

University of Louisiana at Monroe  
Institutional Review Board  
January 13, 2011  
MINUTES

Presiding: Dr. Judy Fellows (Chair)

Recorder: Dr. Connie Smith

Members present: Mrs. Sandra Blate (community); Dr. Lynn Clark; Dr. Ann Findley; Ms. Jessica Lasiter; Dr. Claire Stammerjohan, Dr. Eric Pani (ex-officio).

Excused: Dr. Alecia Hibbets

Absent: Dr. Joydeep Bhattacharjee

Called to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. Proposals Requesting Renewal

- A. Proposal from Dr. Lynn V. Clark – 11 month renewal
  1. “Cross Cultural Experiences of International Teachers in High-Need Schools”
  2. Comments:
  3. Decision: Approved
  
- B. Proposal from Dr. Lynn V. Clark – 11 month renewal
  1. “Impact of Professional Development School Program on Student Literacy”
  2. Comments:
  3. Decision: Approved
  
- C. Proposal from Dr. Jana Sutton and Dr. Arturo Rodriguez
  1. “University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) Helping Educators and Learners Prevent Suicide (HELPS)”
  2. Comments:
  3. Decision: Approved

II. New Proposals

- A. Proposal from Dr. Johanna Boulton
  1. “Factors Contributing to Job Satisfaction of Speech-Language Pathologists Within Ouachita Parish School Settings”
  2. Comments:
  3. Decision: Approved
  
- B. Proposal from Dr. Johanna Boulton
  1. “How are Speech and Hearing Clinics Across the United States Treating Clients with Dysphagia?”
  2. Comments:
  3. Decision: Approved

- C. Proposal from Dr. Linda Bryan
  - 1. "The Relationship Between Diet and the Behaviors of Individuals with Autism"
  - 2. Comments: Change age to 18+ to exclude children; need more detailed Information under section "Statement of Possible Risks and Benefits".
  - 3. Decision: Approve contingent upon suggested changes. Dr. Smith will contact.
  
- D. Proposal from Dr. Linda Bryan
  - 1. "Augmentative and Alternative Communication: An Evolution"
  - 2. Comments: Seems to be a conflict of interest (instructor/student relationship) which outweighs the benefits. Not clear where the benefit is to the body of knowledge using only 1 subject. Would like researcher to identify why this participant was selected and would like a more detailed/rigorous informed consent stating, "Participant/parents expect no preferential treatment", "Participant can withdraw at any time with no further obligations", etc.
  - 3. Decision: Table until the researcher provides further information. Dr. Smith will contact. Information will be distributed to the IRB electronically and a decision will be made.
  
- E. Dr. Joseph McGahan
  - 1. 4<sup>th</sup> JDC Caseflow Management Project
  - 2. Comments: Need to describe participants (age, gender, ethnic minority) and check off "Special Consideration" categories on page 1. Need a formal letter of support on letterhead.
  - 3. Decision: Approved contingent upon suggested changes. LaWanna will contact.
  
- F. Proposal from Mr. Brian Coyne
  - 1. "Plasma Nitrite-Reserve and Vascular Function Before and After Handgrip Training in Persons With Heart Failure"
  - 2. Comments: LSU IRB has already approved
  - 3. Decision: Approved
  
- III. Old Business
  - A. IRB Policies and Procedures Changes
    - a. Dr. Smith will assign sections of the IRB Handbook to committee members for review and editing. These reviews will be discussed at the next IRB meeting, February 9<sup>th</sup>.
  
- IV. Other Business
  - A. Spring semester meetings
    - 1. 11:00 on February 9, March 9, April 13, and May 11
  
  - B. Other
  
- V. Adjourned at 11:30am.