**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Department of Developmental Services**

**Research Review Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: April 4, 2025

By Teams: Erin Brown (Chairperson), Joshua Greenberg, Deborah Dreyfus, Joseph Weru, Janet George, and Freddy Torbey (observer/minutes)

**Agenda Items**

1. Administrative matters
2. “Technology Innovation in Adult Service Programs for Individuals with IDD: A Feasibility Study,” Sarah Weddle, CO-PI; PJ Simeone, CO-PI
3. “Assessing the Social Validity of Physical Restraint,” Halle Apelgren, M.S., BCBA, LABA, Judge Rotenberg Center

## HOUSEKEEPING

* Chair established quorum
* Chair summarized requirements for approval of research proposals pursuant to 115 CMR 10.08
* Chair presented proposals for discussion

### Review and Vote on March 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Outcome

* Chair moved for a vote and Committee members agreed to adopt March 7, 2025, meeting minutes (Deborah Dreyfus abstained due to absence)

**“Assessing the Social Validity of Physical Restraint,”** Halle Apelgren, M.S., BCBA, LABA, Judge Rotenberg Center

Discussion

* RRC discussed that proposal does not meet regulatory criteria for research

Outcome

* Chair moved for a vote and Committee members agreed that proposal does not meet regulatory criteria for research

**“Technology Innovation in Adult Service Programs for Individuals with IDD: A Feasibility Study,”** Sarah Weddle, CO-PI; PJ Simeone, CO-PI

Discussion

* RRC discussed wide scope of data proposes to collect
* RRC discussed that proposal presents that PHI may be used in some conditions without needing affirmative consent
* RRC discussed that researchers previously received DDS grant for this research subject and that this proposal may be to be compliant with grant criteria
* RRC discussed usefulness of having researchers appear before RRC to clarify the technology proposed, as well as the collection, maintenance, and storage of private individual data
* RRC discussed that current submission does not entirely clarify RRC concerns and questions that arose from previously discussed proposal presented by same researchers
* RRC discussed that direct communication with researchers might assist in clarifying previously posited questions and procure satisfactory answers

Outcome

* Chair moved, and RRC members voted to defer discussion pending receipt of additional information

### DETERMINED TO BE NOT RESEARCH

**“Assessing the Social Validity of Physical Restraint,”** Halle Apelgren, M.S., BCBA, LABA, Judge Rotenberg Center

### DEFER DISCUSSION

**“Technology Innovation in Adult Service Programs for Individuals with IDD: A Feasibility Study,”** Sarah Weddle, CO-PI; PJ Simeone, CO-PI

### CLOSING MATTERS

Next scheduled RRC meeting is for