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**Institutional Review Board
Saint Elizabeths Hospital / Department of Behavioral Health
District of Columbia**

Philip Candilis, M.D.
Saint Elizabeths Hospital
1100 Alabama Avenue, SE
Washington DC 20032

January 27, 2015

Dear Dr. Candilis,

This letter is to inform you that you have been granted a waiver to conduct research according to the research proposal entitled, "Outpatient Competence Restoration: A Model and Outcomes." The IRB Committee met and reviewed the information you provided and determined that it would be exempt from further review since there is no patient health information or patient contact involved. The research is to be conducted according to the parameters established in consultation with the Department's Institutional Review Board (IRB) Committee and all legal and ethical standards applicable to the research. Any modifications to those parameters must be approved by the IRB Committee prior to any changes to the research protocol being enacted. Any variance from the originally-approved protocol will result in loss of approval for the research and immediate suspension of all research activities at the hospital pending review by the IRB Committee.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Gontang, Ph.D., IRB Committee Chair at 202-299-5520 for further discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Gontang, Ph.D.', written in a cursive style.

Richard Gontang, Ph.D.
Director of Psychology
Chair, Institutional Review Board
Saint Elizabeths Hospital