



PROTOCOL REFERENCE # 35229

November 28, 2017

Dr. Shelley Craig
FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK

Dear Dr. Craig,

Re: Your research protocol entitled, "Project AFFIRM: Delivering affirmative coping skills programs to prevent HIV and Hepatitis C"

ETHICS APPROVAL

Original Approval Date: November 28, 2017

Expiry Date: November 27, 2018

Continuing Review Level: 2

We are writing to advise you that the HIV Research Ethics Board (REB) has granted approval to the above-named research protocol, for a period of **one year**. Ongoing research under this protocol must be renewed prior to the expiry date.

Any changes to the approved protocol or consent materials must be reviewed and approved through the amendment process prior to its implementation. Any adverse or unanticipated events in the research should be reported to the Research Oversight and Compliance Office - Human Research Ethics Program as soon as possible.

Please ensure that you submit an Ethics Renewal Form or a Study Completion/Closure Report 15 to 30 days prior to the expiry date of your current ethics approval. Note that ethics renewals for studies cannot be accepted more than 30 days prior to the date of expiry.

If your research is funded by a third party, please contact the assigned Research Funding Officer in Research Services to ensure that your funds are released.

Please note, all approved research studies are eligible for a routine Post-Approval Review (PAR) site visit. If chosen, you will receive a notification letter from our office. For information on PAR, please see <http://www.research.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/documents/2014/09/PAR-Program-Description-1.pdf>.

Best wishes for the successful completion of your research.

Yours sincerely,

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REB Co-Chair

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