# CCQDER's Recruitment Tool:

How to track recruiter burden and make recruitment easier

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### Recruitment

Tight deadlines

- OSimultaneous projects
- o15 Projects / Year

Various populations

- Establishment
- •General population

Multiple Types of Documentation

- ONCHS Ethics Review Board purposes
- Remuneration billing and audit purposes
- Respondent demographic reports
- oSchedule
- Confirmation and reminder emails
- Contact history with respondents

## Background

- Interagency Incentives Working Group
- No standard metrics for evaluating recruitment efforts
  - "Time spent" based on recruiter self-report
  - o "Outcomes" number of eligible; ineligible or out of scope; non-contacts; etc.
  - o "Reach out capacity" number of potential respondent reached from advertisement effort
  - "Recruiter observations" recruiter's description of recruitment methods and insights into what was effective for reaching respondents

## The Balancing Act

#### COLLECTING SYSTEMATIC DATA

- olmprove recruitment sample
- Evaluate and improve recruitment methods

#### RECRUITER EFFORT

Do not want to add tasks to the recruiters' demanding workload

# The Solution: Develop a Recruitment Tool Using Microsoft Access

- Consulted with Bureau of Labor Statistics Recruitment Tool
- OAdded new features for incentives/recruitment burden data collection
- Analyzed our internal procedures
  - ONCHS ERB and OMB regulations
  - CCQDER specific documentation
  - Lab and project processes

## Benefits of the Recruitment Tool

- Simplifies recruitment process
- Generates documentation automatically
- Systematically collects recruitment burden data

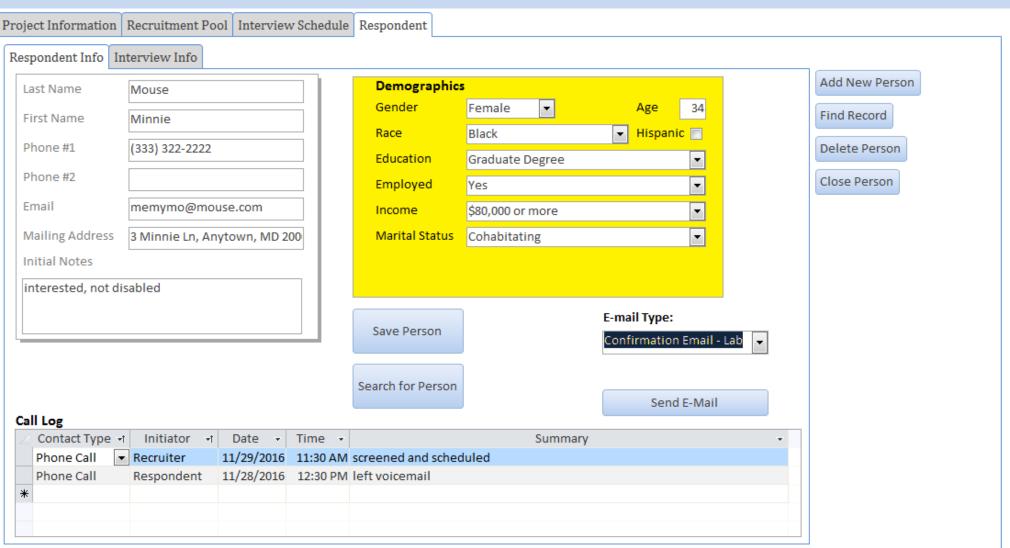
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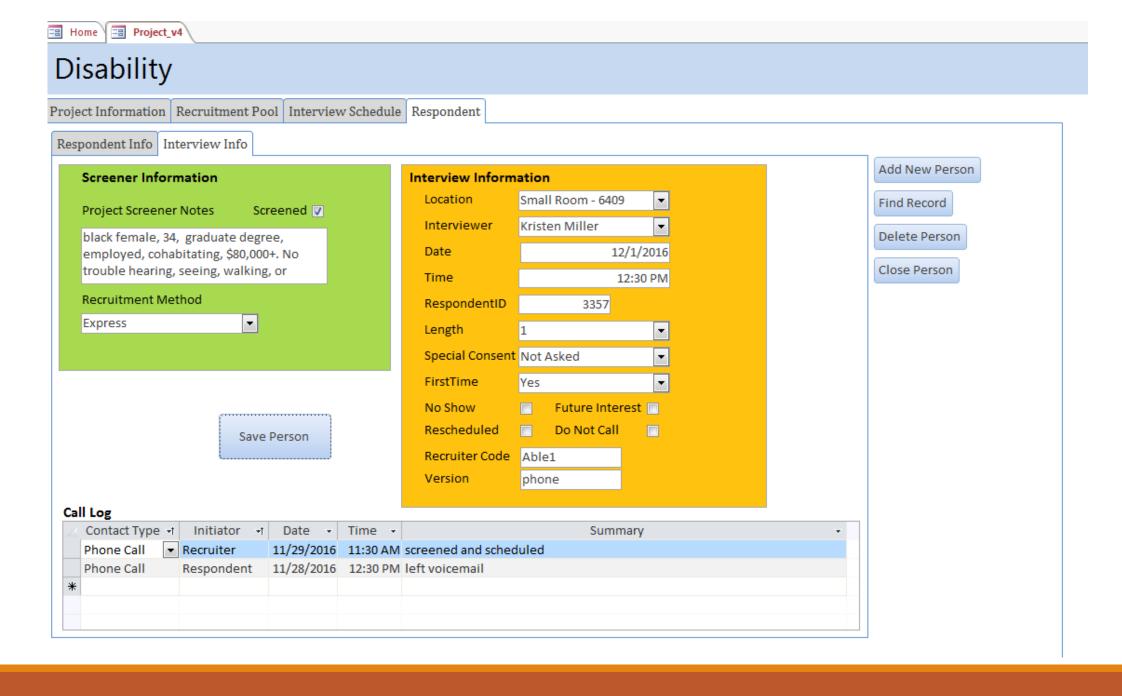
#### Simplifies Recruitment Process

