

**Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services
Human Research Review Committee
2016 Annual Report**

The *Code of Virginia* §51.5-132 directs the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services' (DARS) Human Research Review Committee (HRRC) to submit to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the DARS 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 DARS clients and employees who volunteer to participate in research conducted or authorized by DARS. The DARS Commissioner established the HRRC in August, 2000 to review and approve research to be conducted or authorized by DARS, the Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center (WWRC), and Centers for Independent Living and Employment Services Organizations that have a vendor relationship with DARS.

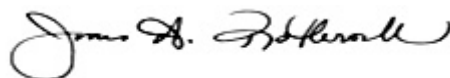
The HRRC also complies with federal requirements for the *Protection of Human Subjects* (45 CFR 46). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services approved the HRRC Federal wide Assurance (FWA#00008936) beginning August 15, 2005. The FWA is currently effective through June 23, 2020.

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 reviewed during the State Fiscal Year 2016, and was approved by Expedited Review. 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 DARS or the WWRC during SFY 2016 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 DARS HRRC during SFY 2016.

Composition of the HRRC is governed by 22 VAC 30-40-60 and 45 CFR 46.107. As of June 30, 2016, the HRRC had seven members and one alternate.

This document is the HRRC's fifteenth 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) 2016, the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Service, Human Research Review Committee reviewed 12 applications.

SFY 2016 Research Application Requests	
Studies that Received Initial Approval	1
Studies that were Amended / Continued	6
Studies that were Closed	5
Studies that were Cancelled or Withdrawn	0
TOTAL	12

Studies Receiving Initial Approval during SFY2016

Study Title	Principal Investigator	Type of Review	Control Number	Expiration Date
The Impacts of Wraparound Supports on the Rehabilitation of Individuals with Disabilities	Kristen Chesser	Exempt	SFY16-001	N/A

Studies Continued/Amended

Study Title	Principal Investigator	Type of Review	Control Number	Expiration Date
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors' Experiences with Clients who have Autism Spectrum Disorders	Dr. Kim Murza, University of Northern Colorado	Exempted	SFY15-001	N/A
Commonwealth of Virginia State Agency and Provider Survey of Neurobehavioral Services and Support	Dr. Cynthia O'Donoghue, James Madison University	Expedited / CR	SFY15-002	September 30, 2016
Effectiveness of Knowledge Translation Strategies to Promote Supported Employment Knowledge and Outcomes	Katherine J. Inge, PhD VCU	Expedited /CR	SFY14-002	September 30, 2016
Facilitating Employment for Youth with Autism: A Replication Study of an Internship Model to Identify Evidence Based Research Practices	Paul Wehman, Ph.D. / Carol M. Schall, Ph.D. VCU	Expedited /CR	SFY13-003	October 15, 2016

Longitudinal Administrative Rehabilitation on Occupational Data Repository (LARDOR) ¹	Robert Schmidt, Ph.D. UofR	Continuing/ Amended (U of R Review)	SFY09-001	September 10, 2016
Assessing Longitudinal Employment Impacts of DRS Service Provision ²	Robert Schmidt, Ph.D. UofR	Continuing/ Amended (U of R Review)	SFY09-002	September 10, 2016

Studies Closed During State Fiscal Year 2016

Study Title	Principal Investigator	Control Number	Closure Date
The Impacts of Wraparound Supports on the Rehabilitation of Individuals with Disabilities	Kristen Chesser	SFY16-001	June 16, 2016
Center on Effective Rehabilitation Technology Services Case Studies	Deepti Samant Raja, PhD Syracuse University	SFY14-001	August 1, 2015
Statewide Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) - Needs and Resource Assessment in Virginia	Dr. Mary A. Moore VCU	SFY13-002	August 13, 2015
Clinical Supervisors' Perception of Counselor Characteristics that Lead to Effective and Well-Balanced Practices	Dr. Margaret Glenn	SFY14-004	August 29, 2015
A Randomized Control Trial of the Apple Ipad Touch as a Vocational Support Technology for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder.	Lynwood (Tony) O. Gentry, Ph.D. OTR/L	SFY10-003	August 18, 2015

¹ The DARS HRRC has in place 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. Robert Schmidt.

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