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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Terry McAuliffe  
Governor of Virginia

VIA: The Honorable Brian Moran  
Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

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

SUBJECT: Code Section 53.1-5.1  
Report on Human Subject Research Review Committee Activities FY 2016

Attached is the report on the Virginia Department of Corrections Human Subject 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 2016

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 2016, the Human Subject Research Review Committee (HSRRC) reviewed 8 human subject research requests received by the Virginia Department of Corrections. The received research requests were processed as follows:

Research Requests Fiscal Year 2016	
Status	Number
Approved Research Requests	2
Denied Research Requests	1
Research Requests Under Revisions	1
Researchers Opting Out of the Review Process	0
Research Extensions Granted	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>
Approval Withdrawn	0

Of the 8 human subject research requests, the Committee and the Regional Operations Chiefs approved 2 proposals. Below is a list of the 2 new proposals approved by the HSRRC and the Virginia Department of Corrections and the 4 proposals that were granted one year extensions.

Title (Approved Research Requests)	Affiliation
Exploring Compassion Fatigue and Compassion Fatigue Onset in Corrections	University of the Rockies, School of Organizational Leadership and Development
Norfolk Mental Health Court Evaluation-Phase III	Old Dominion University, The Social Science Research Center (SSRC),
Title (Research Extensions Granted)	Affiliation
CEG Study in Corrections (aka Pen Pals Evaluation)	Virginia Commonwealth University, Department of Psychology
Jail-Based Treatment to Reduce Substance Abuse, Recidivism and Risky Behavior	George Mason University, Department of Psychology, Human Emotions Research Laboratory
National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 (NLSY79)	NORC at the University of Chicago, Department of Economics, Labor and Population Studies
National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97)	NORC at the University of Chicago, Department of Economics, Labor and Population Studies

  
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 Date