IHCC Policy 3.64 Human Subjects Research

The primary purpose of the Inver Hills Community College Institutional Review Board (IRB) is to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects while promoting the academic freedom of researchers. The secondary purpose of the IRB is to encourage and facilitate research at Inver Hills Community College.

The procedures and actions of the IRB shall be congruent with 45 CFR 46 (Title 45: Public Welfare; Part 46: Protection of Human Subjects) of the Federal Code of Regulations. Through its chair, the IRB shall report to the Provost. The IRB shall be primarily comprised of members from the faculty, but may include members of the administration and broader community. Individuals interested in volunteering to serve on the IRB should contact the chair.

All research conducted by, sponsored by, or involving as a subject any member of Inver Hills Community College (i.e., faculty, student, staff, or administrator) that involves humans must be reviewed and approved by the IRB prior to the initiation of subject recruitment. Research activities that are conducted by students within the confines of a course, and for the sole purpose of achieving the academic goals of that course, are typically exempt from IRB review. However, it is strongly advised that the professor check with the IRB prior to initiating the research project in a course. Proposals for human-subjects research must be submitted via IRB-approved forms prior to the initiation of subject recruitment or data collection. Proposals may be approved for a specific duration of time not to exceed one year; ongoing research may be re-approved by the IRB. Denials by the IRB are final.

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