

**Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services  
Human Research Review Committee  
2015 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.

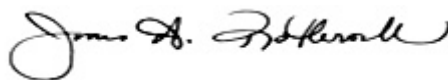
The HRRC also complies with federal requirements for the *Protection of Human Subjects* (45 CFR 46). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services approved the HRRC Federal wide Assurance (FWA#00008936) beginning August 15, 2005. The FWA is currently effective through June 23, 2020.

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). Three new applications were reviewed during the State Fiscal Year 2015. One was approved by Expedited Review, one approved by Exempt Review and one is pending. The HRRC also conducted five continuing/amended reviews to previously approved studies, and received no 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 2015 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 2015.

Composition of the HRRC is governed by 22 VAC 30-40-60 and 45 CFR 46.107. As of June 30, 2015, the HRRC had seven members and one alternate.

This document is the HRRC's fourteenth 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) 2015, the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Service, Human Research Review Committee reviewed 10 applications.

<b>SFY 2014 Research Application Requests</b>	
Studies that Received Initial Approval	2
Studies that were Amended / Continued	8
Studies that were Closed	0
Studies that were Cancelled or Withdrawn	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>

#### **Studies Receiving Initial Approval during SFY2015**

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	SFY15-002	September 30, 2015

#### **Studies Continued/Amended**

Study Title	Principal Investigator	Type of Review	Control Number	Expiration Date
Center on Effective Rehabilitation Technology Services Case Studies	Deepti Samant Raja, PhD Syracuse University	Expedited	SFY14-001	August 1, 2015
Effectiveness of Knowledge Translation Strategies to Promote Supported Employment Knowledge and Outcomes	Katherine J. Inge, PhD VCU	Expedited	SFY14-002	November 30, 2015
Clinical Supervisors' Perception of Counselor Characteristics that Lead to Effective and Well-Balanced Practices	Dr. Margaret Glenn WVU	Exempt	SFY14-003	N/A
Statewide Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) - Needs and Resource Assessment in Virginia	Dr. Mary A. Moore VCU	Exempt	SFY13-002	N/A

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	SFY13-003	Pending Continuing Review
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	Continuing/Amended Expedited	SFY10-003	August 18, 2015
Longitudinal Administrative Rehabilitation on Occupational Data Repository (LARDOR) <sup>1</sup>	Robert Schmidt, Ph.D. UofR	Continuing/Amended (U of R Review)	SFY09-001	September 10, 2015
Assessing Longitudinal Employment Impacts of DRS Service Provision <sup>2</sup>	Robert Schmidt, Ph.D. UofR	Continuing/Amended (U of R Review)	SFY09-002	September 10, 2015

#### **Studies Closed During State Fiscal Year 2015**

Study Title	Principal Investigator	Control Number	Closure Date
<b>None</b>			

<sup>1</sup> 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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