I. INTRODUCTION

This policy describes that the IRB has the right to use consultants to assist in the review of issues beyond the expertise of the IRB.

II. POLICY

1. An IRB may, in its discretion, invite individuals with competence in special areas to assist in the review of issues which require expertise beyond or in addition to that available on the IRB. However, such individuals may not vote with the IRB.

2. The consultants may be selected from within or outside of Florida State University. The IRB may reserve final action on a project until the consultant’s opinion is obtained and any questions raised by the consultant have been answered by the Investigator.

3. The record keeping of the IRB should reflect the name, area of expertise, and manner of utilization of the consultant(s).

III. LEGAL SUPPORT, JUSTIFICATION, AND REVIEW OF THIS POLICY

BOG 1.001(3)(m), 45 CFR 46.107