# **Section C**

###### **Bemidji State University**

### Human Subjects Committee

**DEBRIEFING**

Under Item III, #1 of the HSC Ethical Compliance Questionnaire form: “When and how will subjects be provided with feedback about the study?” a statement should be made that participants will be debriefed orally or in writing. If the debriefing is to be oral, a “script” of what subjects will be told should be attached. If all or part of the debriefing is to be in written format, a copy of the actual debriefing statement to be given participants should be attached:

Oral and written debriefings need to contain the following information:

1. A “thank you” for participating.
2. A statement of the purpose of the study – the hypothesis/research questions being investigated and results expected.
3. Information about when and where results will be available.
4. Information about whom to contact should there be further questions or should the person experience undesirable consequences from participating. **(The BSU Counseling Center may be used ONLY for studies involving BSU and/or NTC students. An outside agency much be used for all others)**

Keep in mind that the major benefit that most of our research participants get from participating in studies is the experience of being in a study. The more background information you give them about the basis for the study, the more they will learn from the experience.

**Sample Debriefing Statement “Study Skills”**

The following example should be considered an example of the *minimum* amount of information provided in a debriefing:

The purpose of this study was to see whether there is a relationship between the conditions under which new material is learned and how well it is remembered. Based on the results of pervious research, my hypothesis is that people who read material and then tell another person about it will remember the material better than will people who read it and take notes, and that both of these groups will remember material better than will people who only read the material.

The results of this study will be posted on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Department bulletin board after (date). If you have any questions or you would like more information about this study, please contact me, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Department (telephone). It is not expected that you will suffer any adverse effects from this study. If that should happen, please contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for participating in the study.

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