Title: COMMUNITY BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH

1.0 Purpose:
The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure is to provide guiding principles for Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) conducted at Syracuse University (SU).

2.0 Policy:
It is the policy of the SU IRB to support CBPR; research that is conducted as an equal partnership between traditionally trained "experts" and members of a community.

The SU IRB will ensure that CBPR respectfully addresses the needs and interests of the community; facilitates collaborative and equitable involvement of the community in all phases of the research including development, implementation, and dissemination of research through the shared learning and integration of knowledge is for the mutual benefit of the community and research investigators.

3.0 Procedure

3.1 Investigator Responsibilities:

3.1.1 The investigator must answer all questions in section 4.4 of the "Initial Expedited/Full Board IRB application.

3.1.1.1 The investigator must provide a sound rationale in the research design including:

3.1.1.1.1 Plans to engage community members as an equal partner in all aspects of the research design, implementation, and dissemination of results,

3.1.1.1.2 Plans for providing appropriate training for community members,

3.1.1.1.3 A detailed description of the training that will be provided;

3.1.1.1.4 A plan for members to assist in the identification and recruitment of potential participants;

3.1.1.1.5 Plans to disseminate research findings with members of the community throughout the course of the study.

3.1.2 The investigator will create and use an advisory panel comprised in whole or in part of participants representing the community that is subject of the research when use of such will benefit the research.

3.1.3 The investigator will utilize SU centers or institutes that focus on understanding and improving issues facing the community when the use of such will benefit the research.

3.2 IRB Responsibilities

3.2.1 The IRB will review the proposed CBPR research taking into consideration:

3.2.1.1 Community involvement is an integral part of the research.

3.2.1.2 The proposed research is relevant to the needs and interests of the community.
3.2.1.3 The research is designed to engage community members in all aspects of the research; including design, implementation, and dissemination of results.

3.2.1.4 The proposed research includes a plan to provide community members with appropriate training for human subjects' research.
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