

Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC)
Vital Records Protection Advisory Committee (VRPAC)
Joint Meeting
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 14, 2012
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Convener: Laura Lund, Science Advisor for Health Information and Strategic Planning (HISP), Acting Chair

Committee Members:

Present: Malaika Singleton-Duran, PhD

Phone: David Grant, PhD; Jonathan Teague, MCRP; Krista Hanni, PhD; Erlinda Valdez; Deborah Williams; Sue Holtby, MPH

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Staff:

Present: Terri Mack, Krista Christian, Julie Turner, Cindy Tanaka-Fong, Nicolas Bowen

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM

A/B. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Terri announced that we will have a new member, Dr. Malaika Singleton-Duran from the Senate Office of Research. Dr. Singleton-Duran received her PhD in neuroscience from the University of California, Davis and a BA in biology and psychology that was jointly awarded from Rutgers University Newark College of Arts and Science and New Jersey Institute of Technology. Her specialty is autism spectrum disorders. We would like to welcome her to the committee.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Jonathan Teague made a motion to approve the January 11, 2012 meeting minutes. Deborah Williams seconded the motion. All Committee members voted to approve the minutes.

D. VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Attachment 1 State Registrar's Response to VSAC Recommendations is a recap of recommendations from the last meeting.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Fourteen projects were reviewed.

The first project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Evaluating the Effectiveness of a 13-Valent Pneumococcal Vaccine among Children"

Principle Investigator(s): Mirasol Apostol, MPH, California Emerging Infections Program, CDPH

Project Type: Continuing Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 10-02-02

Expiration: December 7, 2012

File(s) Requested: 2010-2011 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables); 2010-2011 Death Statistical Master File (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: Name, Certificate Number, Address

Personal Contact: Yes

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

VSAC Discussion: No discussion.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Krista Hanni motioned to recommend the approval of the data request. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: Committee members voted in favor of recommending approval of the data request. There were no oppositions. There was one abstention. Motion carried.

The second project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Adverse Birth Outcomes Associated with Ambient Temperature in California, 1999-2009"

Principle Investigator(s): Rupa Basu, PhD, MPH, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), Air Pollution Epidemiology Unit

Project Type: Continuing project

CPHS Approval: Approved.

Project No.: 08-10-55

Expiration: December 15, 2012

File(s) Requested: 1999-2009 Birth Statistical Master File and Fetal Death Statistical Master File

Requested Identifiers: No Personal identifiers

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous data request

VSAC Discussion: No discussion.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: David Grant motioned to recommend approval of the data request. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: Committee members voted aye in favor of recommending the approval of the data request. There were no oppositions. There was one abstention. Motion carried.

The third project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Maternal and Infant Health Assessment"

Principle Investigator(s): Paula Braveman, MD, MPH, University of California, San Francisco

Project Type: Continuing Project

CPHS Approval: Approved.

Project No.: 98-02-04

Expiration: February 3, 2012

File(s) Requested: 2012 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: Name/Mother's address

Personal Contact: Yes

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous data request.

VSAC Discussion: The committee was concerned about the method used in contacting families that recently gave birth, specifically attempting to send text messages. They wanted to know if this was legal and within the FDC regulations. The committee felt that this was within the domain of CPHS. David Grant felt we should be looking at this from a scientific validity standpoint and determine if they are violating FDC rules and would be inclined not to approve this if it was violating the rules. Laura Lund was able to provide information on the Telemarketing Consumer Protection Act of 1991. The findings of that law prohibit use of automatic dialing systems to contact people via cell phone. Researchers are only permitted to contact subjects via cell phone if the numbers are manually dialed. The court findings are ambiguous on whether or not the law applies to text messaging.

CPHS may have let this go through because of the ambiguity in the law regarding text messages.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request with the stipulation that researchers verify the contact method is in compliance with the Federal Trade Commission regulations regarding phoning people with the understanding that there may be ambiguity with text messaging.

VSAC Motions: Jonathan Teague motioned to recommend the approval of the data request with stipulation. Krista Hanni seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members voted aye in favor of recommending the approval of the data request. There were no oppositions. There was one abstention. Motion carried.

