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Virginia Department of Corrections Human Subject Research Review Committee Report

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According to the Code of Virginia, § 53.1-5.1, The Board of Corrections shall promulgate regulations pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ [2.2-4000](#) et seq.) to effectuate the provisions of Chapter 5.1 (§ [32.1-162.16](#) et seq.) of Title 32.1 for human research, as defined in § [32.1-162.16](#), to be conducted or authorized by the Department. The regulations shall require the human research committee to submit to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Director or his designee at least annually a report on the human research projects reviewed and approved by the committee and shall require the committee to report any significant deviations from the proposals as approved.

During FY 2004, the Human Subject Research Review Committee reviewed 25 human subject research requests received by the Department of Corrections. Of these requests, the Committee and the Deputy Director of Operations or the Deputy Director of Community Corrections approved 19 proposals. The remaining 6 were proposals that were either denied (2) or the committee requested revisions and resubmission before approval was granted (4) (as of this date, revisions for have not been received).

Below is a list of the 19 proposals approved by the committee and the Department of Corrections.

1. Impact of 12-hour work shift on workplace accident rates, University of Leicester, England – Review of records
2. Employee Survey Research Support for Organizational Goal Setting for Human Capital Pilot II, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – pilot employee survey with correctional officers
3. National Assessment for Adult Literacy, American Institute for Research – pretest questionnaire with 2-4 inmates

4. The Meaning and Essence of Fairness in the Workplace, George Washington University – interview correctional officers
5. Organizational Trust and Upward Influence, George Washington University – interview correctional officers
6. Offender Workforce Development, National Institute of Correction – administer job skills instruments to inmates (two separate proposals)
7. Smoking Research with Incarcerated Females: Study 2, Virginia Commonwealth University – continuation of research project with female inmates
8. Education and Sexual Aggression, Longwood University – Review of records
9. The Destructive Impulse: A Biographical Case Study, Pacifica Graduate Institute – interview one inmate over a series of sessions
10. National Assessment of Adult Literacy, Westat – Interview inmates
11. Behavioral Enhancements to Aid Women in their Addiction Recovery (BE AWARE), Virginia Commonwealth University – Administer questionnaires at different points in time to female offenders under community supervision, provide vouchers and gift certificates
12. Mothers' Reentry into Family Life Following Incarceration, Virginia Tech – interview female inmates released to community supervision
13. The impact of rater goals on job analysis ratings, Penn State – survey probation officer's in Northern Virginia
14. Ethnicity, social support & organizational commitment, George Washington University – interview correctional officer's at several institutions
15. Program Assessment: Pen Pals Dog-Training Program at Botetourt Correctional Unit, Virginia Tech – interview inmates at two separate points in time and review DOC files
16. An Evaluation of "A Framework for Breaking Barriers," A Correctional Intervention, Virginia Commonwealth University – interview inmates and review DOC files; conduct focus group with subset of study sample
17. An exploration of the relationship between personality, forgiveness of self and substance use risk, Regent University – implement program and interview inmates
18. The multi-site evaluation of the serious and violent offender reentry initiative (SVORI), Urban Institute – interview inmates transitioning into community in Northern Virginia
19. Ex-Offenders Looking Back: What Helped with Getting a Job?, Virginia Commonwealth University – conduct focus groups with offenders under community supervision at a Day Reporting Center