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Barriers To Implementation Focus Group Participant Consent Form

You are invited to participate in a focus group interview with other members of your agency SPNS project to discuss the issues of "Barriers to Implementation" during YR-01 of the agency's SPNS grant. The study is being conducted by Dr. David Barney, Principal Investigator for the Research and Evaluation Center at The University of Oklahoma – Norman Campus. There are two purposes for this study. The **first** is to provide a report to U.S. DHHS Health Resources and Services Administration – Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) regarding barriers to implementation and methods of overcoming these obstacles as experienced by grantees of the American Indian/Alaskan Native SPNS Projects. The report to HRSA will contain the name of the SPNS grantee and may possibly identify the names of staff participating in the focus group. The **second** purpose for the data collected for the "Barriers to Implementation" is for development of articles in professional journals. Data used for professional publications will **not** identify the names of tribes, Native villages, tribal organizations or agencies, or the names of the grantee staff. The information you provide will be beneficial to informing other agencies of the complexities of developing and implementing HIV services for American Indian and Alaska Native populations.

Due to the extensive information to be covered in the focus group, the researchers will audio record all focus group proceedings. Your participation in the audio recorded focus group will take approximately 90-120 minutes. The recorded interview will cover some or all of the attached questions as they apply to your SPNS project. Your involvement in the study is voluntary, and you may choose not to participate or to stop at any time. Persons will not be compensated for their participation in the focus groups. The results of the study will be included in a comprehensive report to the Health Resources and Services Administration, as well as may be published in a professional journal. Confidentiality of the information your provide will only be maintained in regards to publication in professional journals.

We (the researchers) will do everything we can to keep information you share while participating in the focus group from those not associated with the project. Thus, we ask you and the other participants to keep the focus group discussion confidential. Still, there is a chance that a group member might mention your comments or name in a later conversation. Consequently, we cannot guarantee that no one will share what you say after they leave the focus group. If you have concerns regarding confidentiality, your alternative is not to participate in the focus group.

If you have any questions about this research project, please feel free to call Dr. David Barney or Betty Duran at (405) 325-0442 or e-mail at bduran@ou.edu. Questions about your rights as a research participant or concerns about the project should be directed to the Institutional Review Board at the University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus at (405) 325-8110 or irb@ou.edu.

I would like to audio-tape this interview and require your written consent to do so. Please sign the consent if you wish to participate in the focus group.

I agree to be tape recorded.

Participant

Witness

Date: _____

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