Summary of policy changes February and April 2019

1. **Policy 5, Revised 02.18.19**

**Change Summary:** Revised research definition

Change Specifics:

1. Deleted this sentence: 38 CFR 16.102 states that “Research means a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.”
2. **Policy 2, Revision date 04.30.19**

**Change Summary:** Change the percentage of IRB member attendance from 60% to 50% of annual meetings and give Chair authority to address, if necessary

Rationale for change: Reduce member burden

Change Specifics:

1. Changed percentage in this sentence: “If a voting member has been unable to attend at least 60% of the meetings of the IRB during one year…”
2. Changed second half of this sentence to remove contacting alternate; now reads: “…issue will be referred to the IRB Chair for remediation.”
3. **Policy 16, Revision date 4.30.19**

**Change Summary:** Added policy language for respondent drive sampling

Change Specifics:

1. Added, “Respondent driven sampling (RDS) process may be allowed when the IRB determines that it is appropriate for the type of research proposed and that the amount of remuneration is non-coercive. If the researcher is requesting payment associated with RDS, the researcher must provide an explanation of the rationale for RDS for that particular study. RDS payments may only be given to participants enrolled in the research study.”