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Memo

Date: February 2, 2011

To: Lynn Elinson, Project Director

From: Kerry Levin; Chair, Westat IRB *Kerry Levin*

Subject: Initial Approval of Evaluation of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), Project 8810.04 FWA 5551

As Chair of the Westat Institutional Review Board (IRB), I reviewed the materials submitted for the following: **Evaluation of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), Project 8810.04**. The Westat IRB reviews all studies involving research on human subjects. This study is sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The purpose of this task order is to assess and compare the operation and impacts of four SFSP enhancements demonstrations through summer 2012.

The evaluation of these SFSP demonstration projects is intended to provide policymakers with clear, rigorous, and timely findings to make decisions about potential changes to Federal summer feeding programs no later than the next Child Nutrition reauthorization cycle.

Per 45 CFR 46.101(b) (5) and confirmed by the letter received from Chan Chanhatasilpa, Ph.D. a Social Science Analyst with the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, this project is a program evaluation and exempt from IRB review.

As the Project Director you are responsible for the following:

- You are responsible for notifying the IRB Office as soon as possible if there are any injuries to the subjects, problems with the study, or changes to the study design that relate to human subjects.

cc: Institutional Review Board
Adriana Brigatti