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

April 13, 2016  
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
3701 N Freeway Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95834

**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. Consent Calendar – Attachment 2
- F. Discussion Items – New Business—Attachment 3
- G. Recap of Data Requests Approved in the Health Information and Research Section—Attachment 4
- H. Public Comment
- I. Additional Discussion Topics
- J. Adjournment

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

The following project was reviewed by the Health Information and Research Section and required VSAC review and recommendation:

1. Project Title: Health and Economic Toll of Tobacco on California's LGB Community  
Principal Investigator: 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  
Data Requested: 2005 Death Statistical Master File (select variables), 2010-2012 Death Statistical Master File (select variables), 2014 California Comprehensive Death File (select variables)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
2. Project Title: The Effect of Crime and Highway Entrance Closures on Fertility and Health  
Principal Investigator: Gregory DeAngelo, Ph.D., Daniel Grossman, Ph.D., Co-Principal Investigator, West Virginia University  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1997-2013 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
3. Project Title: Mortality and Support on Online Social Media  
Principal Investigator: James Fowler, Ph.D., University of California, San Diego  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2014 California Comprehensive Death File (select variables)  
VSAC Recommendation: Recommend to approve with stipulation the applicant provide further information on how the data will be transferred from Facebook to UC San Diego.  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

4. Project Title: Predicting Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes  
Principal Investigator: Laura Jelliffe, Ph.D., University of San Francisco  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data 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  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
5. Project Title: Social Patterns in Naming Practices in the United States, 1990-2006  
Principal Investigator: Phech Colatat, PhD, Washington University in St. Louis  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1990-2006 Birth Statistical Master File (Name, Mother's Address)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

## **ATTACHMENT 2 - CONSENT CALENDAR: OSHPD DATA REQUESTS**

The following OSHPD projects are those being placed in the block in the Consent Agenda.

- Project Title: Assessment of Health Care Spending in California Patients with Liver Disease  
Principal Investigator: Mindie Nguyen, MD, Stanford University  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2005-2011 Linked PDD/EDD/AS/Death Data
- Project Title: Factors Associated with the Closure of Emergency Services & Impact on Patient Outcomes; Effect of Unemployment on ED Utilization in California  
Principal Investigator: Renee Hsia, MD, University of California, San Francisco  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2005-2011 EDD/Linked Death Data
- Project Title: Chronic Disease in California, 2007-2016  
Principal Investigator: Janet Bates, MD, CDPH, Center for Chronic Disease Prevention  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2014 California Comprehensive Death File, 2014 Non-Public Patient Discharge Data, 2014 Non-Public Emergency Department Data, 2014 Non-Public Ambulatory Surgery Data

**ATTACHMENT 3 - DISCUSSION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS**

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

1. Project Title: Hospital Variation in Obstetric Care  
Principal Investigator: Xiao Xu, Ph.D., Yale University  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2007-2015 Linked PDD/ED/AS/Birth Files
2. Project Title: Mental Rotation in Human Infants  
Principal Investigator: David Moore, Ph.D., Pitzer College  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: Monthly Birth Data (10/01/15-07/01/18), Monthly Death Data (10/01/15-07/01/18)
3. Project Title: California Health Interview Survey  
Principal Investigator: Ninez Ponce, Ph.D., David Grant, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2009-2013 Death Files (select variables), 2014 California Comprehensive Death File (select variables)
4. Project Title: Maternal and Infant Health Assessment  
Principal Investigator: Paula Braveman, MD, Kristen Marchi, Co-Principal Investigator, University of San Francisco  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2016 Monthly Birth Records (select variables)
5. Project Title: Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) Study  
Principal Investigator: Steven Jacobsen, MD, Kaiser Permanente  
Project Type: Continuing Project with No Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2014-2017 Birth File (select variables), 2014-2017 CCDF (select variables), 2013-2017 Fetal Death File (select variables), 2014 Multiple Cause of Death File (select variables)
6. Project Title: The Development of Object Representation in Infancy  
Principal Investigator: Lisa Oakes, Ph.D., University of California, Davis  
Project Type: Continuing Project

Data Requested: Monthly Birth Records from 1/1/2016-12/31/2020 (select variables),  
Monthly Death Records from 1/1/2016-12/31/2020 (select variables)

7. Project Title: The Health and Housing Market Effects of Air Pollution  
Principal Investigator: Daniel Sullivan, Harvard University  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1994-2005 Birth File (select variables), 1994-2005 Fetal Death Files  
(select variables)

**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 4—  
RECAP OF DATA REQUESTS APPROVED IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION AND  
RESEARCH SECTION**

**Birth Data Requests**

1. Riverside County – 2014 Birth File
2. Santa Barbara County – 2014 Birth File
3. San Francisco County – 2014 Birth File
4. Contra Costa County – 2014 Birth File, 2012 Fetal Death File
5. San Joaquin County – 2011-14 Birth File
6. Tulare County – 2014 Birth File
7. Stanford University – 2014 Birth
8. Washington University in St. Louis – 1990-2006 Birth

**Death Data Requests**

1. San Francisco County – 2012 Fetal Death File
2. COMSERV, Inc. – 2014-2015 Anti-Fraud Death
3. UCLA – 1979-2013 Death
4. Stanford University – 2014 Infant Death records
5. Central Research, Inc. – 2014 Anti-Fraud Death

**CDPH Data Requests**

1. Chronic Disease Control Branch – 2014 CCDF
2. STD Branch – 1989-2014 Birth Files, 1989-2014 Death Files
3. Center for Chronic Disease Prevention – 2014 CCDF
4. STD Control Branch – 2014 Birth File
5. Center for Health Care Quality – 2012-2014 Non-Public PDD
6. Surveillance and Statistics Section – 2014 Non-Public PDD, 2014 Non-Public EDD