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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Ralph Northam
Governor of Virginia

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

FROM: 
Harold W. Clarke, Director
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SUBJECT: Code Section 53.1-5.1
Report on Human Subject Research Review Committee Activities FY 2018

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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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 2018, the Human Subject Research Review Committee (HSRRC) reviewed 3 human subject research requests received by the Virginia Department of Corrections. Additionally, 1 research request went under Executive Review. The received research requests were processed as follows:

Research Requests Fiscal Year 2018	
Status	Number
Approved Research Requests	3
Denied Research Requests	0
Research Requests Under Revisions	0
Researchers Opting Out of the Review Process	1
Research Extensions Granted	0
Total	4
Approval Withdrawn	0

Of the 3 human subject research requests, the Committee and the Regional Operations Chiefs approved 2 proposals and 1 proposal was approved through Executive Review. Below are the 3 new proposal approved by the HSRRC and the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Title (Approved Research Requests)	Affiliation
The Criminal Behavior Outcomes among Incarcerated Veterans in Relation to Combat Exposure and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	Norfolk State University, School of Social Work
Implementation of the ELNEC-Core Curriculum in the Correctional Setting	Vanderbilt University, School of Nursing
Enhancing Care of the Aged and Dying in Prisons (ECAD-P II) Large Scale Usability Testing	The Pennsylvania State University, College of Nursing


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