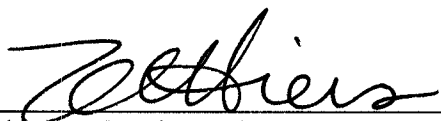


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Policy on Research Activities

The Center recognizes the value of and encourages research to address issues of mental health and mental illness. Center staff will actively cooperate with researchers within and outside the Center to promote quality research. At the same time, the Center affirms the importance of safeguarding the rights and welfare of subjects in activities involving research. All research activities involving Center patients and/or Center staff and facilities shall comply with applicable S. C. Department of Mental Health policies and directives. (*Refer to SCDMH Directive #793-95 Institutional Review Board Policies and Procedures for Protection of Human Research Subjects; and SCDMH Directive #750-91 Ethics in Research, Policy and Procedure.*) This includes review and approval or disapproval by the DMH Office of Research Administration.

All research proposals must be submitted to the Center Director for review and approval before being submitted to the DMH Office of Research Administration. The Director's written approval must accompany the submission to the Office of Research Administration.



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