I would first like to thank the IRB for their time and effort in reviewing my study. I, along with supervising professor Dr. Ty Schepis, feel we have properly addressed the requested changes, which I have outlined below. Once again, thank you for your time; I look forward to hearing from the committee.

Brian Sanders

Dr. Ty Schepis

First Reviewer:

1. The part about posing “no long-term risk” was taken out.
2. While we understand the concerns of the reviewer, we also need to balance them with the need to adequately assess the constructs of interest. We are specifically testing for stigma associated with mental health attitudes; therefore, I feel my questions need to be blunt to appropriately address my research question. Stigma is often expressed cruelly and students will often have heard more blunt terms such as “crazy”, “retard” or “schizo” use to describe mental health symptoms or conditions. The PI and supervising professor have discussed this issue at length and the supervising professor has never had and experience with a participant endorsing long-term distress from a survey, even a number that have addressed sensitive topics (e.g., drug use, sexual behavior and infidelity). The supervising professor has also agreed to be available to debrief participants as needed following completion of the survey.
3. Information for the counseling center was added to the consent.
4. The consent was altered to include a statement that participants could obtain equivalent extra credit through completion of an alternate activity from their professor.

Second Reviewer:

1. The word “momentary” was taken out. Information on the counseling center has been added.
2. The sentence was worded in the way the reviewer suggested.