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Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC)
Vital Records Protection Advisory Committee (VRPAC)
Joint Meeting
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday June 11, 2014
9:00 A.M.



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ATTENDEES:

Convener: Terri Mack, MPA, Chief, Health Information and Research Section

Committee Members:

Present: Emily Putnam-Hornstein, PhD., University of Southern California

Absent: Deborah Williams, California Department of Social Services, Matthew Sundquist; David Grant, PhD., UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

Phone: Sun Lee, MPH, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Jonathan Teague, MCRP, Office of Statewide Planning and Development

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Staff:

Absent: Henry Montes, Chief, Data Management Unit

Present: Cindy Tanaka-Fong, Research Analyst II, DMU, Colin Chew, Research Analyst I, DMU

Phone: Laura Lund, MA, Science Advisor

Public Attendees: Preeti Gill and Katie Ruel, Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation (MIHOPE)

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

A/B. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

Staff and Committee present attending the meeting included Cindy Tanaka-Fong, Research Analyst II, Colin Chew, Research Analyst I, and Emily Putnam-Hornstein, PhD., University of Southern California. Staff on the phone included Laura Lund. Committee members on the phone included, Sun Lee and Jonathan Teague.

We have reserved a portion of the meeting for public comment.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Jonathan Teague motioned to approve the June 11, 2014 meeting minutes. Sun Lee seconded the motion. All Committee members voted 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:

Five projects were reviewed.

The first project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Community-Associated Clostridium Difficile Risk Factor"

Principal Investigator(s): Joelle Nadle, California Emerging Infections Program

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 14-01-1478

Expiration: April 3, 2015

File(s) Requested: 2012-2013 Birth Statistical Master File (Select Variables), 2012-2013 Death Statistical Master File (Select Variables). PI is requesting to use data from another project – 12-04-0119 – Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Tdap Vaccination Strategies at Preventing Infant Pertussis

Requested Identifiers: 2012-2013 BSMF (Name, Certificate Number, and Address), 2012-2013 DSMF (Name, MMN)

Personal Contact: Yes

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Data Request

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

VSAC Discussion: There was confusion on the file request as they were requesting files through 2015. Terri clarified that we make available the data we have currently with the understanding they come back and we would provide the data for the future years. If the project is approved and multiple years of data are paid for, they will receive the data as long as they get their annual CPHS renewal and there are no changes to their protocol.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members all voted aye. 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 second project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Gestational Metabolic Conditions and Neurodevelopmental Disorders"

Principal Investigator(s): Cheryl Walker, MD, University of California, Davis

Project Type: Continuing Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 13-06-1255

Expiration: October 3, 2014

File(s) Requested: 1991-2011 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: BSMF (Name, Certificate Number, Address)

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

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

VSAC Discussion: This project was approved at the January 11 VSAC meeting but unaware that she would need to obtain birth data from our office. There was a concern Guiebo Zeheng was mentioned as having access but not mentioned in the application. Terri suggested that the Committee can approve the request with stipulation upon receiving clarification regarding access to the data be provided. Beate Danielsen will be doing the data linkage. In order for

the two files – OSHPD and DDS files, they would need the BSMF with all the identifiers. Once she does the linkage, she will provide a de-identified research file with data elements from the other 2 sources. Concern was brought up regarding the use of SSN. SSNs would not be provided on the BSMF.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members all 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 third project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Safety in Childbirth: Estimating Benefits of Risk Appropriate Obstetrical Care"

Principal Investigator(s): Kimberly Gregory, University of California, Los Angeles

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No: 13-12-1453

Expiration: April 3, 2005

File(s) Requested: 2009-2010 PDD/ED/AS linked Birth Cohort File (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: California Identifiers

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Data Request

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

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

VSAC Vote: The Committee members all voted aye. 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: "Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation – Strong Start (MIHOPE-Strong Start)"

Principal Investigator(s): Virginia Knox, MDRC

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Pending

Project No.: 14-04-1565

Expiration: Pending

File(s) Requested: 2014-2015 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables), 2012-2015 Fetal Death Statistical Master File (select variables)

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

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Data Request

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

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

VSAC Vote: The Committee members all voted aye. 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: "Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation (MIHOPE)"

Principal Investigator(s): Virginia Knox, MDRC

Project Type: Continuing Project with changes to the protocol

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 13-02-0114

Expiration: June 5, 2015

File(s) Requested: 2012-2015 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables) and the 2012-2015 Fetal Death Statistical Master File (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: BSMF (name, Certificate Number, Address), FDSMF (Name, Certificate Number)

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

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

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

VSAC Vote: The Committee members all voted aye. 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: Terri 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: Preeti thanked the Committee for approving both of their projects. She wanted to know if they could submit single data requests for stakeholders for MIHOPE and MIHOPE- Strong Start? The approval is for the request of the data that has been identified in the protocol. The new project will be provided with data as it will become available because you are asking for 2014 and 2015. The Birth Statistical Master File usually closes a few months after the year. The approval is for what was requested in the protocol. Preeti said that the samples have overlapped for MIHOPE and MIHOPE-Strong Start. Ideally in the past, they would submit a single request and receive a single data file. She wanted to know if they would be able to combine the data request into a single request given that they are approved for both studies. Usually

requestors would request to use the data from another study. Terri said she would accept some sort of note that you will be doing that. When you get to the point to use existing data that you have, bring that back to the Committee. This would be for the record.

In the future, Terri will work with staff so we can take note of these overlaps and ask the researchers what their intentions are. We can make sure that documentation is prepared for the Committee if those are the wishes of the researchers.

Preeti asked if she could be notified when a file would be available.

Terri said that we are in the process of closing and finishing the 2013 BSMF. We have a new electronic Fetal Death Registration System. With this in place, it means mean a lot more timeliness for the fetal death registration product. We may be able to improve the timeliness of the Birth Cohort file.

Preeti was going to e-mail to Terri regarding whether California is using the 2003 US Standard Revised Certificate.

I. MEETING ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Committee members all voted in favor of adjourning the meeting at 9:43 A.M.