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RE: Determination: No IRB Review Required
eIRB#: 99301

Title: *The Data to Care (D2C) Public Health Strategy: Successes, Challenges, and Lessons Learned in Identifying, Linking, and Reengaging Persons Diagnosed with HIV to Medical Care*
PI: Paula Frew, Ph.D., MPH

Dear Dr. Frew:

Thank you for requesting a determination from our office about the above-referenced project. Based on our review of the materials you provided, we have determined that it does not require IRB review because it does not meet the definition of "research" with human subjects as set forth in Emory policies and procedures and federal rules, if applicable. Specifically, in this public health practice project, you will conduct IDIs with health department staff, D2C program personnel, and PLWH in order to describe the challenges, successes, and lessons learned for D2C implementation. You will also identify structural, community, and individual-level factors that prevent people from linking to and remaining in HIV medical care, and to understand the experience of receiving D2C services. The study findings will provide CDC an increased understanding of the factors that contribute to effective D2C programs and will also help U.S. state health departments create or strengthen their D2C program.

Please note that this determination does not mean that you cannot publish the results. This determination could be affected by substantive changes in the study design, subject populations, or identifiability of data. If the project changes in any substantive way, please contact our office for clarification.

Thank you for consulting the IRB.

Sincerely,

Will Smith, MPH
Research Protocol Analyst
Emory University Institutional Review Board