- Add people as they contact us
- Easily screen and schedule respondents and replacements
- Ensure everyone is contacted
- Documentation is always up to date



#### Disability





## Measures Collected by CQDER Recruiters

Project Title Calls in

Description of Target Population Calls out

Recruiter Observations & Emails in

Description of Recruitment Method Emails out

Location (Lab, Offsite) Faxes out

Length of Interview Letters Sent (USPS)

Incentive Screened and Eligible

Audio Recorded Scheduled

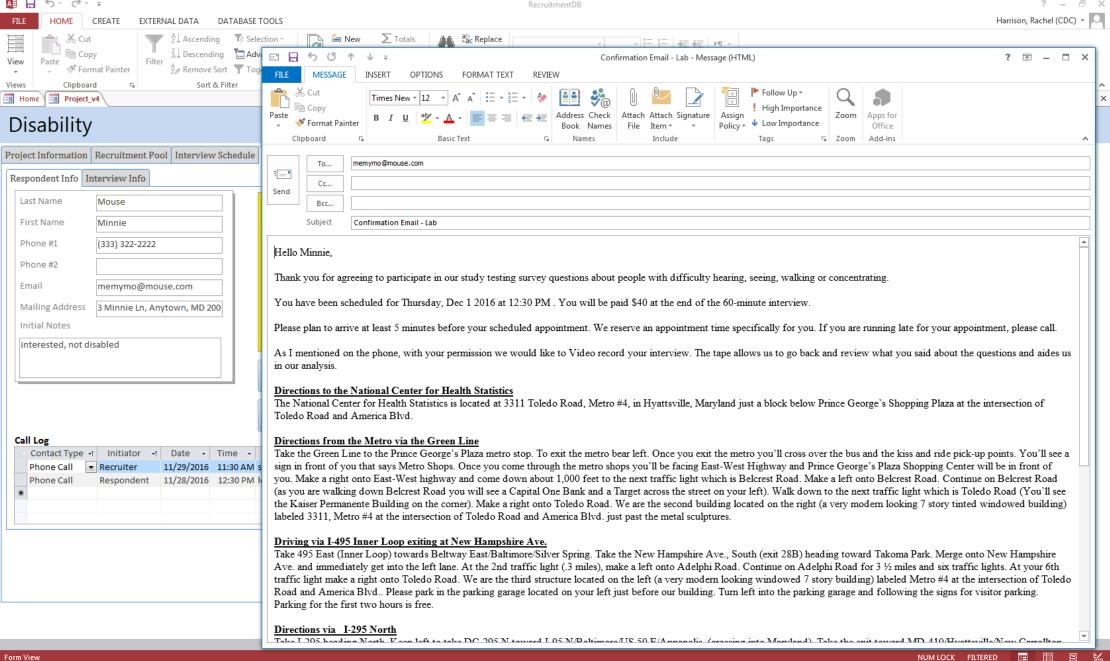
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## Benefits of the Recruitment Tool

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- Confirmation and reminder emails
- Project documentation
- Respondent demographic reports
- Recruitment burden reports



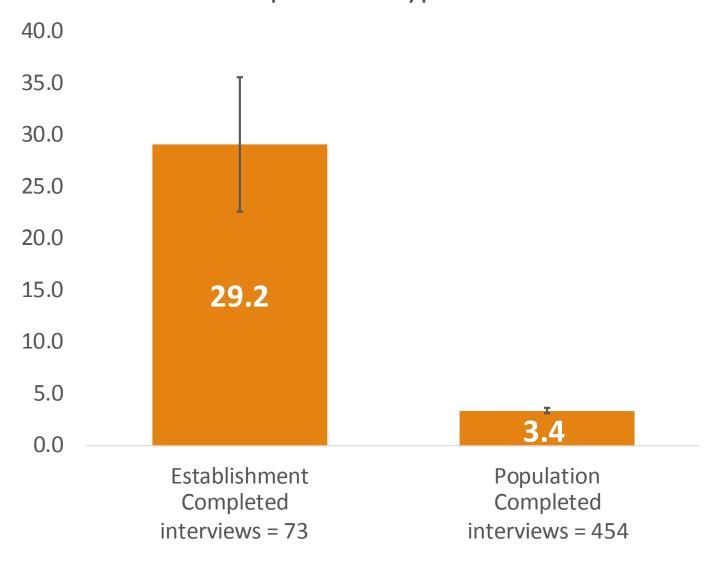
## CQDER Recruitment Burden Findings

- March 2015 August 2016
- o16 projects\*
- o527 interviews\*
- Outgoing Contacts Per Complete
  - The sum of "outgoing" contacts (calls, emails, faxes, letters) made by recruiter to each potential respondent divided by the total number of completed interviews

- Establishment
  - Physicians, office managers at medical facilities, etc.
- •Population
  - Adults with difficulty walking, adults with children with disabilities, etc.

<sup>\*</sup>Not total number of projects conducted by CCQDER

# Outgoing Contacts Per Complete By Population Type†



# How the Survey Research Field Could Benefit from Using a Recruitment Tool

- Access is in the Microsoft Office Suite
- •Can be tailored to meet your agency's needs
- Comparable measures across agencies will allow us to compare methods and findings over multiple projects
- More accurately track the effort, time and cost of recruitment