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Office of the Institutional Review Board (IRB)

IRB Chair: Dr. Michelle Pointer

Dear Researcher:

We are pleased by your plan to conduct research at Coppin State University. The Institutional Review Board (IRB) and entire Coppin family are committed to the development and perpetuation of research that is grounded in conventional and accepted standards and practices. As such, we believe it is important to provide a “user friendly” method by which you can seek approval to conduct research using human subjects at Coppin State.

This letter and attachments will provide you with the information required by Coppin and the Federal Government (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, DHHS/Office of Human Research Protections/OHRP) to insure that your research does not present a risk to human subjects. To insure that we comply with federal regulations, please provide all requested information.

The attached “Application to Use Human Subjects in Research” and appropriate forms, should be completed and returned to the IRB office. You will receive a response within 30 days from the date of receipt of the application packet. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IRB Chair Ft00 lej gmg'Rqlpwgt at orqlpwgt@coppin.edu

Sincerely,

Dr. Michelle Pointer

APPLICATION FORMAT AND DOCUMENTS

The following information must be attached to the Cover Sheet (see above). Use the headings specified below and in the order presented below, with each item identified and addressed separately, otherwise the application will be returned without review. Center the research topic, PI name, phone and email address at the top of the page.

1. **Brief Description** A brief description (one paragraph) of the significance of this project in lay terms.
2. **Methods and Procedures** Describe the methods and procedures to be used during the research project. Outline the sequence of events involving human subjects.
3. **Benefits** Describe the benefits (if any) to the subjects involved in the research. (See page 27 of Human Subjects Handbook)
4. **Risks** Describe the risks (if any) to the subjects involved in the research. (See page 27 of Human Subjects Handbook)
5. **Study Participants** Describe the study participants, including number, characteristics, and method of participant selection. If a random sample is to be drawn, specify the specific random technique to be used. Justification is required if study participants is restricted to one gender or ethnic group.
6. **Sample Size** A 10% sample frame is recommended for statistical analysis. In each independently drawn sample, the number of cases should not be lower than 30 cases. Justification is required if the study utilizes a smaller sample.
7. **Informed Consent** A description of what the Principal Investigator will do to insure that study participants will be informed of all details of the study and consented to participation in the study.
8. **Confidentiality and/or Anonymity** A description of how confidentiality and/or anonymity will be maintained.

Note: Make sure that the entire application is typed.
Handwritten applications will be returned without approval.

Note: The narrative descriptions should be double-spaced.

See “Important Attachments” sheet, below.

IMPORTANT ATTACHMENTS

Applications must include each of the following items, if appropriate to the proposed research

- **Informed Consent Document** The informed consent document must include the pertinent items from the “Basic Elements of Informed Consent” (See Human Subjects Handbook or Sample on the K drive).
- **Questionnaire, Survey, Testing Instrument**
A copy of any questionnaire, survey, or testing instrument (if any) to be used in this project must be attached. There must be separate validation of instruments that are not established, not vetted, or not in the public domain.
- **Institutional Review Board Authorization Form**
- **Advertisements or Posters** A copy of any advertising that will be used to recruit subjects.
- **Telephone Scripts or Other Recruitment Scripts** A copy of any telephone scripts, or other recruitment scripts that will be used.
- **Debriefing Materials.** Any written or orally presented information indicating that study participants will have the opportunity to contact the Principal Investigator.
- **Letters of Approval** Letters of approval from each cooperating school, hospital organization, club, or similar type of group (If subjects are obtained through this type of group or organization, a written letter of approval, from an individual authorized to approve such activities, is required). *Projects that utilize Coppin’s data (i.e. student records, names, etc.) must have the authorization of the appropriate person authorized to release such data.*



**Institutional Review Board
Authorization Form**

Name of Student: _____ Date: _____

Title of Study _____

Name of Instrument(s)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I _____, a student at _____ College/University having recognized my responsibility to obtain written permission to use the above stated tests/instruments in my research, have rightly done so. Therefore, appropriate documentation and a copy of the instrument are attached for the Principal Investigator to review and for the Principal Investigator to submit to the IRB. The above document(s) has ___ has not ___ been obtained via public domain usage.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

As the Principal Investigator(s), I (we) _____
Accept the attached written permission, which has been granted from _____
_____ (agency/individual) as documentation and approval
for use.

Principal Investigator _____ **Date:** _____

Principal Investigator _____ **Date:** _____

