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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Robert R. McDonnell  
Governor of Virginia

VIA: The Honorable Marla Graff Decker  
Secretary of Public Safety

FROM: Harold W. Clarke   
Director of Virginia Department of Corrections

SUBJECT: Code Section 53.1-5.1  
Report on Human Research Review Committee Activities FY 2013

Attached is the report on the VADOC Human Research Review Committee activities required by the Code of Virginia in Section 53.1-5.1. I have prepared copies of this report for the House and Senate as required. Please advise me if you need additional information regarding this report.



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## Virginia Department of Corrections Human Subject Research Review Committee Report

**FY 2013**

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 Subject Research Review 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 2013, the Human Subject Research Review Committee (HSRRC) reviewed **15** human subject research requests received by the Virginia Department of Corrections. The received research requests were processed as follows:

<b>Research Requests Fiscal Year 2013</b>	
<b>Status</b>	<b>Number</b>
Approved Research Requests	3
Denied Research Requests	5
Research Requests Under Revisions	2
Researchers Opting Out of the Review Process	3
Research Extensions Granted	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Approval Withdrawn	0

Of the **15** human subject research requests, the Committee and the Regional Operations Chiefs approved **3** proposals. Below is a list of the **3** new proposals approved by the HSRRC and the Virginia Department of Corrections and the **2** proposals that were granted one year extensions.

<b>Title (Approved Research Requests)</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Institutions of Higher Education Targeted Violence Study	Federal Bureau of Investigation - Behavioral Analysis Unit - 2 (FBI/BAU-2) National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime, and the U.S. Department of Education
Prevalence of Correlates of PTSD among Substance Abusing Offenders	Regent University, School of Psychology and Counseling
Understanding Alcohol Use Over Time in Early Mid-Adulthood for At-Risk Men	Oregon Social Learning Center (OSLC) National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
<b>Title (Research Extensions Granted)</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Community Engagement Grant (CEG) Study in Corrections	Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Psychology
Jail-Based Treatment to Reduce Substance Abuse, Recidivism, and Risky Behavior	George Mason University