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Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC)
Vital Records Protection Advisory Committee (VRPAC)
Joint Meeting
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday May 14, 2014
9:00 A.M.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor

ATTENDEES:

Convener: Henry Montes, Chief, Data Management Unit

Committee Members:

Absent: Deborah Williams, California Department of Social Services
Malaika Singleton, PhD, Senate Office of Research, Matthew
Sundquist;

Phone: Sun Lee, MPH, Los Angeles County Department of Public
Health, Jonathan Teague, MCRP, Office of Statewide Planning and
Development, David Grant, PhD., UCLA Center for Health Policy
Research, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, PhD., University of Southern
California

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Staff:

Present: Henry Montes, Chief, Data Management Unit, Cindy
Tanaka-Fong, Research Analyst II, DMU, Colin Chew, Research
Analyst I, DMU

Phone: Laura Lund, MA, Science Advisor

Public Attendees: None

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M.

A/B. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

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

Henry informed everyone that the meeting was being recorded to
assist with note taking purposes. We have reserved a portion of the
meeting for public comment.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

There was a motion to approve the March 12, 2014 meeting minutes. A motion was made to second 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:

Thirteen projects were reviewed.

The first project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Portrait of California, 2014"

Principal Investigator(s): Patrick Guyer, Measure of America, Social Science Research Council

Project Type: Continuing Project with changes to the protocol

CPHS Approval: Not Required

Project No.: N/A

Expiration: N/A

File(s) Requested: 2009-2012 DSMF (select variables) requesting to use data obtained in 2013

Requested Identifiers: Address

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

VSAC Motion: Jonathan Teague motioned to recommend approval of the data release. Emily Putnam-Hornstein 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 second project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Learning to Listen Ahead in English and Spanish"

Principal Investigator(s): Anne Fernald, PhD, Stanford University

Project Type: Continuing Project with changes to the protocol

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-10-0873

Expiration: February 6, 2015

File(s) Requested: 2013 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables), 2013 Fetal Death Statistical Master File (select variables)

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

Personal Contact: Yes

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

VSAC Motion: David Grant motioned to recommend approval of the data. Sun Lee seconded the motion.

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

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: "Chronic Disease Morbidity and Mortality in the San Joaquin Valley"

Principal Investigator(s): John Capitman, PhD, California State University, Fresno

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No: 12-06-0430

Expiration: August 1, 2014

File(s) Requested: 2009-2010 Death Public Use (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: No Personal 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: "Statistical Learning as a Foundation for Lexical Development"

Principal Investigator(s): Katherine Graf Estes, PhD, UC Davis

Project Type: Continuing Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-10-0832

Expiration: December 5, 2014

File(s) Requested: 2006-2014 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables), 2007-2014 Infant Death Records (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: requesting to use data obtained by Dr. Lisa Oakes

Personal Contact: Yes

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

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

VSAC Discussion: As it was unclear of the years of use for the Birth Statistical Master File and Fetal Death Statistical Master Files, it was concluded the PI be contacted to verify this as this was not specified.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members voted in favor of a revised motion. There were no oppositions. The Committee voted to recommend to the State Registrar to approve the data request with the stipulation that additional information be provided to clarify the years of use for the Birth Statistical Master File and the Fetal Death Statistical Master File. Motion carried.

The fifth project reviewed by the Committee was:

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

Principal Investigator(s): Pamala Kirley, California Emerging Infections Program

Project Type: Continuing Project with changes to the protocol

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-04-0119

Expiration: June 6, 2014

File(s) Requested: 2012 and 2013 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables) and the 2012 and 2013 Infant Death Records (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: to use data that has been obtained by California Emerging Infections Program

Personal Contact: Yes

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.

The sixth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Childhood Autism Risks from Genetics and the Environment"

Principal Investigator(s): Ira Hertz-Picciotto, PhD, University of California, Davis

Project Type: Continuing Project with changes to the protocol

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-11-0900

Expiration: February 6, 2015

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

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

Personal Contact: Yes

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

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

VSAC Discussion: Clarification is needed as SSN was listed as a variable but this was not reflected on application.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members voted in favor of a revised motion. There were no oppositions. The Committee voted to recommend to the State Registrar to approve the data request with the stipulation that PI additional information be provided to clarify use of SSN. Motion carried.