The fourth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Development of Visual Perception in Human Infants"

Principle Investigator(s): Karen R. Dobkins, PhD, University of California, San Diego

Project Type: Continuing Project

CPHS Approval: Approved.

Project No.: 98-10-15

Expiration: October 5, 2012

File(s) Requested: 2010 Birth Statistical Master File obtained from San Diego County Office of Vital Records (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: California identifiers

Personal Contact: Yes

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

VSAC Discussion: No discussion.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Deborah Williams motioned to recommend approval of the data request. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members all voted aye in favor of recommending the approval of the data request. There were no oppositions. There was one abstention. Motion carried.

The fifth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "RealAge Collaboration – Prediction of Mortality Risk Using Online Health and Health Interest Data"

Principle Investigator(s): James H. Fowler, PhD, University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, Division of Social Sciences

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Requested

Project No.: Pending CPHS approval

Expiration: Pending CPHS approval

File(s) Requested: 2000-2008 Death Statistical Master File (select variables with select identifiers)

Requested Identifiers: Name

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: No discussion.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Krista Hanni motioned to recommend the approval of the data request. Sue Holtby seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: Committee members all voted aye in favor of recommending the approval of the data request. There were no oppositions. There was one abstention. Motion carried.

The sixth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Political Engagement Before and After the Death of a Spouse"

Principle Investigator(s): James H. Fowler, PhD, University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, Division of Social Sciences

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Requested

Project No.: Pending CPHS approval

Expiration: Pending CPHS approval

File(s) Requested: 2000-2008 Death Statistical Master File (select variables

with personal identifiers)

Requested Identifiers: Name

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Jonathan Teague motioned to recommend the approval of the data request. Krista Hanni seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: Committee members all voted aye in favor of recommending the approval of the data request. There were no oppositions. There was one abstention. Motion carried.

The seventh project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Development of Statewide Perinatal Quality Improvement Metrics with OSHPD PDD/Birth Certificate Link Data"

Principle Investigator (PI): Jeffrey B. Gould, MD, MPH, Stanford University, California Perinatal Quality Care Collaborative (CPQCC), California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC)

Project Type: New Project

(CPHS) Approval: Approved

Project No.: 11-12-26

Expiration: December 7, 2012

File(s) Requested: 2008-2009 OSHPD Linked PDD/Birth Certificate Data

Requested Identifiers: Certificate Numbers only

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: No discussion.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Krista Hanni made a motion to recommend approval of the data request. David Grant seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members all voted to approve the data request. There were no oppositions. There was one abstention. Motion carried.

The eighth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Impact of Maternal and Child Health Funding on Health Outcomes"

Principle Investigator(s) Cynthia Harding, MPH, Director, MCAH Programs, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Requested

Project No.: Pending CPHS approval

Expiration: Pending CPHS approval

File(s) Requested: 1997-2010 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables); 1989-2009 Death Statistical Master File (select variables)

Requested Identifiers California identifiers only

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: No discussion.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Krista Hanni motioned to approve the recommendation. David Grant seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members all voted to approve the data request. There were no oppositions. There was one abstention. Motion carried.

The ninth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Demographic, Geographic, and Built Environment Patterns and Clustering of Mortality during a Heat Wave"

Principle Investigator(s): Martha Harnly, MPH, CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Requested

Project No.: Pending CPHS approval

Expiration: Pending CPHS approval

File(s) Requested: 2005-2007 Death Statistical Master File (select variables with personal identifiers); 2005-2007 Multiple Cause of Death Files (select variables)

Requested Identifiers Certificate Numbers only

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: No discussion.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Krista Hanni motioned to approve the recommendation. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members voted to approve the data request. There were no oppositions. There was one abstention. Motion carried.

The tenth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Tdap Vaccination Strategies at Preventing Infant Pertussis"

Principle Investigators: Kathleen Harriman, PhD, MPH, RN, California Emerging Infections Program (CEIP)

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Requested

Project No.: Pending CPHS approval

Expiration: Pending CPHS approval

File(s) Requested: Use of 2010 and 2011 Birth Statistical Master File (BSMF) and Death Statistical Master File, previously purchased; 2012 and 2014 BSMF (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: Names, Mother's Address

Personal Contact: Yes

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: No discussion.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: David Grant motioned to approve the recommendation. Sue Holtby seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members all voted to approve the data request. There were no oppositions. There was one abstention. Motion carried.

