

## IRB LAY SUMMARY

In 2004, the Fresno City and County Housing Authority was awarded a \$20 million HOPE VI grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development intended to revitalize the Yosemite Village housing project, as well as its surrounding neighborhood, and foster economic self-sufficiency among its residents. Fresno Pacific University will coordinate research activities designed to evaluate the extent to which the Fresno Housing Authority is meeting these goals.

Specifically, evaluation activities will occur from fall of 2005 through the fall of 2009. During January and May of each year, interim reports will be presented to the Fresno Housing Authority detailing progress made toward the goals specified in the HOPE VI grant, as well as any changes needing to be made in the program or the evaluation process. The final report will be presented to the Fresno Housing Authority in December of 2009 and will discuss successful completion of HOPE VI expectations and goals, the housing authority's encouragement of resident participation, and other programs which may have changed as a result of the HOPE VI program.

Currently, 40 families are enrolled in the HOPE VI's Community and Supportive Services (CSS) program. The final population size is estimated to be 60 families. Due to the small population, no sample will be selected. Rather, data will be collected from all of the population families who volunteer to participate in the research study. Face-to-face interviews will be conducted with the head of the household from each of the families at three different points during the grant's implementation. Baseline data will be collected during the fall of 2005 and spring of 2006; follow-up interviews will be conducted during the middle years of the grant's life; and the final interviews will occur during the spring and fall of 2009.

The principal researcher will be XXXXXX. She will serve as liaison to the housing authority and will be responsible for supervision of research assistants and interviewers, analysis of data, and representation of findings to the Housing Authority. A research assistant will also be involved in the HOPE VI grant and will be a former Fresno Pacific student having had several research classes, prior research experience, and currently possessing an MSW. She will be responsible for training interviewers in data collection from both residents (via surveys) and from secondary data sources (Census Bureau, etc.), as well as providing assistance to the principal researcher in analyzing and presenting data. The assistant for the 2008 phase will be XXXXXX. Finally, the interviewers will be former social work students from the Soc. 461 class (Introduction to Social Science Research), specifically XXXXXX and XXXXXX, who both currently possess BA degrees in social work.

The attached documents include the consent form to be used with research participants, detailing their treatment and the limits of confidentiality, the questionnaire (based on a template supplied by HUD and approved by the Fresno Housing Authority), and the contract for services between the Fresno Housing Authority and FPU, documenting their approval for FPU to conduct this research.