Hi Marla,

Thank you for your comments on the Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Program Information Collection. We are collating and analyzing all input to determine changes for the data collection forms.

I will let you know if I have any follow-up questions.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Public Comments for Falls Prevention Data Collection Tools

Dear Ms. Bethge,

I currently work with Falls Prevention for Seniors. We received notification about the request for public comments related to the data collection for falls prevention program. Please find my comments for the proposed instruments below.

Program Info Cover Sheet:

Question 8 – most participants do not know what the funding source is and are frequently confused over this. If the forms are filled out online, quality info is not given. If it’s completed in class, it requires the program leaders to repeatedly give the same information.

Participant Information Form – pre-program:

Question 8 – I would suggest a “don’t remember” or “not sure” option for the different conditions. Sometimes our participants think it’s possible, but don’t remember for sure. We hear discussions frequently where they say they don’t remember if their doctor told them, but they’re sure they have that condition.

Question 15 – add a descriptor for ‘vigorously’ and ‘moderately’ so everyone uses the same definition. I would also suggest not putting the time/# of days in the activity. Let them indicate how often they do. Example:

Seldom active, preferring sedentary activities

 Moderately (You can carry on a conversation, but not sing)

            \_\_\_average time    \_\_\_average # of days

Vigorously (need to breathe between every word or two)

            \_\_\_average time    \_\_\_average # of days

Participant Information Form – post-program:

Question 7, same as question 15 above

Thank you for your consideration.

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