The purpose of this checklist is to allow individuals to conduct a quality improvement self-assessment of IRB minutes.

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Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Completing Checklist: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. **General Minutes Requirements**

Does the “Attendance Table” record each voting member (regular members and alternates) present at the meeting at any time? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Does the “Attendance Table” not record non-voting members under “Attendance Table?” [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Does the “Attendance Table” record each member’s name? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Does the “Attendance Table” record which members were chairs or vice chairs? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Does the “Attendance Table” record each member’s status as an unaffiliated member or affiliated member? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Does the “Attendance Table” record each member’s status as a scientific member or non-scientific member? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

When a member is a representative of vulnerable population, does the “Attendance Table” record that member’s representative capacity? (Prisoners, children, cognitively impaired adults) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Does the “Attendance Table” record for each alternate member the name of IRB member for whom alternate is substituting? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Does the “Attendance Table” record whether any members were present by teleconference and if so indicate them by name? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Do the minutes record the total number of members present on the current IRB roster excluding alternate IRB members? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Do the minutes correctly record the number of members required for a quorum? (Divide the number of members by two and select the next whole number. For example, if there are 10 IRB members on the roster, then 10/2 = 5 and the next whole number is 6. If there 11 IRB members on the roster, then 11/2=5.5 and the next whole number is 6.) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Do the minutes indicate whether members present by teleconference received all pertinent material before the meeting and were able to actively and equally participate in all discussions? (“N/A” if no members were present by teleconference) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ] N/A

Do the minutes record the meeting start time? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Do the minutes record the meeting end time? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Do the minutes record a summary of each business item that was discussed? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

1. **Requirements for Each Protocol Reviewed**

Do the minutes record a protocol ID? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Do the minutes record a protocol title? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Do the minutes record an investigator name? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Do the minutes record a type of review as either initial review, continuing review, or review of modifications to previously approved research? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

If the minutes record a consultant report, does it summarize the key information provided the consultant? (“**N/A**” if there were no consultant reports) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Do the minutes record controverted issues (when the IRB members express a difference of opinion among themselves) and their resolution or indicate “None” or record using the “Controverted Issue/Resolution” table? If there was no resolution, indicate this. [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

If the minutes record controverted issues is there a “Controverted Issue/Resolution” table? (“**N/A**” if there were no controverted issues) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

If the minutes record controverted issues does the “Controverted Issue/Resolution” table summarize the controverted issue? (“**N/A**” if there were no controverted issues) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

If the minutes record controverted issues does the “Controverted Issue/Resolution” table include a resolution or a statement that there was no resolution? (“**N/A**” if there were no controverted issues) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

Do the minutes record a motion as one of the following: Approved, Approved with Modifications, Deferred, Disapproved? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

For initial or continuing review do the minutes record the period of approval for the motion?

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Do the minutes record the vote as the number of members for, against, abstaining, absent, or recused?

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Do the minutes list the names of IRB members who were absent or recused? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If both a regular IRB member and the alternate IRB member are present at the meeting do the minutes record the vote of just one? (“**N/A**” if both a regular IRB member and the alternate IRB member were not present at the meeting) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

If both a regular IRB member and the alternate IRB member are present at the meeting do the minutes indicate which voted? (“**N/A**” if both a regular IRB member and the alternate IRB member were not present at the meeting) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

Do minutes document the level of risk determined by the convened IRB as either minimal risk or more than minimal risk? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If the research involves waiver or alteration of consent, waiver of written documentation of consent, children, pregnant women, pregnant women, neonates, prisoners, or cognitively impaired adults do the minutes either say “See IRB Records” or include one of more of the “Determination/Protocol Specific Findings” tables in the TEMPLATE MINUTES (DOC 703)? (“**N/A**” if no research requiring documented findings was reviewed) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

If the minutes say “See IRB records for this protocol” is the corresponding completed checklist(s) in the IRB records? (“**N/A**” if no research requiring documented findings was reviewed) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

If the minutes include one of more of the “Determination/Protocol Specific Findings” tables , is the table completed? (“**N/A**” if no research requiring documented findings was reviewed)

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

Do minutes justify any deletion or substantive modification of information concerning risks or alternative procedures contained in the DHHS-approved sample consent document? (“**N/A**” if a DHHS-approved sample consent form was not reviewed) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

Do minutes document modifications required to secure approval? (“**N/A**” if there were no modifications required to secure approval) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

If a protocol was tabled, do the minutes indicate this and provide the reason for tabling? (“**N/A**” if there were no tabled protocols) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

If a protocol was deferred or disapproved do the minute document the reasons? (“**N/A**” if there were no deferred or disapproved protocols) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

If a protocol was deferred do the minute document recommended changes? (“**N/A**” if there were no deferred or disapproved protocols) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

1. **Requirements for Each Problem Reviewed ( “N/A” if no problems were reviewed)**

Do the minutes describe the problem? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Do the minutes describe whether the problem was serious or continuing non-compliance, an unanticipated problem involving risks to subjects or others, or a suspension or termination of IRB approval? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Do the minutes record a protocol ID? (“**N/A**” if there were no specific protocol involved) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

Do the minutes record a protocol title? (“**N/A**” if there were no specific protocol involved) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

Do the minutes record an investigator name? (“**N/A**” if there were no specific investigator involved) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

Do the minutes record controverted issues (when the IRB members express a difference of opinion among themselves) and their resolution or indicate “None” or record using the “Controverted Issue/Resolution” table. If there was no resolution, indicate this. [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

If the minutes record controverted issues is there a “Controverted Issue/Resolution” table? (“**N/A**” if there were no controverted issues) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If the minutes record controverted issues does the “Controverted Issue/Resolution” table summarize the controverted issue? (“**N/A**” if there were no controverted issues) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

If the minutes record controverted issues does the “Controverted Issue/Resolution” table include a resolution or a statement that there was no resolution? (“**N/A**” if there were no controverted issues) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

Do the minutes document the motion? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Do the minutes record the vote as the number of members for, against, abstaining, absent, or recused? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Do the minutes list the names of IRB members who were absent or recused? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If both a regular IRB member and the alternate IRB member are present at the meeting do the minutes record the vote of just one? (“**N/A**” if both a regular IRB member and the alternate IRB member were not present at the meeting) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

If both a regular IRB member and the alternate IRB member are present at the meeting do the minutes indicate which voted? (“N/A” if both a regular IRB member and the alternate IRB member were not present at the meeting) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

Is the sum total of the number of members for, against, abstaining, absent, or recused constant among votes and equal to the number of people listed in the attendance table? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

1. **Minutes Efficiency**

Indicate the number of days between the meeting and the finalization of the minutes:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_