

Research and Program Evaluation Rubric West Virginia Rural Health Conference Poster Review Committee			
ABSTRACT COMPONENTS	2 points	1 point	0 points
INTRODUCTION Succinctly describes subject including context/background and explicit statement of the purpose of the research or program /project evaluation	Describes and connects subject/context/backgr ound to the purpose of the research study or program/project evaluation in a well-organized, specific and concise manner	<ul> <li>Describes and connects subject/context/background to the purpose of the research study or program/project evaluation but somewhat disorganized, somewhat lacking in specifics, or not succinct</li> <li>Or only implies or makes superficial connections</li> </ul>	Describes and connects     subject/context/background to     the purpose of the research     study or program/project     evaluation but lacks     organization, lacks specific     details, or not succinct     Or fails to make connections     Or contains no introduction
METHODS Succinctly identifies the methods of the study or major components of the program evaluation. Must include an IRB/IACUC* approval/exemption statement or statement of why review is not applicable.	Include participants, duration of study/program, instruments/data collection procedures, planned or completed descriptive or statistical analyses or evaluation plan	Includes most of the components of the methods section but is somewhat disorganized, lacks 1-2 specifics or is not concise	<ul> <li>Lacks significant detail to replicate the research study or program/project evaluation</li> <li>Or provides no methods or program components</li> <li>Or lacks IRB/IACUC statement (i appropriate)</li> </ul>
RESULTS Succinctly explains what was discovered, accomplished, collected, produced or why results were not obtained. [Note: in some cases, the review committee may recommend that the abstract be resubmitted in the following year when results are available].	States study     results/program     outcomes including     quantitative data if     applicable in an     organized, concise     manner     Or provides a thorough     explanation of why no     results/outcomes were     achieved     Or specifically     identifies duration of     data collection if study     is ongoing**	<ul> <li>Results are disorganized, does not include quantitative data if applicable, or lacks specific detail to identify outcome of research study or program/project evaluation</li> <li>Or provides limited explanation of why results were not obtained</li> <li>Or stating the study/project is ongoing without providing duration for collection/preliminary data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Does not explain why results were not possible</li> <li>Or provides no results</li> <li>Or only states "no results"</li> </ul>
CONCLUSION Provides succinct interpretation of results including what the results mean to the study/program AND describes how the study/program fits into the larger field/issue.	Clear and concise interpretation of results/outcomes in the context of the study/program And how study/program (completed or ongoing) fits into the larger field/issue context	<ul> <li>Interpretation of results is disorganized or fails to state what results mean in context of study/program</li> <li>Unclear how study/investigation fits into larger field/issue</li> </ul>	Conclusion is unorganized and not within context of research study or program/project evaluation  Or lacks statement concerning relevance of study/program to larger field/issue  Or provides no conclusion
LANGUAGE USE AND CONVENTIONS Complete sentences, appropriate word choices, correct grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, defines acronyms.	<ul> <li>Contains no errors in language use or conventions</li> <li>And defines all acronyms at first use</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Contains ≤2 errors in language or conventions</li> <li>Or contains at first use ≤2 undefined acronyms</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Contains ≥3 errors in language use or conventions</li> <li>Or contains ≥3 undefined acronyms</li> </ul>
*IRB: Institutional Review Board, IACUC: Use Committee	Institutional Animal Care and	TOTAL	/10 Points