

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 03/14/2019

**To:** Gila Shusterman, Ph.D., Project Director

**From:** Nicole Fettig, Member of the WRMA Institutional Review Board (IRB00006774)

**RE:** Office of Adolescent Health Performance Measures (Contract # HHSP233201500421)

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Dear Dr. Shusterman,

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) has received and reviewed your evaluation study design, procedures, and instrumentation. Based on my review of the design, I have found that the study "Office of Adolescent Health Performance Measures" is exempt from review by WRMA's IRB committee.

The study being conducted by WRMA and Mathematica for the Office of Adolescent Health meets the criteria for exception from federal regulations protecting human subjects as defined by 45 CFR 46.104 because the research activities that will be conducted consist of those described in the following exemption category:

(5) Research and demonstration projects that are conducted or supported by a Federal department or agency, or otherwise subject to the approval of department or agency heads (or the approval of the heads of bureaus or other subordinate agencies that have been delegated authority to conduct the research and demonstration projects), and that are designed to study, evaluate, improve, or otherwise examine public benefit or service programs, including procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs, possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures, or possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs. Such projects include, but are not limited to, internal studies by Federal employees, and studies under contracts or consulting arrangements, cooperative agreements, or grants. Exempt projects also include waivers of otherwise mandatory requirements using authorities such as sections 1115 and 1115A of the Social Security Act, as amended.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Fettig".

Nicole Fettig

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