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Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC)
Vital Records Protection Advisory Committee (VRPAC)
Joint Meeting
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 13, 2016
9:00 AM



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor

ATTENDEES:

Convener:

Heather Fukushima, HPS I, Health Information and Research Section

Committee Members:

Phone: Jonathan Teague, Manager, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, Erlinda Valdez, Board Member, California Funeral Directors Association, David Grant, PhD, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, Dharia McGrew, Assembly Committee of Health, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, PhD., University of Southern California, Sun Lee, MPH, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Staff:

Present: Colin Chew, Research Analyst I, Health Information and Research Section, Laura Lund, MA, Science Advisor, Public Health Policy and Research Branch, Cindy Tanaka-Fong, Research Analyst II, Data Management Unit, Henry Montes, Chief, Data Management Unit, Michelle Miles, SSM II, Public Health Policy and Research Branch, Heather Fukushima, HPS I, Health Information and Research Section

Public Attendees: None

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

A/B. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

Staff present attending the meeting included: Colin Chew, Research Analyst I, Health Information and Research Section, Laura Lund, MA, Science Advisor, Public Health Policy and Research Branch, Cindy Tanaka-Fong, Research Analyst II, Data Management Unit, Henry Montes, Chief, Data Management Unit, Michelle Miles, SSM II, Public Health Policy and Research Branch, Heather Fukushima, HPS I, Health Information and Research Section

Committee members on the phone included: Jonathan Teague, Manager, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, David Grant, PhD, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, Erlinda Valdez, Board Member, California Funeral Directors Association, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, PhD., University of Southern California, Sun Lee, MPH, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Ms. Fukushima informed those present that the meeting was being recorded to assist with note taking purposes. This meeting complies with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Mr. Teague made a correction to the minutes regarding what data the local health departments can request from OSHPD. He clarified that not only can they request their own data for their county, but they can also obtain data from other jurisdictions including statewide datasets.

Dharia McGrew moved to approve the November 4, 2015 meeting minutes with the correction from Mr. Teague. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion. Jonathan Teague, Erlinda Valdez, David Grant, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Sun Lee, and Dharia McGrew voted aye to unanimously approve the minutes. There were no opposed and the motion carried. The minutes were approved with the above mentioned correction.

D. VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The State Registrar's (SR) Responses to VSAC Recommendations are included in the agenda package as Attachment 1.

ATTACHMENT 2 – CONSENT CALENDAR: OSHPD DATA REQUESTS

Project Title: Understanding Postpartum Emergency Department Care Utilization in California
Principal Investigator: Priya Batra, MD, University of California, Los Angeles
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2009-2011 Non-Public PDD/ED linked Death Files

Project Title: Impact of Maternal Age and Race on Infant Outcomes
Principal Investigator: Andrew DeWan, PhD, Yale University
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2008-2012 Non-Public PDD/Birth Cohort Files

Project Title: Longitudinal Outcomes of Cardiac Surgery in the State of California
Principal Investigator: Andrew Goldstone, MD, Stanford University
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2005-2011 Linked ED/AS/Death Data Files, 1991-2011 Linked PDD/Death Data

Project Title: Long-Term Outcomes for Tracheostomy
Principal Investigator: Anuj Mehta, MD, Boston University
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2010-2011 Linked PDD/Death Data Files

VSAC Motion: Sun Lee motioned to recommend approval of the data release. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: Jonathan Teague, Erlinda Valdez, David Grant, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Sun Lee, and Dharia McGrew voted aye unanimously in recommending approval of the data requests. Motion carried. The Committee has voted to recommend that the State Registrar (SR) approve the use of the data as described in the protocol.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Project Title: Investigation of the Relation of Fine Particulate Air Pollution and Temperature to Mortality in California
Principal Investigator(s): Rachel Broadwin, California Environmental Protection Agency
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol
CPHS Approval: Approved
Project No.: 12-05-0246
Expiration: 10-7-2016
File(s) Requested: 2012-2013 Death Statistical Master File (select variables), 2014 California Comprehensive Death File (select variables)
Requested Identifiers: No Personal Identifiers
Personal Contact: No
Identifiers Released: No
History: Previous Data Request

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

VSAC Motion: Jonathan Teague motioned to recommend approval of the data release. David Grant seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: Jonathan Teague, Erlinda Valdez, David Grant, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Sun Lee, and Dharia McGrew voted aye unanimously in recommending approval of the data request. Motion carried. The Committee has voted to recommend that the SR approve the use of the data as described in the protocol.

G and H. PUBLIC COMMENTS and DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Ms. Lee had questions about other requestors in LA County and the Information Privacy and Security Requirements (IPSR). Ms. Lund told Ms. Lee that this varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. It would depend on the authority associated with the IPSR that has already been signed by your jurisdiction. The local health officer in some county signed the IPSR, and covers his entire department with that IPSR. Any research application that comes within the department would also be covered by the IPSR. CDPH would have to see a copy of the IPSR before releasing the data. If the person who signed the IPSR does not have the authority to cover another program within the same department, we would need an IPSR from that program.

I. MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Erlinda Valdez moved to adjourn the meeting and Dharia McGrew seconded the motion. Jonathan Teague, Erlinda Valdez, David Grant, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Sun Lee, and Dharia McGrew voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the meeting. Motion carried.