

Appendix C: Telephone Recruitment and Screening Script

*Making a call in response to a message left by a potential study participant

If not available:

Investigator: Hello, may I please speak to _____?

Response: No, she is not in right now. Can I take a message?

Investigator: Sure, could you tell her ***** returned her phone call. I can be reached at ***** . Thank you!

If available:

Investigator: Hello, may I please speak to _____?

Response: This is she.

Investigator: This is Moshoula and I am calling you back regarding the research study. You left a message for me yesterday about being interested in hearing more about this study. Is this a good time to talk?

If no, not a good time to talk:

Response: No, actually, it isn't a good time to talk.

Investigator: When would be a better time to call you back?

Response: (Day) and (Time) will work better.

Investigator: Okay, I will call you back on (Day) at (Time).

If no, not interested at all anymore:

Response: I changed my mind; I don't want to be in the study.

Response: Oh, okay. Thank you for your time. Good-bye.

If, yes, a good time to speak:

Response: Yes, actually this is a good time to talk.

Investigator: Okay. I am a graduate student at Portland State University and I am looking for female sex workers to participate in my doctoral research study. The purpose of this study is to understand the needs and aspirations of sex workers in Portland by giving women a camera so that they can photograph what is important to them within their communities. This study using an arts-based research method called photovoice. The goals of photovoice are to enable people to record and reflect their personal and community's strengths

and concerns through taking photographs, to promote critical dialogue and knowledge about important issues through discussion of their photographs, and to reach policy makers and influential community advocates who can influence positive social change through public forums and showing of their photographs. Does this sound like something you might be interested in?

If no, not interested at all anymore:

Response: Actually, this study isn't really something I am interested in.

Response: Oh, okay. Thank you for your time. Good-bye.

If, yes, still interested:

Response: Yes, this sounds interesting. Go on...

Investigator: Great. I wanted to ask you a few questions to make sure that you are eligible for this study. Would you be willing to answer a few questions related to your age, gender, and your involvement in the sex industry, so that I can determine if you are eligible to participate in the study? Please know that you are free to say no, and not answer any questions you do not wish to answer.

If she does not want to answer any questions:

Investigator: It's okay; I understand your desire not to answer my question. Would you prefer I continue to describe the research project or do you prefer not to answer any questions at all?

- If she would rather not answer any questions at all, I will thank her for her time.
- If she wants me to continue discussing study, I will provide more information, and then return to the this part where I ask her permission to ask her the eligibility questions.

If she is willing to answer the questions:

Response: Sure, I don't mind answering your questions.

Investigator: Thank you. I am going to review the criteria for women to be in the study. After I go over them, please tell me if they are all true for you. If one or more of the criteria are not true for you, just answer no. Feel free to ask questions. Does this sound okay to you?

Response: Yes. I am ready.

Investigator: The first criteria is a woman needs to be eighteen years or older. The second criteria is a woman's gender since birth is female. The last criteria is a woman has been involved in sex work in the past six months in Portland. In this study, sex work is defined as the exchange of sex or sexual stimulation for money or other forms of payment. Please say "yes" if all of these criteria fit you or "no" if one or more of them does not fit you.

If she does not meet the eligibility criteria:

Investigator: Thank you. Unfortunately, this study is not a good fit since I am looking for women who can meet a specific set of criteria. Thank you for taking the time to talk to me today. I appreciate your interest in this study and your willingness to help me.

If she meets the eligibility criteria:

Investigator: Thank you. Based on your answer to these three questions, you fit the eligibility criteria for this study if this is something you are interested in. I wanted to talk to you a little bit more about this study and what your participation would entail. If you have any questions throughout, please feel free to ask them anytime. If you agree to participate in this study, you will attend a 1-1½ hour long training workshop on the photovoice method and the ethics behind taking pictures in your communities. Then, you will be given a 35mm, automatic camera and a roll of 36-exposure, black & white film to photograph objects, places, things, and people that are important to you with regards to your needs and aspirations. I will meet with you to pick up the camera for developing. Once the photographs are developed, we schedule a date for an individual dialogues session. You will decide on a private, comfortable place (either at my home, your home, or anywhere else that is convenient for you) where we can hold a 1-1½ hour long dialogue session where you will talk about the stories behind the 8-10 photographs of your choice. We will also discuss what description you would like to accompany the photographs. You will be given one set of prints to keep and you will receive the negatives to keep once this study is over. For your participation in these activities, you will be compensated you \$50 in cash in appreciation for your time and efforts. You will also get to keep the camera. Also, I will invite you to participate in an optional brief follow-up meeting with me to clarify anything you said during the individual dialogue session; this to make sure that I accurately portray your experiences in my analysis for this study. Your participation in this study will last over a period of 2 to 3 months. Do you have any questions so far?

Investigator: In addition, if are interested, after our individual dialogue session you will also be invited to participate in an optional 1½-2 hour group dialogue session where all of the participants in the study will be invited to discuss the themes that emerged from the photos and the ways in which to present everyone's photos in an art exhibit in order to reach influential community advocates and policy makers. You will also be invited to this art exhibit of all of the participants' photographs from this study. You could choose whether to have your photos in the art exhibit. I also want to add that you are free to contact me throughout this study at any time. You are also free to withdraw from the study at any time. It's possible you could feel some discomfort or embarrassment participating in the dialogue sessions because the stories behind your photographs may be very personal. However, you do not have to share anything you wish not to share. Those things we speak about in the individual dialogue session will be kept confidential. I will not use your real name in this study, but rather, at the start of the photovoice training workshop

you will be asked to choose a pseudonym or make up a name for yourself. Again, I want to emphasize that your participation in this study is voluntary and you may stop participating at any time. Do you have any questions?

Investigator: Does this study sound like something you would like to participate in?

If, no, not interested after hearing about the study:

Investigator: Thank you for your time. I appreciate your taking the time to listen. Good-bye.

If, yes, interested after hearing about the study:

Investigator: Could you meet with me 15 minutes prior to the workshop training session to be held at (community location) on (date) at (time) so that we can go over the study consent form in person and so that you can sign it if you still would like to participate in this study?

Response: Sure, I can meet you there at (time) on (date).

Investigator: Great! Do you have any other questions for me? Do you have my phone number so that you can call me if you have any questions? What is the best way to contact you?

Response: (I can be reached at one of these two numbers...)

Investigator: Great! So I will see you on (date) at (time). Thanks again for your time!