Script for the family members and professionals (11.22.10).

This is read to the members of the group at the end of the Family Group Decision Making meeting

“I know that everyone is anxious to go home, but at the end of every Family Group Decision Making Meeting, we ask the participants to complete a survey. Your participation in this research is voluntary, and you can decline to fill out a survey or start to fill it out and change your mind. This will not impact the help that you receive or your relationships with anyone in the group or your job. This is a voluntary survey.

We are evaluating the family groups as part of a research study to make sure that it is being implemented in a safe and respectful and empowering manner. The survey asks for your opinion about how you were prepared for the meeting, how the meeting was organized, if the right people were here and how you feel about the meeting. There is no right or wrong answer. If you don’t have the information to answer the question, it is ok to put “don’t know” as your answer or leave it blank.

All of the information is private—we cannot link a name with a survey (your name is NOT asked for on the form). The surveys are scanned into a computer and the information is looked at to see what different groups say about the Family groups e.g. What fathers feel, what mothers feel, what professionals feel, what friends feel. We also use this information to make sure that we are doing a good job in our FGDM meetings. All information will be reported in a group format so that no one person’s answers will be identified. We hope that you will help us because the feedback from the people who participate in FGDM helps us to do a better job at helping families.

The information from the surveys is kept securely on the computer and only two people can see the data. The paper forms are kept in a locked file drawer at the University of Pittsburgh offices in Mechanicsburg. They are then destroyed after a certain period of time when it is legal to do that.

Please take a few minutes to look over the survey before filling it out. Each statement is worded in a positive way. Please use one of the black or blue pens. When you are done with the survey, please put it in the envelope. Thanks for your help in this important work.”