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**VITAL STATISTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VSAC)  
VITAL RECORDS PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VRPAC)  
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, December 11, 2013  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
1616 Capitol Avenue, Sixth Floor  
Toulumne Room 74.653

**AGENDA**

- A. Welcome
- B. Introductions and Announcements
- C. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting
- D. State Registrar's Response to VSAC Recommendations—Attachment 1
- E. New Business—Attachment 2
- F. Recap of Data Requests Approved in the Vital Statistics Unit—Attachment 3
- G. Public Comment
- H. Additional Discussion Topics
- I. Adjournment

**ATTACHMENT 1—  
STATE REGISTRAR RESPONSE TO VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following projects were reviewed by the Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC) on November 13, 2013. The VSAC's recommendations and the State Registrar's actions are recorded below.

1. Project Title: Mortality and Support on Online Social Media  
Principal Investigator: James H. Fowler, PhD, UC San Diego  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Death Statistical Master Files (2000 - 2010) with name & address previously obtained for another project.  
**NOTE: This project was reviewed during the January 9, 2013 meeting. The committee postponed their recommendation until after the project was approved by CPHS.**  
VSAC Recommendation: The Committee has voted to delay recommendation to the December meeting pursuant to receiving Attachment 2 (survey) and the correct protocol that is associated with Attachment 2. In addition, they would like to obtain information on contacting others.  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
2. Project Title: Multiethnic/Minority Cohort Study of Diet and Cancer  
Principal Investigator: Kristine Monroe, PhD., University of Southern California  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Death Statistical Master Files (2010 - 2012) with name, certificate #, address, SSN  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
3. Project Title: Effect of Maternal Education on Adverse Birth Outcomes  
Principal Investigator: Lela Bachrach, MD, MS, University of California, Berkeley  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master Files (2008 – 2013) No Personal Identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
4. Project Title: Portrait of California 2014  
Principal Investigator: Patrick Guyer, Measure of America, Social Science Research Council

Project Type: Continuing Research Project

Data Requested: Death Statistical Master Files (2009 - 2012) with address

VSAC Recommendation: The Committee recommendation to the State Registrar that the data only be released if stored in an encrypted format.

State Registrar's Action: Adopted

5. Project Title: Infant Social and Emotional Development  
Principal Investigator: Eric A. Walle, Ph.D., University of California, Merced  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master Files (2012 - current) Monthly Files  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved with the stipulation that death data be used to prevent grieving parents of deceased infants from being contacted.  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
6. Project Title: Cancer Disparities in California  
Principal Investigator: Ulrike Boehmer, Boston University School of Public Health  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Merged Death Files (2000 – 2009)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
7. Project Title: Pesticides and Child Development Outcomes  
Principal Investigator: Beate Ritz, University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master Files (1994 – 2014)  
Death Statistical Master Files (1994 – 2014)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
8. Project Title: Mortality Among Released Juvenile Offenders in California  
Principal Investigator: Hans Steiner, MD/Arash Anoshiravani, MD  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Death Statistical Master Files (2007 - 2009) Name, Cert #, Address, SSN/MMN  
Multiple Causes of Death Files (2007 - 2009)  
VSAC Recommendation: The Committee recommended approval of the data pending receipt of additional documentation concerning how the data will be handled, stored, and disposed of by CDCR.  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

9. Project Title: Study to Explore Early Development (SEED)  
Principal Investigator: Gayle C. Windham, PhD, CDPH Environmental Health  
Investigations Branch (EHIB)  
Project Type: Continuing Project with changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master Files (2003 - 2007) Name, Cert #, Address  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

## ATTACHMENT 2—NEW BUSINESS

The following projects were reviewed by the Health Information and Research Section and require VSAC review and recommendation:

1. Project Title: Mortality and Support on Online Social Media  
Principal Investigator: James H. Fowler, PhD, UC San Diego  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Death Statistical Master Files (2000 - 2010) with name & address previously obtained for another project.  
**NOTE: This project has been reviewed during the January 9, 2013 and November 13, 2013 meeting. The committee postponed their recommendation until after receipt of clarification of a survey mentioned in the attachment of a supplemental research plan.**
2. Project Title: Visual Development in Infants  
Principal Investigator: Karen Dobkins, PhD., University of California San Diego  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: Birth Files with Name, Address to be obtained from San Diego County
3. Project Title: Electronic Health Record Update  
Principal Investigator: Sean O'Connell, UCLA Faculty Practice Group  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Death Statistical Master Files (2009 – 2012)
4. Project Title: Maternal and Infant Health Assessment  
Principal Investigator: Paula Braveman  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: Birth Information Database (BID) Data in 1300-Byte Format

**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 3—  
RECAP OF DATA REQUESTS APPROVED IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION AND  
RESEARCH SECTION**

**County Requests**

1. San Diego County Human & Health Services Agency – 2012 Birth
2. Santa Clara Public Health Department – 2012 Birth
3. Orange County Health Care Agency – 2012 Birth
4. Riverside Public Health – 2012 Birth
5. Tulare Public Health – 2012 Birth, 2012 Death
6. Marin County – 2012 Death, 2009 Fetal
7. Monterey County Health Department – 2012 Birth
8. San Mateo County Health System – 2012 Birth
9. Stanislaus County Health Services Agency – 2012 Birth
10. Alameda County Public Health Department – 2012 Birth
11. Marin County – 2012 Birth
12. Los Angeles County – 2012 Birth
13. Kern County - 2012

**Birth Data Requests**

**Death Data Requests**

1. Kaiser Permanente – 2012 Death
2. UCSF and Alameda Health System – 2007-2012 Death
3. Fairhaven Memorial Park & Mortuary – January – September 2013 monthly death data
4. San Francisco Public Health – 2011 and 2012 Death

**CDPH Program Requests**

1. CDPH – Immunization Branch – 2012 Non-Public PDD, 2012 Non-Public EDD, 2012 Non-Public ASC