DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES OF THE SUMMER 2023 MEETING
OF THE
HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE
SCIENTIFIC MERIT REVIEW BOARD

The meeting of the Health Services Research and Development Service (HSR&D) Scientific Merit Review Board was convened via teleconference on August 30, 2023 at 12:00 P.M. EST. Dr. Julie Lowery presided as chair.

This meeting was partially closed to the public for the discussion and reference to the scientific evaluation of research applications by subcommittees on August 21, 2023 – August 25, 2023 as provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the meeting was in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B).

Ms. Tiffin Ross-Shepard, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), conducted roll call and reaffirmed policies regarding the confidentiality of meeting materials, committee discussions and recommendations.

Dr. David Atkins, Director of HSR&D, welcomed all participants, expressed appreciation for the time and effort that each member has spent on the scientific review effort, and emphasized HSR&D's on-going efforts to support highly meritorious research within HSR&D.

Subcommittee Chairs presented the results and subsequent recommendations of their respective subcommittee meeting. The Chair asked if there were any general questions and then asked each member to vote on the recommendations of the subcommittees to advance all scored applications forward to the agency for further consideration.

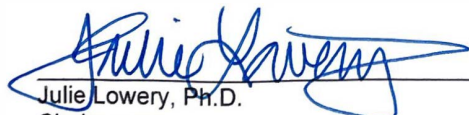PASSED UNANIMOUSLY   Proposed by Dr. Howard Degenholtz
V – 1   That the recommendations of the subcommittees to advance all scored applications to the
            agency for further consideration be approved.

The next meeting of the HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board is scheduled for March 13, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 pm ET.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

Julie Lowery, Ph.D.   Tiffin Ross-Shepard
Chairperson   Designated Federal Officer