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**Attachment C**

**Wellness Focus Group Authorization and Release**

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**Authorization and Release**

The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to use the information, feedback, and opinions I provided through a focus group on the development and editing of Wellness materials aimed toward the general public and people in recovery from mental and/or substance use disorders.

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SAMHSA’s Wellness Initiative raises awareness of health disparities between people with serious mental and/or substance use disorders and the general population. Research indicates that there are alarming health disparities between people with serious mental and/or substance use disorders and the general population. Individuals with behavioral health conditions are likely to die decades earlier, mostly owing to preventable, chronic medical conditions. Many people who have experienced these disorders can achieve a full and satisfying life in the community, especially when they can access effective services and support systems. The Wellness Initiative encourages people to improve their mental and physical health through positive lifestyle changes. Wellness can improve quality of life and increase years of life, especially for people with behavioral health conditions.

Visit [www.samhsa.gov/wellness-initiative](http://www.samhsa.gov/wellness-initiative) for more information.