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welcome these proposals to reconfigure state dollars and staff in

most pressing needs, while at the same time creating state of the art regional psychiatric facilities

[OMH Regional Centers of Excellence report.](#)

Research Ethics at the Fore: Protecting More than Individuals but also Groups in Research

The National Institutes of Health recently announced in Nature that it has reached an understanding with the family of the late Henrietta Lacks to allow biomedical researchers controlled access to the whole genome data of cells derived from her tumor, commonly known as HeLa cells. The understanding reached with the Lacks family respects their wishes to enable scientific progress while ensuring public acknowledgement of the enormous contribution made by the late Henrietta Lacks. The understanding gives the Lacks family a seat at the table in reviewing applications for controlled access

Lacks family the ability to have a role in work being done with the HeLa genome sequences and track any resulting discoveries.

Henrietta Lacks, an African-American woman who was 31 at the time of her death, was being treated for cervical cancer at