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Research Involving Human Subjects  
**NOTICE OF INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD ACTION**

**To:** Stephanie McManimen, B.S., Staff, Center for Community Research

**Date:** September 8, 2016

**Re:** Research Protocol # SM080816PSY  
"An Assessment of Demoralization and Depression-like Symptoms Experienced by Individuals with ME and CFS"

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Please review the following important information about the review of your proposed research activity.

Review Details

This submission is an initial submission. Your research project meets the criteria for Expedited review under 45 CFR 45 CFR 46.110 under the following category:

*"(7) Research on individual or group characteristics or behavior (including, but not limited to, research on perception, cognition, motivation, identity, language, communication, cultural beliefs or practices, and social behavior) or research employing survey, interview, oral history, focus group, program evaluation, human factors evaluation, or quality assurance methodologies."*

Approval Details

Your research was originally reviewed on August 18, 2016 and revisions were requested. The revisions you submitted on August 19, 2016 were reviewed and approved on September 8, 2016.

**Approval Period:** September 8, 2016 – September 7, 2017

**Approved Consent, Parent/Guardian Permission, or Assent Materials:**

- 1) Adult Consent, version date 8/18/2016 (**attached**)  
*Waiver of documentation of consent granted under 45 CFR 46.117 (c) 2*

**Other approved study documents:**

- 1) Recruitment Communication Templates (Email/Notice, Twitter, Facebook, and Website), version date 9/8/2016 (**attached**)

**Number of approved participants:** 1,000 Total

*You should not exceed this total number of subjects without prospectively submitting an amendment to the IRB requesting an increase in subject number.*

**Funding Source:** 1) None


**Approved Performance sites: 1) DePaul University**

Reminders

- Only the most recent IRB-approved versions of consent, parent/legal guardian permission, or assent forms may be used in association with this project.
- Any changes to the funding source or funding status must be sent to the IRB as an amendment.
- Prior to implementing revisions to project materials or procedures, you must submit an amendment application detailing the changes to the IRB for review and receive notification of approval.
- You must promptly report any problems that have occurred involving research participants to the IRB in writing.
- If your project will continue beyond the approval period indicated above, you are responsible for submitting a continuing review report at least 3 weeks prior to the expiration date. The continuing review form can be downloaded from the IRB web page.
- **Once the research is completed, you must send a final closure report for the research to the IRB.**

The Board would like to thank you for your efforts and cooperation and wishes you the best of luck on your research. If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (312) 362-7592 or by email at [dalfaro@depaul.edu](mailto:dalfaro@depaul.edu).

For the Board,



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