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Wednesday, March 13, 2013  
 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
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**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. Agenda Items for Future Meetings
- I. Adjournment

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

The following research requests were reviewed by the Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC) on January 9, 2013. The VSAC's recommendation and the State Registrar's actions are recorded below.

1. Project Title: Maternal and Infant Health Assessment (MIHA)  
Status: Continuing Project  
Principal Investigator: Paula Braveman, MD, MPH, Professor of Family and Community Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine  
Data Requested: Custom birth dataset 2013 — select variables with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approve  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
  2. Project Title: Investigation of the Relation of Fine Particulate Air Pollution and Temperature to Mortality in California  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Rachel Broadwin, MPH, Research Scientist, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)  
Data Requested: Death statistical master 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 – select variables with no personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approve  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
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3. Project Title: The Program Monitoring and Evaluation of California's Family Planning Program: Family PACT  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Marina Chabot, Office of Family Planning, Department of Health Care Services  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2011 – entire file with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approve  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
4. Project Title: National Children's Study  
Status: Continuing Project  
Principal Investigator: Christina Chambers, PhD, MPH, Departments of Pediatrics, Family and Preventive Medicine, and Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SSPPS), University of California San Diego  
Data Requested: Custom birth dataset 2011 – select variables with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approve  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
5. Project Title: Out-of-Hospital Sudden Cardiac Death Records Review  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Benjamin Colburn, Electrophysiology Services, University of California San Francisco  
Data Requested: Custom death dataset 2007 thru 2013 – select variables with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Hold for further review at the next meeting, following CPHS review  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

6. Project Title: Predictors of Long-term Outcomes in California Children with Central Nervous System (CNS) Tuberculosis (TB)  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Alexandra Duque-Silva, MD, California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Branch  
Data Requested: Death statistical master 2001 thru 2011 – select variables with decedent name  
VSAC Recommendation: Approve  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
7. Project Title: The Program Monitoring and Evaluation of California's Family Planning Program: Family PACT  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Marina Chabot, Office of Family Planning, Department of Health Care Services  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2011 – entire file with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approve  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
8. Project Title: Mortality and Support on Online Social Media  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: James H. Fowler, PhD, University of California San Diego  
Data Requested: Death statistical master 2000 thru 2010 previously obtained for two of his projects  
VSAC Recommendation: Hold for further review at the next meeting, following CPHS review  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
9. Project Title: A Binational Population-based Study of Birth Outcomes of Mexican-Origin Women Living in California and Mexico  
Status: Continuing Project  
Principal Investigator: Sylvia Guendelman, PhD, University of California Berkeley  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2008 & 2009 – select variables with no personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approve  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

10. Project Title: Linkage of Medi-Cal Administrative Data with Data from the California Birth Statistical Master File  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Aldona Herrndorf, MPH, Department of Health Care Services  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2010 & 2011 – select variables with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approve with stipulation that PI indicate how data on server will be destroyed pending project termination.  
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted
  
11. Project Title: Environmental Health Tracking and Childhood Cancers in California  
Status: Continuing Project  
Principal Investigator: Julia Heck, PhD, Researcher, University of California Los Angeles  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2010 & 2011 – select variables with personal identifiers; and death statistical master 2010 & 2011– select variables with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approve  
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

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**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: Out-of-Hospital Sudden Cardiac Death Records Review  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Benjamin Colburn, Electrophysiology Services, University of California San Francisco  
Data Requested: Custom death dataset 2007 thru 2013 – select variables with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation at the January 9, 2013 meeting was to hold for further review, following CPHS review (see Attachment 1 and minutes from the January 9, 2013 meeting).
  2. Title: Follow-Up of Infants Born to Pregnant Women with Confirmed or Probable 2009 H1N1 Influenza with Symptom Onset from April 1 through December 31, 2009  
Status: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Principal Investigator: Meileen Acosta, MPH, Epidemiologist, Solano County Health and Social Services  
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master 2010, select variables with personal identifiers
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3. Project Title: Investigations of Language Learning and Social Cognition in Infants and Children  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Michael C. Frank, PhD, Stanford University Language and Cognition Lab  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2011 – select variables with personal identifiers
  
4. Project Title: Development of Statewide Perinatal Quality Improvement Metrics with OSHPD PDD/Birth Certificate Linked Data  
Status: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol  
Principal Investigator: Jeffrey Gould, MD, MPH, Stanford University, California Perinatal Quality Care Collaborative (CPQCC)  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2010 – select variables with personal identifiers – linked with OSHPD PDD
  
5. Project Title: Molecular Markers of Preterm Birth – Maternal and Infant Genetic Contributions to Preterm Birth: the Inflammatory Response  
Status: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol  
Principal Investigator: Martin Kharrazi, PhD, CDPH Genetic Disease Screening Program  
Data Requested: No new data requested at this time; requesting to share geocoded data with University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), a collaborator on the study
  
6. Project Title: Effect of Agricultural Pesticides on Adverse Birth Outcomes  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Ashley E. Larsen, PhD Candidate, University of California Santa Barbara  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 1997 thru 2011 – select variables with personal identifiers

7. Project Title: OPTN Deceased Donor Potential Study (DDPS)  
Status: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol  
Principal Investigator: Karl J. McCleary, PhD, MPH, United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS)  
Data Requested: Death statistical master 2010 – select variables with personal identifiers including mother’s maiden name
  
8. Project Title: Gestational Diabetes in Asian Americans: Predictors, Problems, and Progression  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Latha Palaniappan, MD, MS, Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institute  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2007 thru 2011 – select variables with personal identifiers
  
9. Project Title: Longitudinal Study of Hospital Outcomes for California Children  
Status: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol – additional data requested  
Principal Investigator: Linda L. Remy, PhD, UCSF Family Health Outcomes Project (FHOP)  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2010–2011 – select variables with personal identifiers
  
10. Project Title: Persistent Organic Pollutants and Breast Cancer Risk: Chemicals Old and New  
Status: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol  
Principal Investigator: Peggy Reynolds, PhD, Senior Research Scientist, Cancer Prevention Institute of California (CPIC)  
Data Requested: No new data requested at this time

11. Project Title: Stanford Translational Research Integrated Database Environment (STRIDE)  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Susan Weber, PhD, Director, Informatics Systems Development, Stanford Center for Clinical Informatics  
Data Requested: Death statistical master 1999–2010 – select variables with personal identifiers including SSN & mother’s maiden name
  
12. Project Title: California Late Impact of Phototherapy Study (CLIPS)  
Status: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol  
Principal Investigator: Andrea Wickremasinghe, MD, University of California San Francisco  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 1998–2004 – select variables with personal identifiers – linked with OSHPD patient discharge data (PDD)

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

**County Data Requests**

1. Monterey County Health: 2011 Birth
2. Nevada County Public Health Department: 2011 Birth; 2010 Fetal Death; 2010 Death
3. San Francisco County Public Health Department: 2011 Birth
4. San Joaquin County Public Health Services: 2011 Birth
5. Shasta County Public Health Department: 2011 Birth; 2010 Fetal Death
6. Ventura County Public Health Department: 2007, 2008, 2009 Birth Cohort; 2007, 2008, 2010 Fetal Death; 2001 thru 2010 Fetal Death

**Death Data Requests**

1. Central Research, Inc.: 2010 Death
2. Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, Health Information: 2008 & 2009 Death

**CDPH Program Requests**

1. CDPH–Chronic Disease Epidemiology and Control-Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program: 2010 Death
2. CDPH–Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health: 2007 & 2009 Birth Cohort; 2011 Birth