The eleventh project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "OPTN Deceased Donor Potential Study (DDPS)"

Principle Investigators: Karl J. McCleary, PhD, MPH, United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS)

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Requested

Project No.: Pending CPHS approval

Expiration: Pending CPHS approval

File(s) Requested: 2000-2009 Death Statistical Master File (entire file with personal identifiers)

Requested Identifiers: Name, Certificate Number, Address

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: Discussion among the committee members included concern of moving the data, clarity on the security protocols, data storage at Harvard, and scientific validity. After discussing, there were no requests for additional information.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Jonathan Teague motioned to approve the recommendation. Krista Hanni seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: The committee members voted to approve the data request. There were no oppositions. There was one abstention. Motion carried.

The twelfth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Preliminary Study of Reproductive Health Impacts in Nail and Hair Care Workers"

Principle Investigators: Thu Quach, PhD, Cancer Prevention Institute of California

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 11-12-25

Expiration: December 7, 2012

File(s) Requested: 1998 and 2009 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables); 1996-2008 Birth Cohort File (select variables)

Requested Identifiers California identifiers only

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: No discussion.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Krista Hanni motioned to approve the recommendation. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members all voted to approve the data request. There were no oppositions. There was one abstention. Motion carried.

The twelfth thirteenth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "The Influence of Air Pollution in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area on the Occurrence of Birth Defects"

Principle Investigators: Beate Ritz, MD, University of California, Los Angeles

Project Type: Continuing Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 96-08-08

Expiration: August 3, 2012

File(s) Requested: 2009 Birth Statistical Master File (entire file); 2009 Death Statistical Master File (select variables with personal identifiers)

Requested Identifiers: Name, Certificate Number, Address

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

VSAC Discussion: The committee had concern about how the data was being transferred between the two universities.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request with stipulation that the research team provide clarification on how they plan on transferring the data between the universities.

VSAC Motions: Krista Hanni motioned to approve the recommendation. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members all voted to approve the data request. There were no oppositions. There was one abstention. Motion carried.

The fourteenth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Proposal to Continue Research on the Developmentally Disabled"

Principle Investigators: Dr. Robert Shavelle, PhD, FASCPDM, Life Expectancy Project

Project Type: Continuing Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 03-04-56

Expiration: June 1, 2012

File(s) Requested: 2007-2009 Death Statistical Master File (entire file)

Requested Identifiers: Name, Certificate Number, Address

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

VSAC Discussion: Terri asked the committee their thoughts as it appeared the requestor was asking for data for multiple projects that were not clearly described in the data request. Krista Hanni said that it appeared they were

going to update their prior papers. Would we have to go back and review this?

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Krista Hanni motioned to approve the recommendation. Sue Holtby seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members all voted to approve the data request. There were no oppositions and no abstentions. Motion carried.

The fifteenth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Perchlorate and Thyroid Hormones in Pregnancy and Infants in Southern California"

Principle Investigators: Craig Steinmaus, MD, MPH, University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 11-06-65

Expiration: June 1, 2012

File(s) Requested: 2000-2002 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: No Personal Identifiers

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: No discussion.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Jonathan Teague motioned to approve the recommendation. Krista Hanni seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members all voted to approve the data request. There were no oppositions. There was one abstention. Motion carried.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Terri asked the Committee to refer to Item F, Recap of Data Requests Approved in the Vital Statistics Unit on attachment 3.

G. Public Comment: There was one participant from the public, Ricardo Basurto-Davila, co-PI with Cynthia Harding for the project, “Impact of Maternal and Child Health Funding on Health Outcomes”.

H. Agenda Items for Future Meetings: There were no agenda items for future meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Jonathan Teague motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Grant seconded the motion. Committee members all voted aye in favor of adjourning the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 A.M.

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