

**Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services
Human Research Review Committee
2011 Annual Report**

The *Code of Virginia* §51.5-14.01 directs the Department of Rehabilitative Services' (DRS) Human Research Review Committee (HRRC) to submit to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the DRS Commissioner, at least annually, a report on the human research projects reviewed and approved by the HRRC, including any significant deviations from the research applications as approved by the Committee. The HRRC has internal oversight responsibilities for ensuring protection of the rights and welfare of DRS clients and employees who volunteer to participate in research conducted or authorized by DRS. The DRS Commissioner established the HRRC in August, 2000 to review and approve research to be conducted or authorized by DRS, the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center (WWRC), Centers for Independent Living and Employment Services Organizations that have a vendor relationship with DRS.

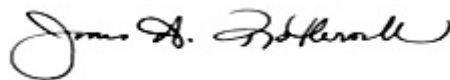
The HRRC also complies with federal requirements for the *Protection of Human Subjects* (45 CFR 46). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services approved the HRRC Federal wide Assurance (FWA#00008936) beginning August 15, 2005. The FWA is currently effective through June 30, 2014.

The HRRC conducts three types of reviews: Exempt Review (regulatory oversight not required), Expedited Review (application reviewed and approved by one or more HRRC members) and Full Committee Review (a quorum of members in attendance). One new application was placed on hold for funding approval during 2011, one was approved by Exempt Review, and one requires Full Committee Review that is to be conducted August 1, 2011. The HRRC also conducted six continuing/amended reviews to previously approved studies, and received five study closures.

To the best of the Committee's knowledge, all research involving human volunteers conducted or authorized by DRS or the WWRC during SFY 2011 was reviewed by the HRRC. The HRRC has no evidence suggesting that there were any significant deviations from study procedures as approved by the HRRC for the studies that were reviewed and approved by the DRS HRRC during SFY 2011.

Composition of the HRRC is governed by 22 VAC 30-40-60 and 45 CFR 46.107. As of June 30, 2011, the HRRC had seven members and two alternates.

This document is the HRRC's tenth Annual Report. I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the HRRC for their commitment to supporting this important endeavor.



James A. Rothrock
Commissioner

During State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2011, the Virginia Department of Rehabilitation, Human Research Review Committee reviewed 14 applications.

SFY 2011 Research Application Requests	
Studies that Received Initial Approval	3
Studies that were Amended / Continued	6
Studies that were Closed	5
TOTAL	14

Studies Receiving Initial Approval

Study Title	Principal Investigator	Type of Review	Control Number	Expiration Date
Return to Work for Veterans Following Severe Injuries	Dr. Michael West	Expedited / On-Hold for Funding Approval	SFY11-001	N/A
Rural Service Delivery Patterns : An analysis of State VR Databases	Dr. Carol Ipsen	Exempt	SFY11-002	January 17, 2012
Development and Feasibility of an Internet Intervention for Adults with Spinal Cord Injury to Prevent Pressure Ulcers	Kate Baxter	Full Committee	SFY11-003	Committee Review August 1, 2011

Studies Continued/Amended

Study Title	Principal Investigator	Type of Review	Control Number	Expiration Date
Longitudinal Administrative Rehabilitation on Occupational Data Repository (LARDOR)	David Dean, Ph.D.	Continuing/ Amended Expedited	SFY09-001	November 30, 2011
Assessing Longitudinal Employment Impacts of DRS Service Provision ¹	David Dean, Ph.D.	Continuing	SFY09-002	November 30, 2011
VR Service Models for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders	John D. Westbrook, Ph.D	Continuing Exempt	SFY10-001	September 17, 2011

¹ The DRS HRRC entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Richmond Institutional Review Board (IRB) to act as the IRB of record for SFY09-001 and SFY09-002 and the research protocols of Dr. David Dean.

A Randomized Control Trial of the Apple Ipod Touch as a Vocational Support Technology for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder.	Lynwood (Tony) O. Gentry, Ph.D. OTR/L	Continued Expedited	SFY10-003	March 7, 2012
Preparing Veterans with SCI for Post Secondary Education and Implementation of a Mobile Supported Education Model – Phase I and II	Elizabeth E. Getzel, BA, MA	Continued Expedited	SFY10-005	April 14, 2012
Identifying Effective Components of a Collaborative Career Planning Model for Individuals with ASD in Postsecondary Education Settings	Elizabeth E. Getzel, BA, MA	Expedited	SFY10-006	March 21 2012

Studies Closed During State Fiscal Year 2011

Study Title	Principal Investigator	Control Number	Closure Date
Typology of Disability Orientations: A Study of Clients and Professionals at the Hiram G. Andrews Center	Melissa Murray	SFY09-003	July 28, 2010
Pilot Study for Autism Spectrum Disorder Assistive Technology for Cognition (ASDATC), Validating the Efficacy of Handheld Computers as Assistive Technology for Job Supports for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders	Lynwood (Tony) Gentry	SFY09-006	June 24, 2010
Putting Our Heads Together for Brain Injury, A.K.A. Crisis Intervention for Survivors of Acquired Brain Injury: A Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative	Michelle Witt	SFY10-002	September 30, 2010
Crisis Intervention for Survivors of Acquired Brain Injury: A Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative	Michelle Witt	SFY10-004	March 16, 2011
Differentiation of Ethical Dilemmas between Rehabilitation Counselors in the Public and Private Sector	Jorge Garcia, Rh.D.	SFY10-007	March 15, 2011