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COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS

*The Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) will periodically release issues of the **Bulletin & Update** to inform researchers and others regarding important changes in CPHS procedures as well as State and National issues of importance for human subject protection in research. Copies of the **Bulletin & Update** will be distributed via e-mail to researchers as well as being posted on the CPHS Web site (www.oshpd.ca.gov/boards/cphs).*

This edition of the Bulletin and Update solicits applications from the research community and the general public to fill two current vacancies on CPHS.

The Committee for the Protection of Human Subject (CPHS), the institutional review board (IRB) for the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS), is currently recruiting for two new members.

Purpose

The purpose of CPHS is to protect the rights of human subjects involved in CHHS-related research projects. This protection includes but is not limited to:

- Assuring that all research subjects have been fully informed of the risks/benefits of the research and have provided informed consent
- Assuring that the participation of all research subjects is voluntary
- Assuring that the risk to research subjects is acceptable
- Assuring that the research is conducted properly and free of conflicts of interest
- Assuring that all data utilized or generated in research is appropriately protected and held confidential

CPHS must review all research from non-profit educational institutions that involves the release of personal information by any State department.

Review Process and Training

CPHS uses a primary reviewer system in which members are assigned to review and approve studies. These can be extremely varied in subject matter, ranging from studies of autism or infectious diseases to pilot programs addressing domestic violence or infant health. Members are not permitted to review projects in which they personally or their immediate supervisors are involved. Projects involving direct contact with human subjects are reviewed at convened meetings of the CPHS that occurs every two months.

Each new member is assigned a mentor who has been serving on the committee for several years. CPHS staff are also available for any questions that may arise. CPHS members often work with researchers to resolve any deficiencies in the protocols submitted to the CPHS for review.

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Membership Guidelines

Some of the guidelines for CPHS membership are established by federal requirements and include diversity factors such as race, gender and cultural backgrounds. CPHS strives to maintain a balance between members who are State employees and community members. All members must have an understanding of how research is conducted and its value to society.

Time Commitment

The time commitment for the committee includes one-day meetings that occur every two months on the first Friday, in February, April, June, August, October and December. Members are also asked to review 10-20 research projects during each two month renewal/new project cycle. This review activity averages two days per month. State workers receive 10% release time to serve on CPHS.

How to Apply

To apply, please submit the [Membership Application](#), and Curriculum Vitae to:
CPHS Administrator
400 R Street, Suite 369,
Sacramento, CA 95811 or
E-mail to rkillian@oshpd.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Roxana Killian @ 916-326-3661. You may also log onto the CPHS Web site, www.oshpd.ca.gov/boards/cphs, for more information about CPHS.

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California Health and Human Services Agency
Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: _____
Title: _____
Organization: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____
Fax: _____

Please attach a copy of your most recent curriculum vitae and briefly answer the following questions and return to:

Administrator
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1. Please describe your qualifications and explain why you are applying to be a member of CPHS.

2. Are there any research areas in which you are particularly interested and/or have expertise?

3. Do you speak any foreign languages? If so, how fluently?

4. Do you have the time available to serve on CPHS?