many Trans-NIH Working Groups that are focused on interdisciplinary approaches to research as well as with advocacy groups for CFS and other illnesses that require a similar approach. Dr. Hanna was a key figure in the development of the Sex and Gender in Medicine an on-line CME course that was a collaborative effort with the FDA Office of Women's Health and is currently leading the development of the next phase of the course. Dr. Hanna served as a member of Combined Neurosciences White Panel IRB for NIAAA, NEI, and NIMH intramural research.

Dr. Hanna was educated at the Girls' Latin School and Boston University. She received her Ph.D. in Psychology from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Boston University in 1971 and did post-graduate training as a Clinical and Research Fellow at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and Harvard Medical School (HMS). In addition to her clinical, research, and teaching responsibilities at the MGH, Dr. Hanna also taught courses in Child Development, Social Psychology, and the Psychology of Women at Northeastern University through 1975. She also served on a number of public advisory boards and as a research consultant to the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). She remains a Senior Psychologist in the Department of Psychiatry at MGH and an Instructor at HMS where she directed the West End Group Practice through 1987.

Prior to joining the ORWH, Dr. Hanna served as a Senior Scientific Advisor to the Director of Biometry and Epidemiology at the NIAAA where she was responsible for the Institute's efforts in a collaborative clinical trial, the Prevention and Treatment of Hypertension Study, conducted by the NIAAA, National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and the Department of Veteran's Affairs. She also had a major role in developing and implementing the NIAAA initiative, Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free. During her tenure at NIAAA, Dr. Hanna served on the NIH Coordinating Committee for Research on Women's Health as well as its research subcommittee and as a reviewer for the NIH Research Enhancement Awards Program (REAP). She also served as a member of the original NIH Coordinating Committee for CFS. Dr. Hanna has authored many articles related to the substance abuse and its impact on health, particularly that of women and children.