

Support of Evaluation of Young Marines Drug Education Program.txt
From: natdirector@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:02 AM
To: Hurtado, Suzanne CIV NHRC
Subject: "Evaluation of Young Marines Drug Education Program"

Dear Ms. Hurtado,

I am in receipt of the "Evaluation of the Young Marines Evaluation Program" package. I have reviewed the package and hereby provide authorization for you and your team to proceed with NHRC.2007.2009.

I acknowledge you as the Principal Investigator of the project and look forward to working with you and your researchers on the study.

If you need any assistance from my national headquarters staff, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Regards,

Mike Kessler
National Director

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Young Marine Evaluation Survey request for support.txt

From: Hurtado, Suzanne CIV NHRC
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2007 12:21 PM
To: 'natdirector@aol.com'
Cc: 'Martinez GS13 Cruz'; Simon-Arndt, Cynthia CTR NHRC
Subject: Young Marine Evaluation Survey

Attachments: IRB_Initial_Submission_YM.doc

Dear Mr. Kessler,

For Institutional Review Board (IRB) purposes, I need written confirmation that your organization is allowing Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) to conduct this evaluation with your Young Marine units and staff, and that you are familiar with specifics of our research before the study begins.

I am the Principal Investigator of this project titled "Evaluation of Young Marines Drug Education Program," (protocol # NHRC.2007.0029). The Naval Health Research Center IRB has recommended approval of this protocol pending resolution of a few issues, one of which is the provision of written acknowledgement of support from your organization. I have attached a copy of the protocol as submitted.

The purpose of the project is to assess the effectiveness of the Young Marines youth development program to reduce drug use behavior and drug-related attitudes, and increase knowledge among its youth members, as well as factors such as self-esteem and personal responsibility. This assessment will involve a survey of the youth members about their drug use, attitudes, and knowledge, and some of these youth subjects will also complete a follow-up survey about three months later. The youth survey asks participants about their demographic characteristics, drug behaviors and use patterns, drug attitudes, drug knowledge, self-esteem, behavioral intentions, personal responsibility, and satisfaction with the program. It takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. The Young Marine adult unit leaders will be asked to complete a one-time survey about the drug education activities that their unit provides to their youth members.

Based on our earlier meetings in March and May of this year, it is my understanding that your staff will assist me in accessing potential Young Marine and staff participants for this evaluation. This will be done by my staff making an in-person presentation at several Young Marine unit meetings and also via a website announcement and email notification inviting potential participants to view the study information on-line. The survey will be given to Young Marines (1) whose parents or guardians provide permission to do so and (2) who, themselves, agree to participate. The survey will be administered in-person at regularly scheduled unit meetings for some units, and on-line for others. The adult leader survey will be made available on-line only.

Please provide written confirmation that you are familiar with this project and that you have given the NHRC researchers in this protocol permission to invite Young Marines to participate in this survey, as well as your adult leaders to participate in a separate survey. Participation of the Young Marines and staff will be on a VOLUNTARY basis with parent or guardian consent and with the Young Marines' assent, and there will be no negative consequences if Young Marines or staff choose not to participate.

Thanks very much for your help.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Hurtado

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