BROCK UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD
Thursday February 16, 2023
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Teams

Minutes of the SREB Meeting

Attendance		**Regrets**
Alyssa Bax (non-voting)	Michele Donnelly	Dan Cui
Danny Tarulli	Miya Narushima	Esther Stanley
Ege Kamber	Nicole Luke	Harriet Yeboah
Linda Morrice	Sadia Jahanzeb	Matt Kwan
Lori Walker (non-voting)	Sandra Bosacki	Robert Steinbauer
Michael Owen	Sarah Ciotti	

MINUTES			
ITEM		**DISCUSSION**	**ACTION**
1	**Motion to approve Agenda** • Approved **Motion to approve January Minutes** • Approved **Motion to approve January Decision Report** • Approved		Motion to approve: LM Seconded: MD All in favour Motion to approve: DT Seconded: MD All in favour Motion to approve: LM Seconded: SC All in favour
2	**Discussion Items**	**CTO Certification Update:** • Clinical Trials Ontario (CTO) is a group that centralizes the review of regulated clinical trials in Ontario. We are not part of their group because Brock researchers don't currently conduct that type of research. • To become certified by CTO an institution must go through an assessment period/process. • Network of Networks (N2) and the Canadian Association of Research Ethics Boards (CAREB) have SOPs that were assessed according to Canadian and American standards. • Originally mostly medical/physical risks were assessed but as research evolved, behavioral and other risks were also assessed. • The ORE piloted checklist items for assessment by CTO (for non-clinical REBs) and now they would like us to pilot the certification process as well. • Representatives will come onto campus in May 2023 to speak to the office and chairs and review our files and procedures for different types of applications. • We see this as an educational opportunity for both the CTO and the ORE. • The ORE already has most documents in place; however they need to be organized better to allow for ease of use/access. • CTO are interested in our opinions as they are more clinically and medically minded. They don't want to exclude smaller, non-medical institutions from certification.	

- This certification could allow for a more streamlined multijurisdictional review process as it may help different institutions to trust each other's reviews.
- There are other bodies who currently offer similar accreditation, but they require a fee. This CTO certification is free.
- Q: Does the CTO certification require our REB to report any incidents of non-compliance etc. to them?
- A: No, non-compliance would still be reported to the secretariate as normal.
- Comment: This should be seen as a chance to celebrate the work that we're already doing and establish the things we need to change.

TCPS2 2022 Update Presentation:

- The new TCPS2 2022 was released in January 2023.
- Multiple rounds of community consultation went into the listed changes.
- The TCPS is a live document so it will be revised again as research evolves.
- Presented changes include:
    - **Consent updates** (i.e., blanket consent, broad consent, separate consent, research data repository)
        - Broad consent requirements: TCPS2 Article 3.13
        - Evolving capacity and ongoing consent emphasis
        - Repository vs. biobank vs. research data repository
    - Creation of Repositories
        - Creation of a repository (review process needs clarification)
        - Shared responsibility
    - Questions:
    - Q1: Will we update the consent form template to include the new information? Who informs participants of risks?
    - A1: Can develop the templates with other REB administrations for applicability to all institutions. It is the researcher's responsibility to inform the participants of the risks.
    - Comment: Hopefully the secondary use of data protocols will still be followed even when data is from repositories.

    - **Multijurisdictional review of minimal risk research updates**:
        - REB responsibilities
        - New ethics review model
        - Official agreements
        - Legislation and policies
    - Which ways to streamline?
        - Avoid unnecessary duplication.
        - Documentation kept for the entire process.
        - Disagreements: the board of records has the final decision
        - CTO has streamlined this process for health-related research (member process).
        - Some areas require further clarification, and the board will be updated at a future meeting.

    - **Review of research involving human cell lines updates:**
        - Cell lines and subcultures.
        - Re-use or secondary use
        - Deidentified human biological materials

		▪ Exempt from REB review. ▪ HeLa cell line description **Synto question period and brief demonstration (if needed):** • No questions/comments were brought up by SREB members. • Agreed to keep Synto on the agenda for the upcoming SREB meetings to continually check if there are any questions/issues. • It was decided that the meeting would adjourn, and Alyssa and Lori would stay online for those who missed the last meeting and wanted a demo or had any questions. **Other Business** • n/a	
3	**Adjourn**	**Meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.**	Motion to approve: MD Seconded: MO All in favour