NCIPC Determination of Applicability of Human Subjects Regulations, Request to Classify Project as Not Involving Human Subjects or Research

Project Title The National Violent Death Reporting System
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Proposed Project Dates: Start: 1 / 9 / 2010 Ending: 1 / 8 / 2013
Categories of data collection that do not constitute human subjects research OR do involve human subjects but CDC not engaged are listed below. Please check appropriate category:
 X I. Activity is not research. Primary intent is public health practice: disease/injury control, surveillance, improvement of programs or services. Objectives focused on a specific population. A. Epidemic/endemic disease/injury control activity; collected data directly relate to immediate disease control needs. X B. Routine disease/injury surveillance activity; data used for disease control program or policy purposes for a specific health condition/disease in a specific population and setting. (Includes disease reporting) C. Program evaluation activity; data are used primarily for assessing, monitoring or improving a program in a specific population/setting.
Justification: Please attach project goals/aims, objectives, design, setting and participants, methods, and data sources. -OR-
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III. Activity is research involving human subjects but CDC – including employees, visiting scientists, fellows, and on-site contractors (but not off-site contractors or other collaborators) - will NOT obtain data by intervening or interacting with participants and will NOT have access to identifiable (including coded) private data or biological specimens.

Justification: Please provide a summary of CDC's role and explain that CDC will not be "engaged" in either obtaining data by intervening or interacting with participants or have access to identifiable data. Staff can have access to data that have been stripped of the codes that link information to individuals and still be considered to not be "engaged" in human subjects research. Also, please attach a summary of project goals/aims, objectives, design, setting and participants, methods, other data sources and plans for local IRB review.

Once local IRB approval has been obtained please forward a copy (electronic preferred) to the Human Subjects Contact (Natalie Gilles) for records keeping purposes.

Attach project description in enough detail to clarify "non-human subjects", "non-research" or "not-engaged" nature of the product.

Comments/Rationale:

Although CDC Human Subjects (IRB) review is not required in this instance, investigators/project officers are expected to adhere to ethical principles and standards by respecting and protecting to the maximum extent possible the privacy, confidentiality and autonomy of participants. All applicable State and Federal privacy laws must be followed.

Additional Comments:

Required Signatures:

Vattoral Center Human Subjects Contact