

Project Title: Improving Understanding of Traumatic Brain Injury through Policy and Program Evaluation

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Proposed Changes: Justification and Overview

11/19/15

Justification

For project number 201503-0920-018, Improving Understanding of Traumatic Brain Injury through Policy and Program Evaluation, we would like to request minor changes to recruitment procedures. The letter titled, Advance Notice Letter from USYSA (Appendix I), will not be included in the study notification packet distributed to recruitment pool.

This Non-Substantive change requests does not include changes to the currently approved burden, and/or costs.

The sole change listed below is the only action requested.

Project Description

- The proposed study will examine boys and girls ages 14–18 who play soccer in competitive leagues organized by the US Youth Soccer Association (USYSA). The study will review State legislation and the variation in legal requirements across State laws as well as USYSA association policies as they apply to their associations in different States to form two groups for comparison, described below.
- For study recruitment, we will send a short personalized e-mail to the club president and to the coach and parent liaison of each selected team letting them know that their team has been selected and that they can expect to receive information about the study (see draft example in Attachment P). We will then send a packet that will include the endorsement letter from USYSA, a description of the study, and informational flyers that the parent liaison may distribute to the team parents (Attachments I and J).

The proposed change is submitted due to request from USYSoccer leadership. In the wake of a recent lawsuit, they are under advisement of counsel to not be involved with product or research endorsement.

Proposed Changes

The proposed changes relate to a minor change in the packet of study recruitment materials. Supporting statement B is attached with the amendment to indicate removal of the endorsement letter from USYSoccer. The paragraph below from page 4 in the Recruitment section shows the change in the document:

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Change to Burden and/or Cost: This Non-Substantive change requests does not include changes to the currently approved burden and/or costs.