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Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC)
Vital Records Protection Advisory Committee (VRPAC)
Joint Meeting
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday May 13, 2015
9:00 A.M.



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Governor

ATTENDEES:

Convener:

Henry Montes, Chief, Data Management Unit

Committee Members:

Absent: David Grant, PhD., UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, Sun Lee, MPH, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Phone: Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Assistant Professor, University of Southern California, Shannon Muir, PhD, Science and Technology Fellow, Senate Health Committee, Jonathan Teague, Manager, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, Erlinda Valdez, Board Member, California Funeral Directors Association

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Staff:

Present: Uchenna Ahanonu, Attorney, Office of Legal Services, Heather Fukushima, HPS I, Health Information and Research Section, Cindy Tanaka-Fong, Research Analyst II, Data Management Unit, Colin Chew, Research Analyst I, Health Information and Research Section, Laura Lund, MA, Science Advisor, Public Health Policy and Research Branch, Henry Montes, Chief, Data Management Unit

Public Attendees: No Public Attendees

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

A/B. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

Staff present attending the meeting included: Uchenna Ahanonu, Attorney, Office of Legal Services, Heather Fukushima, HPS I, Health Information and Research Section, Cindy Tanaka-Fong, Research Analyst II, Data Management Unit, Colin Chew, Research Analyst I, Health Information and Research Section, Laura Lund,

MA, Science Advisor, Public Health Policy and Research Branch, and Henry Montes, Chief, Data Management Unit.

Committee members on the phone included: Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Assistant Professor, University of Southern California, Shannon Muir, PhD, Science and Technology Fellow, California Senate Health Committee, Jonathan Teague, Manager, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, and Erlinda Valdez, Board Member, California Funeral Directors Association.

Henry informed everyone that the meeting was being recorded to assist with note taking purposes. This meeting complies with the Bagley-Keene Open Act.

We have reserved a portion of the meeting for public comment. We would like to ask our public attendees to reserve comments until we arrive at that portion of the meeting.

An announcement was made that we would start with Project 5 to accommodate Jonathan who has to leave at 9:30.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Erlinda Valdez motioned to approve the April 8, 2015 meeting minutes. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion. Jonathan Teague voted aye, Emily Putnam-Hornstein voted aye, Erlinda Valdez voted aye, and Shannon Muir voted aye to approve the minutes. There were no oppositions. Motion carried. The minutes have been approved as distributed.

D. VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The State Registrar's Responses to VSAC Recommendations are included in your agenda package as Attachment 1.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Six projects were reviewed.

The first project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Toddlers in Play Study"

Principal Investigator(s): Jessica Grady, PhD, University of the Pacific

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 14-12-1810

Expiration: February 5, 2016

File(s) Requested: 2013 and 2014 Birth Statistical Master File
(select variables)

Requested Identifiers: Name and Address

Personal Contact: Yes

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Data Request

VSAC Discussion: The Science Advisor had concern that they did not ask for the Death Statistical Master file. They would identify deceased infants from the Birth Statistical Master File. The capture of the deceased status is not complete in the BSMF, so they should be asked to request the DSMF so that they can make sure they are not contacting families of deceased infants. It was confirmed that there is a preliminary death file they can request for 2014.

VSAC Motion: Jonathan Teague made motion to recommend to the State Registrar to release the data to the researcher with stipulation that the requestor also request the DSMF files so they can remove deceased infants. Emily Putnam-Hornstein seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: Jonathan Teague voted aye, Erlinda Valdez voted aye, Emily Putnam-Hornstein voted aye, and Shannon Muir voted aye in favor of recommending approval of the data request with stipulation that the requestor also request the DSMF files so they can remove deceased infants. There were no oppositions. Motion carried.

