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**CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH:
FOCUS GROUP 1 PARTICIPATION**

TITLE: Getting Off: A Theory-based mHealth Intervention for Methamphetamine-using MSM

PROTOCOL NO.: 1R01DA045562
WIRB® Protocol #20182737

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INTRODUCTION

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Your participation in a focus group may provide you with insight regarding methamphetamine use and HIV among men who have sex with men. Of course, because individuals respond differently, no one can know in advance if the focus group will be helpful in your particular case. It is also possible that you may receive no benefit from being part of a focus group.

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Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

Date

IRB APPROVED

Oct 24, 2018

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR/INTERVIEWER

I have explained the study to the participant and answered all of his questions. I believe that he understands the information described in this document and freely consents to participate.

Name of Investigator/Research Assistant

Signature of Investigator/Research Assistant

Date (must be same as participant's)



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**CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH:
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PROCEDURES

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ALTERNATIVES TO PARTICIPATION

There are several different organizations and counseling approaches for the treatment of methamphetamine use including self-help (12-step), counseling, and residential approaches.

Examples of 12-step groups include Alcoholics Anonymous (323-936-4343), Narcotics Anonymous (310-390-0279) or Crystal Meth Anonymous (855-638-4373). Our staff can help you locate a 12-step program in your area. In addition, the McIntyre House has a residential facility providing culturally specific, 12-step oriented residential services for substance abusers (323-662-0855). Another residential option is Tarzana Treatment Centers (818-996-1051). Relapse prevention treatment is available in the community for a fee, for example, at Matrix Centers (310-478-8305). The Los Angeles LGBT Center provides culturally specific, 12-step oriented treatments for low cost (323-993-7440). AIDS Project Los Angeles has open, drop-in substance use support groups (213-201-1621). If you are interested in finding other forms of treatment, our staff is able to assist you with referrals.

PAYMENT FOR PARTICIPATION

You will earn a \$50 gift card at the end of the focus group.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

There is no cost to you to be in this study.

EMERGENCY CARE AND COMPENSATION FOR INJURY

Your participation in this study is at your own risk. You will be billed for the cost of treatment for any study-related injury. Friends Research Institute has not set aside funds to provide financial compensation for any injury suffered during this study. You are not waiving any legal claims, rights, or remedies because of your participation in this study.

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

The only people who will know that you are participating in this study are members of the study team. No information about you, or provided by you during the focus group, will be disclosed to others without your written permission, except if necessary to protect your rights or welfare. These situations include the following: 1) if you are injured and need emergency care, 2) if you disclose your intention to harm yourself or others, or 3) if you disclose information that a child or elder has been abused or neglected.

All focus group responses will be kept confidential. No data will directly identify you. If the results of the study are published or discussed in conferences, no information will be included that would reveal your identity. Your contact information will be saved in locked files and stored for at least five years, or longer, as determined by the principal investigator.

Authorized representatives of Western Institute Institutional Review Board (IRB; a committee that watches over the safety and rights of research subjects), study staff, authorized representatives from the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) or FDA, and their designees may need to review records of individual participants. As a result, they may see your name, but they are bound by the rules of confidentiality not to reveal your identity to others.

PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL

Your participation in this study is voluntary, so you may withdraw your consent and stop participating at any time during the focus group. You can refuse to answer any questions or

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refuse to take part in any discussions. If you choose not to participate, that will not affect your relationship with Friends Research Institute, or your right to other services to which you are otherwise entitled. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent and discontinue participation at any time without prejudice to future care at Friends Research Institute.

WITHDRAWAL OF PARTICIPATION BY THE INVESTIGATOR

The investigators may withdraw you from participating in this study if circumstances arise which warrant doing so. For example, if you are intoxicated or disruptive during the focus group, you may be withdrawn from the study. The principal investigator, Dr. Reback, will make the decision and let you know if it is not possible for you to continue. If the study is cancelled by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, or the Western Institutional Review Board (WIRB), you may be withdrawn from the study.

NEW FINDINGS

During the course of the study, you will be informed of any significant new findings, good or bad, such as changes in the risks or benefits resulting from participation in the study or new alternatives to participation that might cause you to change your mind about continuing in the study. If new information is provided to you, your consent to continue participating in this study will be re-obtained.

IDENTIFICATION OF INVESTIGATORS

If you have any questions, concerns, or complaints about the research study or a research-related problem, you may contact Dr. Cathy Reback (Principal Investigator) at 323-463-1601, Friends Community Center, 1419 N. La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, 90028.

CLINICAL TRIAL INFORMATION

A description of this clinical trial will be available on <http://www.ClinicalTrials.gov>, as required by U.S. Law. This Web site will not include information that can identify you. At most, the Web site will include a summary of the results. You can search this Web site at any time.

RIGHTS OF RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

You may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty. You are not waiving any legal claims, rights or remedies because of your participation in this study. If you have questions, concerns, or complaints regarding your rights while participating in this study, you may contact the Western Institutional Review Board® (WIRB®) 1019 39th Avenue SE, Suite 120, Puyallup, Washington 98374-2115, Telephone: 1-800-562-4789.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT

I have read (or someone has read to me) and understand the information provided above. I have been given an opportunity to ask questions and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I have been given a copy of this form.

BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I WILLINGLY AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RESEARCH IT DESCRIBES.

Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

Date

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR/INTERVIEWER

I have explained the study to the participant and answered all of his questions. I believe that he understands the information described in this document and freely consents to participate.

Name of Investigator/Research Assistant

Signature of Investigator/Research Assistant

Date (must be same as participant's)