INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD
THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA-MISSOULA

MEMBERSHIP OF THE UM IRB

POLICY: The IRB at The University of Montana seeks Board representatives from a wide variety of constituencies and fields of expertise to promote complete and adequate review of research activities commonly conducted by the University.

PROCEDURES:

Board composition:

The UM IRB is composed of at least nine members. It is desirable for the UM IRB to number among its members one representative from:

- Graduate student enrolled at UM
- Lawyer
- Missoula School District 1
- Minority community
- Native American community
- Physician (preferably a pediatrician)
- Wider Missoula community

In addition, members will be sought from UM programs conducting research involving human subjects, including (but not limited to):

- Communications Studies
- Education
- Health and Human Performance
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology

Tenure:

UM IRB members may serve for an indefinite period until resignation, replacement or removal for cause.

Vacancies:

At the time a vacancy occurs on the Board, the Chair will request nominations, preferably for a person with a background and expertise similar to the person whose leaving created the vacancy. Nominations will be considered at a regular meeting of the Board, and voted upon by the members present. The name of the nominee selected by the Board will then be forwarded to the UM Vice President for Research for approval.

APPROVED:  
Chair, UM IRB

DATE:  11/12/03