

**Illinois DCFS
Institutional Review Board**

Agenda – December 17, 2024

Conducted in Person:
60 East Van Buren, 13th Floor
Small Conference Room
Chicago, Illinois 60602
Or
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Meeting Time
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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I. Call to Order

II. Acceptance of Minutes

- November 26, 2024

III. Follow-up / Updates

- **Schneider, Will (2024-09) EmPwR:**

The study hypothesizes that a cash gift program will reduce economic and racial disproportionality in the child welfare system and lead to positive physical and mental health outcomes for children and caregivers

UPDATE: The board's remaining concern is that a researcher may become aware that a child is at risk of harm but fail to report it to the DCFS Hotline in a timely manner. Approval granted at September meeting contingent upon researcher's agreement to report abuse and neglect.

The researcher has confirmed that:

- 1) Each member of the research team has completed mandated reported training.
- 2) Language was added to the interview instruments to ensure the both the participant and researcher understand that if the researcher becomes aware that someone is or has been harming a child, the researcher may need to file a report.

- **Pickett, Sue (2023-08) MEIL: Amendment 3 (July 2024) "Metro East Intact Family Recovery Program"**

Translation of study materials into Spanish by native speakers to enable conducting interviews in Spanish.

UPDATE: Released by OCFP. Approval sent to researcher to proceed under original MOU approval.

- **Jacobson, Kristen 2022-08: "Canine Assisted Therapy – Amend 1"**

This amendment adds Lydia Home to the evaluation study of the Canine Therapy Corps dog-training therapy program that was approved in 2022. Youth are younger (8-18). Length of study has been updated and one cognitive assessment has been removed.

UPDATE: Discussed at November Meeting; Vote Pending.

- **Kim, Hyunil 2024-11:** *“Infrastructure Development to Utilize Child Protection Records for Research”*
This proposal aims to develop infrastructure to 1) integrate Child Protective Services (CPS) data with community data from 1991 to 2024, and 2) support community-level longitudinal research on Child Maltreatment Reports (CMR) and Foster Care entry rates.

UPDATE: Discussed at November Meeting; Vote Pending.

IV. New Proposals / Amendments

- **Foltz, Robert 2024-12:** *“Residential Intervention & Outcome Trajectory for Youth in Care” Amendment 1*
Research study previously reviewed and approved by DCFS IRB in 2021 but was never conducted. The researcher would like to go ahead with the original study as planned with the exception of an updated timeframe, the elimination of the BRIEF2 assessment, and a new group of research assistants.

The study will utilize a mixed methods approach (quantitative/qualitative) to enhance our understanding of providing the most effective care for troubled youth placed in residential care.

- **Keenan, Kate 2024-12:** *“Nutrition and Pregnancy Study - Pre-natal stress & Asthma”*
This is a sub-study for participants enrolled in the Nutrition and Pregnancy Study (NAPS) to investigate the relationships among pre-natal stress exposure, fatty acid levels, asthma, and allergies in Black children.
- **Risser, Heather 2024-12:** *“FN+ Open Trial - Building Capacity for Youth Mental Wellness: Mental Health Family Navigator Model for Foster Parents”*
This is an open pilot of the initial iteration of the Family Navigator (FN+) parent program aimed at teaching foster parents how to communicate with MH professionals, how to locate evidence-based services for their child, and how to use technology to locate supports. The study will test 1) Acceptability, 2) Utility, and 3) Feasibility, and refine content based on participant feedback.

V. Manuscript Reviews

- **Kim, Hyunil 2024-12:** *“Community Level link between Poverty & Maltreatment Is Neglect the Most Pronounced”*
- **LaSota, Robin 2024-12:** *“Cultural Dislocation and Alienation in Transracial Foster Homes”*

VI. On Hold

- Nothing to report at this time

VII. Other

- **Moore, Linda 2024-12:** Student Inquiry - Use of DCFS Power Point (WEST)
- **Rule & Procedure Workgroup:** Draft Rule 428 Review – Establishment of *Rules of Procedure* and/or *Bylaws* (Update due in January)
- **Open Meetings Act Training (OMA)** - <https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/open-and-honest-government/pac/pac-training/>
- **Next Meeting:** January 28, 2025

VIII. Adjourn