

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services  
**Institutional Review Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**May 26, 2015**

**Chicago**

Debra Dyer  
Kay Clark  
Mark Holzberg  
Paula Jaudes  
Brooke Taylor

**ON PHONE**

Janet Ahern

**CALL TO ORDER**

Debra Dyer called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Mark Holzberg made a motion to approve the minutes.

Kay Clark seconded the motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

**FOLLOW UP**

**John Curtis McMillen.** *Feasibility PILOT of Handling Intense Emotions in a Residential Facility for Youth.*

Mark Holzberg will look at the curriculum online and offer feedback. *Update:* Mark reviewed the curriculum and recommended this research proposal.

**MOTION:** Janet Ahern motioned to approve the proposal, pending Mark reviewing the curriculum and recommending it.

Kay Clark seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

**Heather Woltman.** *Youth Exiting Foster Care: The Role of Risk and Protective Factors in Predicting their Readiness for the Transition to Adulthood.*

Researcher doesn't identify CANS areas – lists out the domains and will analyze all those items. Starting at Integrated Assessment to when the next CANS is done (close to a year later) – looking to see if there are changes in their adaptive behavior and well-being scores.

Less strengths – complex trauma takes an extra toll.

Documents from Integrated Assessment – only doing a year analysis – how well is this kid progressing?  
Are there changes in scores that indicate progress?

Looking at kids in transitional age (14-21) that's when DCFS starts transitioning them.

High risk equals early prevention. Trying to identify the most at risk and least ready (taking a public health approach).

What does their profile look like? (Kids with more issues need more services).

Not anything to do with transition – but really “are these kids doing well”?

This may inform our policy. They may already be getting a lot more services – how does she account for that?

First person narratives.

Data drawn from IRB approval from John Lyons IRB that he received. Researcher has sent the name of the research that was approved. Brooke will look into the files and send that approved research to the board.

**MOTION:** Mark Holzberg motioned to approve the proposal.

Paula Jaudes seconded the proposed motion. Janet Ahern opposed the motion, due to the fact that she would like to see the initial research proposal that was identified in the researcher's proposal. Researcher will be contacted to identify the research that is referred to throughout so that the board could review.

## **NEW PROPOSALS**

**Mohan Gundeti.** *Outcomes of Robotic Assisted Laparoscopic and Open Reimplantation.*

Look at past data – those are kids that are in our care today – if not in care anymore must go through guardian.

February 2008 and forward. Old data and present data.

Approve experimental surgery: no – open or yes – robotic surgery.

Child may or may not be a DCFS ward.

Robotic surgery – physicians have big hands and robotics are easier for them to manipulate in little kids. Not as invasive – recovery time is less – less medications, etc.

Doctor has done a lot already.

Not research of the surgery. Recommendations/comparison between open and robotic surgery – follow the patients for 10 years. Look at charts and database since 2008. May need another consent if the child goes home.

Researcher will need to verify that the child is still in our care.

**MOTION:** Kay Clark motioned to approve the proposal.

Paula Jaudes seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

**Linda Schwartz.** *Trauma Treatment Program: Increasing Trauma Services for Youth through Community Based Interventions and Training – AMENDMENT.*

No comments.

**MOTION:** Mark Holzberg motioned to approve the proposal.

Paula Jaudes seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

**Hana Yoo.** *An Exploratory Study regarding the Couple Relationship and Parenting Practices among Families referred to Intact Services.*

No proposal here – looking at Intact.

If they talk about abuse in the semi-structured interview – do they need to tell DCFS/hotline? Researchers are not considered mandated reporters under ANCRA; however the researcher has written in their proposal that if there is a report of current abuse that involves the child – they will report it to DCFS Hotline.

## **OTHER**

**Lucy Bilaver & Judith Havlicek Paper.** Board liked the paper. Researcher was notified that there were no comments or objections.

**Amber Stone Manuscript.** Waiting for Director to provide comments. Debra will follow up with the Director when she meets with him.

Next meeting scheduled for June 23, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 PM.