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Committee Review Results - Application for Exemption: Jason Matejkowski

Policy on Restricted Research

Title of project: AID Evaluation

Name of principal investigator or project director:
Jason Matejkowski, School of Social Welfare

Source or sources of funds for support of project:
Douglas County Sheriff’s Office (DoJ flowthrough)

Requested exemption for:
☐ “Dual use” science or technology that has primarily harmful consequences for human beings
☒ Restrictions on Research:
☐ Extended delay of Publication
☒ Total or Indefinite Delay of Publication (includes approval for publication)
☐ Limitation of access by foreign scholars, faculty, or staff
☐ Restriction of access to campus facilities

Action by the Restricted Research Committee:
_____ Involves unique University capabilities.
_____ Has very substantial scholarly or educational benefits.
☒ Constitutes a very substantial public service.

Justification:
The aim of this project is to evaluate the effectiveness of a Douglas County diversion program for inmates that have serious mental illness. The contract invokes language that raised the possibility of indefinite or total publication delay, but at the same time described the expectation that the results are to be published and distributed widely. It appears that the main concern is that any publication include a statement that “The opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice or grant–making component.” Thus, based upon the substantial public service provided and the minimal possibility of publication delays, the committee voted unanimously to accept this exemption.

Date of Referral: 2/1/2016 Approval Date: 2/4/2016

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