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RE: Assessment of the Contribution of an Interview to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Eligibility and Benefit Determinations (12-NIRB-116)

Dear Dr. Cody:

The IRB has reviewed your revised documents in response to the conditional approval of the submission regarding the Evaluation Assessment of the Contribution of an Interview to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Eligibility and Benefit Determinations (12-NIRB-116). On May 24, 2012, the IRB gave final approval to this study. It has also approved the waiver of informed consent with regard to the focus group recruitment.

Please note that although the states will be responsible for obtaining individual informed consent for the QC-like interviews, the IRB should be informed of the consent process that is implemented in each state.

Please be advised that if there are any changes to the protocol and its procedures, such proposed changes must be submitted promptly, and before being implemented, to the Institutional Review Board so that it can determine if the status of the protocol remains the same or is in need of further determination. This provision includes any plans to analyze the data for purposes beyond those described in the IRB submission.

Also, continuing review of this project will be required; this continuing review is due no later than May 1, 2013. A reminder of this continuing review will be sent within 6 weeks of the review deadline.

Finally, if any translations are made of the approved documents, these must also be reviewed by the IRB before they are used in the field.

In the case that your study is not currently collecting gender and race/ethnicity demographic data on study participants, the Office for Human Research Protections (which oversees P/PV's IRB) requires that this information be provided on study participants. The provision of this information on the project's submission for continuing review enables the IRB and OHRP to ensure that women and minorities are included in human subject's research.

Congratulations on moving ahead with the project. We wish you much success in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Margo Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Margo" and last name "Campbell" clearly distinguishable.

Margo Campbell
Chair, Institutional Review Board

cc: Eric Zeidman and Gretchen Rowe, Mathematica Policy Research; File