

**Wayne State Warriors Marijuana Clinical Research Program: Investigating the Impact of Cannabinoids on Veterans' Behavioral Health**

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**Project Aims:**

In this randomized, controlled clinical trial we are recruiting veterans with PTSD who report using cannabis. **We are conducting two studies that are complementary and linked via their aims and methodology.** In **Study 1**, a minimum of 200 veterans will be randomized into one of four different THC:CBD dose conditions (THC; CBD; THC+CBD, and placebo) for a 12-week treatment phase. In **Study 2**, 150 veterans will be randomized into *one of two groups*: a THC reduction group (n=75), tailored across THC products that are approximately 50% lower in THC than the products participants currently use; or a THC reduction + 1:1 THC:CBD group (n=75), also including tailored THC concentrations as in the first group but with CBD added in a 1:1 THC:CBD ratio. Within each Study 2 treatment group, participants will be randomly assigned on a 1:1 basis to either start the 12-week treatment after a 2-week baseline or a 6-week baseline so we can examine participant naturalistic cannabis use before introducing the new product. **Both studies** involve assessments weekly and bi-weekly throughout a 12-week treatment phase, and at 3- (post-treatment), 6-, 9, and 12-months post-baseline. **Primary outcomes** include clinical assessments of PTSD symptom severity, mood and anxiety symptoms, and suicidality. **Secondary measures** include (1) neurocognitive function; (2) overall health, sleep quality, pain, healthcare utilization, and quality of life; (3) individual differences in fear learning and extinction associated with PTSD symptom severity; (4) saliva for DNA analysis to examine genetic and epigenetic markers associated with the endocannabinoid system; and, (5) urine, blood, and saliva samples to quantify levels of endocannabinoids and their metabolites (e.g., anandamide [AEA] and 2-AG), as well as THC and CBD and their metabolites, to examine whether these levels vary as a function of THC:CBD dose mixtures and differentially affect outcomes. Data will be analyzed to determine which dose conditions might be associated with the outcome measures. These data will be used to (1) develop a predictive algorithm that will help determine personalized profiles of patients who may be at increased risk for suicide; and, (2) develop a profile of who might most benefit from cannabinoid therapeutics.

**1). Project Milestones**

Study 1 and Study 2 Protocols have been revised and finalized in accordance with discussion with CRA/LARA.

- **Project Progress**

We continue to update our project website ([www.warriorCARE.net](http://www.warriorCARE.net)) regularly. Our studies are also in the process of being listed on ClinicalTrials.gov, which also provides contact information to enhance referral efforts.

Our recruiter continues to maintain contact with Veteran-related organizations we can approach for referrals and events like job fairs, where we can rent exhibition booths for our research staff to answer questions, provide information, conduct initial screening interviews and schedule in-person screening. We also continue to check in with the Veterans on our waitlist, ensuring we can ramp up recruitment quickly once all regulatory requirements are completed.

We have received CoA results for three cannabis plant material strains from the irradiation and testing processes NIDA is conducting on the cannabis bulk stocks. We are still awaiting one last document which we anticipate receiving shortly. We plan to file the FDA IND application before the end of April. All CoA reports list NIDA Drug Supply Program as the source.

The DEA Schedule I Protocols will be submitted to the DEA for approval at the same time the IND application is submitted to the FDA.

**• Noteworthy Accomplishments – Identify and describe any milestones reached or noteworthy accomplishments completed during the period.**

After the revised Study 2 (TRS) protocol received approval from the Wayne State University (WSU) Institutional Review Board (IRB), it has since been submitted to the same board for its required one-year continuation review, and we anticipate receiving IRB approval by the end of April. We are also continuing our ongoing edits of regulatory documentation, including updating our clinicaltrial.gov entries for this project, and we have planned an IRB amendment to address minor changes to consent forms and questionnaires.

The WarriorCARE van is being equipped for phlebotomy and physiological monitoring during home visits during the clinical trial.

Research staff is continuing to train on all procedures and prepare protocols for all procedures.

**2). Delays – Brief description of problems or delays, real or anticipated, which should be brought to the attention of the Grant Administrator.**

Until we begin recruitment operations, which we anticipate will be end of May, we continue to operate under reduced salary support for research staff members.

**3). Statement concerning any significant deviation from previously agreed-upon Statement of Work.**

N/A

**4). Financial expenditures of grant money and other contributions to the project, in-kind and/or direct funding.**

**Wayne State University: Veteran Marijuana Research 2021 Grant  
Title: Investigating the Impact of Cannabinoids on Veterans’ Behavioral Health**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>Expenses-thru 3/31/24</b>	<b>% of Budget Spent</b>
Personnel/Fringe	3,925,223	1,139,347	
Equipment	129,404	58,684	
Supplies/Other	2,282,480	61,660	
Computers	45,575	9,321	
Travel	-	41	
<b>DIRECT TOTALS</b>	<b>6,382,682</b>	<b>1,269,053</b>	<b>19.88%</b>
Indirect Costs- 10%	638,268	126,905	
<b>BUDGET TOTALS</b>	<b>7,020,950</b>	<b>1,395,958</b>	<b>19.88%</b>

**Attachments and Other Materials – Provide project materials developed and implemented during the reporting period (e.g. newspaper articles, newspaper advertisements, forms, brochures, announcements, studies, reports, analyses, audits, etc.).”**

**N/A**

Respectfully submitted,



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Agency State of Michigan Dept of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs	WSU Index No. 370718M & 380156SUB	Report Period 01/01/24 Thru 03/31/24		Date 04/11/24
Title: Veterans Marijuana Research 2021	Grant Code 23T1C	Fund Code: 23T1C1	Project Period 08/16/21 Thru 07/31/24	
Principal Investigator Dr. Leslie H. Lundahl	Final NO	Org. Code: 06CMN1	Grant/Contract No. VMR202101	
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CATEGORY	EXPENDITURES		AGREEMENT	
	Current Period	Cumulative	Budget	Balance
Salaries & Wages	\$53,755.37	\$894,280.62	\$3,080,771.00	\$2,186,490.38
Fringe Benefits	\$14,768.92	\$245,066.37	\$844,452.00	\$599,385.63
Travel	\$0.00	\$40.61	\$0.00	(\$40.61)
Supplies & Materials	\$3,705.32	\$70,980.98	\$2,326,055.00	\$2,257,074.02
General Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$56,684.44	\$129,404.00	\$70,719.56
Tuition	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ROUNDING				
TOTAL DIRECT	\$72,229.61	\$1,269,053.02	\$6,382,682.00	\$5,113,628.98
Indirect Costs Rate: 10.00%	\$7,222.96	126,905.31	\$638,268.00	\$511,362.69
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$79,452.57	\$1,395,958.33	\$7,020,950.00	\$5,624,991.67

  

STATUS OF REVENUE		OUTSTANDING INVOICES		
Previously Reported	\$1,316,505.76	Date	Invoice No.	Amount
Current Billing	\$79,452.57			
Total Expenditures	\$1,395,958.33			
Total Payments to Date	\$3,510,475.00			
Outstanding Amount	(\$2,114,516.67)			
		Total		\$0.00

  

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NAME: Mariene Erno, Senior Director of Sponsored Program Administration DATE: 4/11/24