University of Missouri–St. Louis

Informed Consent for Participation in Research Activities

**Project Title: Development of Harm Reduction Scales**

**Principal Investigator: Zach Budesa, PhD**

**Department Name: Addiction Science Team, UMSL-MIMH**

**IRB Project Number:** 396266

1. You are invited to participate in a research study. The purpose of this research is to develop measures of an individual’s views and support for harm reduction as a practice.

2. Your participation will involve answering the following survey questions about your feelings about harm reduction principles and practices. These questions will include information about drug use and drug-related harm reduction strategies. You will be asked to provide your response to the question, the reason for this response, your interpretation/paraphrase of the question, and any comments that you may have about it.

1. For your time and effort, we will be offering compensation in the amount of $12.00 per hour via Prolific.
2. In this research study, you will read questions and provide your opinion about licit and illicit drug-related strategies. This may be triggering for some participants. If this is the case, you are encouraged to not participate in this study. There are no other known risks associated with this research other than the potential for mild boredom or fatigue.
3. There are no direct benefits for you participating in this study.
4. Your participation is voluntary and you may choose not to participate in this research study or withdraw your consent at any time. You will NOT be penalized in any way should you choose not to participate or withdraw.

7. We will do everything we can to protect your privacy. As part of this effort, your identity will not be revealed in any publication that may result from this study. In rare instances, a researcher's study must undergo an audit or program evaluation by an oversight agency (such as the Office for Human Research Protection) that would lead to disclosure of your data as well as any other information collected by the researcher.

8. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this study, or if any problems arise, you may call the Investigator, Zach Budesa at 314-516-8498. You may also ask questions or state concerns regarding your rights as a research participant to the University of Missouri–St. Louis Office of Research Compliance, at 314-516-5972 or irb@umsl.edu.