**Western Institute for Social Research: IRB Evaluation Form**

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**Project Title:** Ways of Coping with the Covid 19 Pandemic: A Multi-site Action Research Study

**IRB Reviewer:** Karen Wall, EdD \*Contact Person

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| **Criteria for Approval of Research** | **Present** | **Absent** |
| 1. Risks to subjects are minimized by using procedures, which are consistent with sound research design and which do not unnecessarily expose subjects to risk. | X |  |
| 2. Risks to subjects are reasonable in relation to anticipated benefits, if any, to subjects, and the importance of the knowledge that may reasonably be expected to result. | X |  |
| 3. Selection of subjects is equitable. | X |  |
| 4. The research plan makes adequate provision for monitoring the data collected to ensure the safety of subjects. | X |  |
| 5. There are adequate provisions to protect the privacy of subjects. | X |  |
| 6. There are adequate provisions to maintain the confidentiality of data. | X |  |
| 7. Additional safeguards have been included in the study to protect the rights and welfare of subjects vulnerable to coercion or undue influence. (“N/A” if no vulnerable subjects) | X |  |
| 8. The informed consent process is adequate.\* | X |  |
| 9. The documentation of informed consent is adequate. | X |  |

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| **\*Basic Elements of Informed Consent (45 CFR 46.116(a))** | **Present** | **Absent** |
| Research Description | X |  |
| Risks | X |  |
| Benefits | X |  |
| Alternatives | X |  |
| Confidentiality | X |  |
| Compensation | X |  |
| Contacts | X |  |
| Voluntary participation and withdrawal | X |  |

Recommendation: \_X\_\_\_Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved

Changes Required: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_NA

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