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Healthy Families Oregon Study Approval Panel
Attn: Erin Deahn
Re: MIECHV Oregon Retention Evaluation (MORE)

To whom it may concern:

The State of Oregon Health Authority's Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program is a systemic change effort to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and culturally responsive home visiting system that effectively and efficiently meets the needs of Oregon's pregnant women, mothers, children and families. The State of Oregon has been awarded four MIECHV grants, the most recent of which was the D89MC28286 award in February 2015. Grantees are required to conduct a rigorous evaluation of their MIECHV program such that the findings will contribute to the larger home visiting knowledge base (Social Security Administration, n.d.).

The Regional Research Institute at Portland State University has been charged with implementing the D89MC28286 grant evaluation. The project is scheduled to commence next month (October, 2015, pending IRB approval) and will conclude in September, 2017. We seek the Panel's approval to involve Healthy Families home visitors and supervisors in the proposed research and request that the Panel review the documents submitted with this memoranda:

1. MIECHV Oregon Retention Evaluation (MORE) Evaluation Plan
2. MORE Instruments
3. MORE Home Visitor Recruitment Script
4. MORE Recruitment Flyer

We are eager to begin this exciting endeavor and look forward to your feedback.

Sincerely,



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