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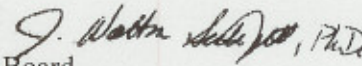
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TO: Richard Rawson, PhD
Principal Investigator

FROM: J. Walton Senterfitt, RN, PhD, MPH
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Proposal title: Los Angeles County Evaluation System: An Outcomes Reporting Program (LACES)

Action taken: Expedited Approval - Annual Continuing Review with Modifications
Action date: January 16, 2009
Committee: Chairman, Public Health Institutional Review Board
J. Walton Senterfitt, RN, PhD, MPH

As Chairman of the Public Health Institutional Review Board, I have reviewed your annual continuing review progress report form (dated 12/19/08), and your accompanying documents to add an additional activity that was not part of the original protocol, i.e. telephone interviews with alcohol and other drug treatment providers who participated in a process improvement project as part of this study. The semi-structured interviews will inquire about the providers' experiences working on process improvement change projects. Neither program nor individual participant names will be linked with their answers to the interview questions. Participation in the interviews is completely voluntary and if providers refuse to participate, it will not affect their employment. As these data are being collected solely for the purpose of improving delivery of services and as there is no risk to the individual participants, I am granting expedited approval for the modification to your project as well as continued review for the entire project.

Approval of this study is given from January 16, 2009 through January 15, 2010. Annual continuing reviews are to be submitted at least 6 weeks before expiration date. If the IRB has not reviewed and approved a research study by the study's current expiration date, research activities shall cease.

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Any proposed changes in the research study must be submitted and reviewed by the IRB before the change can be implemented.

If any proposed revisions are submitted, please comply with the following:

1. The revised documents must have a revision date identified on every page.
2. Two copies of the proposed revised study documents must be submitted, deleted text must be identified with a strike through, added new text should be underlined.
3. The third copy should have all text identifiers removed for IRB approval stamp.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact either myself or Olga Coronado at (213) 250-8675.