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Liberty University  
Lynchburg, VA 24515

RE: Faculty Sponsor Letter

Dear CRS Committee:

The purpose of this letter is to provide documentation that Jennifer Smith Ramey has been invited to do an in-person presentation along with me and Dr. Fred Volk entitled: Using Qualitative Case Study in Program Evaluation: *A Malleable Model for Actionable Insight at the 7th World Conference on Qualitative Research (WCQR2023)* on January 25-27, 2023 in Faro/Algarve Portugal.


Ms. Smith Ramey is a significant contributor to this project as evidenced by the following: Ms. Smith Ramey is a third-year doctoral student in the CES program and a researcher and co-principal investigator on a four-year, \$800,000 federal grant funded by the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) to address rural health disparities in Central Virginia. She is also co-principal investigator on the Bureau of Justice Administration grant to expand capacity of Lynchburg's Adult Drug Court. Additionally, Ms. Smith Ramey is the clinical supervisor and HRSA project director at HBH and has served as project director and principal investigator on three previous federal grants. Thus, she brings a wealth of experience to this project in grant program management and evaluation.

Moreover, Ms. Smith Ramey presented on adopting Illness Management and Recovery in Central Virginia in May 2022 at the Association of Humanistic Counseling national conference. In addition, Ms. Smith Ramey, Dr. Fred Volk, and I have an article published in the *Journal of Rural Mental Health* entitled: Addressing Rural Health Disparities: Adoption of Illness Management and Recovery (IMR) in Central Virginia. Ms. Smith Ramey is first author of this manuscript.

As you can see, it is vital that Ms. Smith Ramey attend this world conference to disseminate the development and expansion of our qualitative case study program evaluation approach which we have used on multiple community partnership projects. I hope you would agree.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [fmilacci@liberty.edu](mailto:fmilacci@liberty.edu) should you have any questions.

Most Sincerely,



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