

**March 11, 2010**  
**12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Plaza 600F**

**BROCK UNIVERISTY RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD**  
**Minutes of the March 11, 2010 Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Bordonaro, Karen  
 DiBiase, Ann-Marie  
 Liu, Jason  
 Longboat, Catherine  
 Mair, Bruce  
 Malleck, Dan  
 Mallen, Cheryl  
 McGinn, Michelle  
 Raddon, Mary-Beth  
 Shores, Bevin  
 Walker, Lori  
 Williams, Kate

**Regrets:**

Blayer, Irene  
 Falk, Bareket  
 Gallagher, Tiffany  
 Galston, David  
 Gregson, Paige  
 Nash, Catherine  
 Rawlings, Kevin  
 Rose-Krasnor, Linda  
 Stevens, Julie

<b>MINUTES</b>		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1	<p><b>Welcome:</b></p> <p><b>Motion to approve March Agenda (MBR, BS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· All in favour</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve February decision reports (MBR, AMD)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· All in favour</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval of February minutes (AMD, JL)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Approved 8, opposed 0, abstained 2</li> </ul>	
2	<p><b>Business Arising from Previous Minutes (in camera)</b></p> <p><b>Update on two upcoming research studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· The first of two upcoming studies came in and were judged to be minimal risk. It will also be reviewed by another REB with medical expertise.</li> <li>· The second study will be a full board review and external advice will be required.</li> </ul> <p><b>Revised draft TCPS</b> – our response to the revised draft TCPS was circulated to all REB members prior to the REB meeting. We expect minimal changes based upon the presentations from the secretariat on Research Ethics at the NCEHR conference. The final version is scheduled for release by summer 2010.</p>	
3	<p><b>Deferred Items</b></p> <p><b>Draft guidelines for student subject pools</b></p> <p>Concerns arose around a few of the strategies listed to mitigate potential coercion:</p> <p>Strategy #3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· It was discussed that this could be disadvantageous to some instructor's research and interests.</li> <li>· It was suggested the language be tempered and the last two sentences be reversed.</li> </ul> <p>Strategy #10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· It was discussed that the REB should review this document each year with any changes highlighted.</li> </ul>	<p>Motion to accept document as revised (CM, AMD) and direct LW to take it to the VP-Research for presentation to the Senate Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Vote: All in favour</li> </ul>

		REB members were hopeful that these guidelines would be addressed at an upcoming Senate Committee on Research and Scholarship meeting. Formal approval will provide sufficient clout necessary to enforce these guidelines as policy.	
4	<b>New Business</b>	<p><b>Business cases as research</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Some discussions arose this month between the Research Ethics Office and a faculty member from Business around whether or not business cases constitute as research involving human participants.</li> <li>· Many instructors in the Faculty of Business are currently asking their students to create business cases. This often involves collecting data, typically in identifiable format and talking to businesses. The message the Research Ethics Office is receiving is that business cases are normal practice for business and not research.</li> <li>· We need more information about what a business case is.</li> <li>· REB members were encouraged to think about these issues and how to move forward. It was discussed that we need to call upon someone inside or outside the REB to put something together (e.g. guidelines).</li> <li>· We need to figure out what the ethical challenges are and what we would put together to address these challenges.</li> <li>· It was discussed that a proactive outreach to the Faculty of Business is needed.</li> <li>· Some membership on the REB from the Faculty of Business would be advantageous. The VP-Research could help in this regard.</li> </ul>	<p>Research needs to be done on business cases and when/if they should be considered research involving humans - KW to look for resources from proposed new TCPS and other policy information.</p> <p>One REB member volunteered to contact the school of business at McMaster University.</p> <p>LW will bring this to the VP-Research in April and we will get back to the Board about this.</p>
5	<b>Full Board Review (in camera)</b>		
6	<b>Educational Component</b>	<p><b>NCEHR Conference (LW)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· LW gave a brief update on the conference in Ottawa</li> <li>· Changes to the TCPS were discussed as well as accreditation and issues of confidentiality.</li> </ul>	
7	<b>Other Business</b>		
8	<b>ADJOURNED</b>	1:33pm	