**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Department of Developmental Services**

**Research Review Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: June 14, 2024

By Teams: Erin Brown (Chairperson), Patricia Shook, Joseph Weru, Joshua Greenberg, Joseph Meyer, Rosalie Edes, and Freddy Torbey (observer/minutes)

Additional Attendees: Sofia Langman

**Agenda Items**

1. Administrative matters
2. “A Replication of a Brief Multiple Stimulus Without Replacement Preference Assessment for Adults with Developmental Disabilities,” Amy Bennett, M.Ed

## HOUSEKEEPING

* Chair established quorum

### Review and Vote on May 3, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Outcome

* Chair moved for a vote and Committee members agreed to adopt the May 3, 2024, meeting minutes (Rosalie Edes abstained due to absence)

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Discussion

* RRC discussed unclear presentation of proposal, which would be confusing to non-technicians and individuals unaware of researcher’s intent and academic trajectory
* RRC discussed extremely small “n” and applicability of proposed research to a larger group of individuals
* RRC discussed if proposal reaches RRC threshold, as well as practical application processes for the proposed study considering researcher background and small “n”
* RRC discussed the plethora of data points collected by the proposed research which might counteract small “n” and result in substantive research results

Issues

* Need for more clarification particularly for: terminology regarding determining findings and methodology; hypothesis of the proposed research; as well as explaining the dependent and independent variables in the proposed study

Outcome

* Chair moved, and RRC members agreed, to approve proposed study conditional on receipt of list of clarifications regarding independent and dependent variables, hypothesis, as well as correction of typographical and terminological errors

### CONDITIONALLY APPROVED RESEARCH

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### CLOSING MATTERS

The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2024.