The second project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Effect of Birth Method on Post-natal Health Outcomes of Mothers and Babies"

Principal Investigator(s): David Card, PhD, University of California, Berkeley

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 14-10-1735

Expiration: February 5, 2016

File(s) Requested: 2007-2011 Linked PDD/Birth Cohort File

Requested Identifiers: California identifiers only

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Data Request

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

VSAC Motion: Jonathan Teague motioned to recommend approval of the data release. Emily Putnam-Hornstein seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: Jonathan Teague voted aye, Erlinda Valdez voted aye, Emily Putnam-Hornstein voted aye and Shannon Muir voted aye to recommend that the State Registrar approve the use of the data. There were no oppositions. Motion carried.

The third project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Factors Associated with the Closure of Emergency Services & Impact on Patient Outcomes: Effect of Employment on Emergency Department Utilization"

Principal Investigator(s): Renee Hsia, MD, UC San Francisco

Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No: 12-04-0073

Expiration: June 6, 2015

File(s) Requested: 2011 Linked PDD/ED/Death Data, 2012-2013 Non-Public PDD, 2012-2013 Non-Public EDD, and 2011 Linked PDD/ED/Death Data

Requested Identifiers: California identifiers only

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

VSAC Motion: Shannon Muir motioned to recommend approval of the data. Emily Putnam-Hornstein seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: Jonathan Teague voted aye, Erlinda Valdez voted aye, Emily Putnam-Hornstein voted aye and Shannon Muir voted aye voted in favor of recommending approval of the data request. There were no oppositions. Motion carried. The Committee has voted to recommend that the State Registrar approve the use of the data as described in the protocol.

The fourth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Using Population –Based Datasets to Generate and Test New Hypotheses for Investigating Preterm Births in California"

Principal Investigator(s): Gary Shaw, PhD, Stanford University, School of Medicine

Project Type: Continuing Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-11-0906

Expiration: February 5, 2016

File(s) Requested: 2012 and 2013 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables), 2011 Fetal Death Statistical Master File (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: BSMF (Certificate Number and Address), FDSMF (Certificate Number)

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. Shannon Muir seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: Jonathan Teague voted aye, Erlinda Valdez voted aye, Emily Putnam-Hornstein voted aye and Shannon Muir voted aye in favor of recommending approval of the data request. There were no

oppositions. Motion carried. The Committee has voted to recommend that the State Registrar approve the use of the data as described in the protocol.

The fifth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Statistical Learning as Foundation for Lexical Development"

Principal Investigator(s): Katharine Graf Estes, PhD, University of California, Davis

Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-10-0832

Expiration: December 4, 2015

File(s) Requested: PI is requesting files obtained by Dr. Lisa Oakes: 2006-2015 Birth Records (select variables), 2007-2015 Infant Death Records (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: Birth Records (Name and Address), Infant Death Records (Name)

Personal Contact: Yes

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

VSAC Motion: Shannon Muir motioned to recommend approval of the data. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: Jonathan Teague voted aye, Erlinda Valdez voted aye, Emily Putnam-Hornstein voted aye and Shannon Muir voted aye in favor of recommending approval of the data request. There were no oppositions. Motion carried. The Committee has voted to recommend that the State Registrar approve the use of the data as described in the protocol.

The sixth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "The Effects of Ozone and Particulate Matter on Mortality"

Principal Investigator(s): Kimberly Kaufeld, PhD, North Carolina State

University Statistics Department

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Pending CPHS Approval

Project No.: Pending CPHS Approval

Expiration: Pending CPHS Approval

File(s) Requested: 2010-2013 Death Statistical Master File (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: No Personal Identifiers

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Data Request

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

VSAC Motion: Emily Putnam-Hornstein motioned to recommend approval of the data. Erlinda Valdez seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: Jonathan Teague voted aye, Erlinda Valdez voted aye, Emily Putnam-Hornstein voted aye and Shannon Muir voted aye in favor of recommending approval of the data request. There were no oppositions. Motion carried. The Committee has voted to recommend that the State Registrar approve the use of the data as described in the protocol.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Henry asked the Committee to refer to Attachment 3, Recap of Data Requests Approved in the Vital Statistics Unit.

G and H. Public Comments and AGENDA ITEMS: There were no additional questions or comments.

I. MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Jonathan Teague motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 A.M.
