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Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC)
Vital Records Protection Advisory Committee (VRPAC)
Joint Meeting
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 10, 2016
9:00 AM



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor

ATTENDEES:

Convener:

Heather Fukushima, HPS I, Health Information and Research Section

Committee Members:

Phone: Sun Lee, MPH, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Jonathan Teague, Manager, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), Karen Henderson, OSHPD, Dharia McGrew, Assembly Committee of Health, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, PhD., University of Southern California, David Grant, PhD, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Staff:

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

Public Attendees: Brad Stark, UC San Francisco, Pech Colatat, Washington University in St. Louis, Dan Grossman and Gregory DeAngelo, West Virginia University.

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

A/B. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

Ms. Fukushima informed those present that the meeting was recorded to assist with note taking purposes, and that the meeting complied with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

The attendees were informed that a portion of the meeting was reserved for public comments, and asked public attendees to reserve comments until that portion of the meeting.

Ms. Fukushima announced that due to staffing constraints, the State Registrars (SR) has decided to hold the VSAC meetings every two months. The next meeting will be held in April.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Ms. McGrew stated that the minutes of the previous meeting be corrected because her name was not listed as present. She joined the meeting late by phone.

Jonathan Teague moved to approve the January 13, 2015 meeting minutes with the correction from Ms. McGrew. Dharia McGrew seconded the motion. Jonathan Teague, David Grant, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Sun Lee, and Dharia McGrew voted ayes to approve the minutes with the attendance correction. There were no oppositions. The motion was carried. The minutes were approved with the above-mentioned correction.

D. VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

ATTACHMENT 2 – CONSENT CALENDAR: OSHPD DATA REQUESTS

Project Title: Long-term Clinical and Economic Outcomes After Cardiac Surgery
Principal Investigator: Natalia Egorova, Ph.D., Bart Ferket, Ph.D.,
Co-Principal Investigator, Mount Sinai Icahn School of Medicine
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 1990-2014 Linked PDD/Death Files

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

VSAC Vote: Jonathan Teague, David Grant, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Sun Lee, and Dharia McGrew voted ayes to recommend approval of the data request. There were no oppositions. The motion was carried. The Committee has voted to recommend that the SR approve the use of the data as described in the protocol.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Project Title: Health and Economic Toll of Tobacco on California's LGB Community

Principal Investigator(s): Wendy Max, Ph.D., Hai-Yen Sung, Ph.D., Co-Principal Investigator, UC San Francisco

Project Type: Continuing Project with No Changes to the Protocol

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 15-02-1894

Expiration: 04-01-16

File(s) Requested: 2005 Death File, 2010-2012 Death File, 2014 California Comprehensive Death File

Requested Identifiers: Select variables

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

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

VSAC Vote: Jonathan Teague, David Grant, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Sun Lee, and Dharia McGrew voted ayes to recommend approval of the data request. There were no oppositions. The motion was carried. The Committee has voted to recommend that the SR approve the use of the data as described in the protocol.

Project Title: The Effect of Crime and Highway Entrance Closures on Fertility and Health

Principal Investigator(s): Gregory DeAngelo, Ph.D./Daniel Grossman, Ph.D., Co-Principal Investigator, West Virginia University

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 15-08-2184

Expiration: 10-7-16

File(s) Requested: 1997-2013 Birth File

Requested Identifiers: Select variables

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Data Request

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

VSAC Vote: Jonathan Teague, David Grant, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Sun Lee, and Dharia McGrew voted ayes to recommend approval of the data request. There were no oppositions. The motion was carried. The Committee has voted to recommend that the SR approve the use of the data as described in the protocol.

Project Title: Mortality and Support on Online Social Media

Principal Investigator(s): James Fowler, Ph.D., University of California, San Diego

Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-11-0930

Expiration: 8-5-16

File(s) Requested: 2014 California Comprehensive Death File

Requested Identifiers: Select variables

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

VSAC Discussion: The committee noticed that there were no details of how the data would be transferred from Facebook to UC San Diego. The SA told the Committee, Facebook would have to fill out the Information Privacy and Security Requirements document as a contractor for this project. Facebook would have to agree to have the same security protocols in place as researchers have to whom we release data.

VSAC Motion: David Grant motioned to recommend approval of the data release with stipulation that the applicant provide further information on how the data will be transferred from Facebook to UC San Diego. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: Jonathan Teague, David Grant, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Sun Lee, and Dharia McGrew voted ayes to recommend approval of the data request with the stipulation that the applicant provide further information on how the data will be transferred from Facebook to UC San Diego. There were no oppositions. The motion was carried. The Committee has voted to recommend that the SR approve the use of the data with the stipulation as stated above.

Project Title: Predicting Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes

Principal Investigator(s): Laura Jelliffe, Ph.D., UC San Francisco

Project Type: Continuing Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-09-0702

Expiration: 2-3-17

File(s) Requested: 2005-2014 Non-Public PDD/ED/AS Linked Birth Files, 2005-2004 Non-Public PDD linked Death Files, Birth and Fetal Death Data from Biobank

Requested Identifiers: Select variables

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. Sun Lee seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: Jonathan Teague, David Grant, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Sun Lee, and Dharia McGrew voted ayes to recommend approval of the data request. There were no oppositions. The motion was carried. The Committee has voted to recommend that the SR approve the use of the data as described in the protocol.

Project Title: Social Patterns in Naming Practices in the United States, 1990-2006

Principal Investigator(s): Phech Colatat, Ph.D., Washington University in St. Louis

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 15-03-1927

Expiration: 8-5-16

File(s) Requested: 1990-2006 Birth Files

Requested Identifiers: Select variables

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Data Request

VSAC Discussion: The researcher has previously revised their application to address the Committee's concern about the confidential medical data and the confidential portion of certificate. The researcher has left geographic level data in his application in order to link the data to other databases.

Dr. Colatat, the project researcher who was present at the meeting was allowed by the committee to address the committee's concerns. Dr. Colatat told the Committee that the scope of the data request had been pared down, taking out some of the medical and health data. Dr. Colatat reemphasized and clarified the scientific merit as well as the security aspects for keeping data safe and confidential.

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

VSAC Vote: Jonathan Teague, David Grant, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Sun Lee, and Dharia McGrew voted ayes to recommend approval of the data request. There were no oppositions. The motion was 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:

I. MEETING ADJOURNMENT: David Grant moved to adjourn the meeting and Dharia McGrew seconded the motion. Jonathan Teague, David Grant, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Sun Lee, and Dharia McGrew voted ayes in favor of adjourning the meeting. There were no oppositions. The meeting was adjourned.