The seventh project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "California Cardiac Surgery and Intervention Project"

Principal Investigator(s): Joseph Carey, M.D., University of California, Irvine

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-06-0401

Expiration: August 2, 2014

File(s) Requested: 1992-2012 Non-Public PDD (select variables), 1999-2010 Non-Public linked Death Data (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. Sun Lee seconded the motion.

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

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 eighth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Ethnic Disparities in Utilization Rates and Complication Rates in Hip & Knee Arthroplasty and Hip Fracture Surgery"

Principal Investigator(s): Timothy Brox, M.D., UCSF, Fresno

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-10-0840

Expiration: April 3, 2015

File(s) Requested: 2000-2011 Non-Public PDD (select variables), 2009-2011 Non-Public EDD (select variables), 2000-2009 Non-Public linked Death Data (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: California identifiers

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Data Request

VSAC Motion: Sun Lee motioned to recommend approval of the data. David Grant seconded the motion.

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

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 ninth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Memory Processes in Childhood"

Principal Investigator(s): Dr. Simona Ghetti, University of California, Davis

Project Type: Continuing Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 13-03-1119

Expiration: April 3, 2015

File(s) Requested: 2006-2014 Birth Records (select variables), 2007-2014 Infant Death Records (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: requesting to use files obtained by Dr. Lisa Oakes

Personal Contact: Yes

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

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

VSAC Discussion: The study proposes to use Dr. Oakes approved protocol for recruitment but the recruitment section is blank. The Committee expressed concern about having no information regarding

the recruitment process, as it was blank in the protocol and application.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members in favor of revised motion. There were no oppositions. The Committee has voted to recommend that the State Registrar approve the use of the data with stipulation additional information be provided regarding page 7, item D on the protocol on the use of recruitment and on the description of potential subjects for recruitment. Motion carried.

The tenth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Maternal Influenza Infection during Pregnancy and Risk of Autism Disorders"

Principal Investigator(s): Ousseny Zerbo, PhD, Kaiser Permanente

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 13-12-1436

Expiration: February 6, 2015

File(s) Requested: 2000-2009 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables), 2000-2009 Birth Cohort File (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: requesting to use files obtained by Dr. De-Kun Li.

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Data Request

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

VSAC Discussion: Clarification is needed as there are Social Security Numbers in the files that were originally linked as referenced in the protocol. There was a policy change made, there are some files in circulation where SSN was released to researchers originally. As protocols come in reusing the data, we need a better understanding whether we are allowing SSN to be used or not because of the policy change. The Committee suggested a short briefing at one of the next meeting on the regulations and laws of the release of SSN in addition

to the release of Mother's Maiden Name. The other issue would be addressing the use of previously obtained data.

VSAC Vote: The Committee members in favor of revised motion. There were no oppositions. The Committee has voted to recommend that the State Registrar approve the use of the data with stipulation that additional information be provided on the use of Social Security Numbers. Motion carried.

The eleventh project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "The Effect of High Inpatient Occupancy on Outcomes for Elderly Medicare Patients"

Principal Investigator(s): Mahshid Abir, University of Michigan

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 13-09-1347

Expiration: February 5, 2015

File(s) Requested: 1998-2010 PDD/linked death files

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. David Grant seconded the motion.

VSAC Discussion: Clarification was provided on what files were being requested.

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 twelfth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Obstetric Management and Outcomes in California"

Principal Investigator(s): Blair G. Darney, PhD., Aaron Caughey, MD, PhD., Oregon Health and Science University

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 13-04-1191

Expiration: February 6, 2015

File(s) Requested: 2000-2010 PDD/linked Birth Cohort file

Requested Identifiers: California identifiers

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: Yes

History: New Data Request

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

VSAC Discussion: The PI's name was misspelled in the agenda.

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 thirteenth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Multigenerational Familial and Environmental Risk for Autism (MINERvA) Network - California"

Principal Investigator(s): Gayle C. Windham, PhD, CDPH, Environmental Health Investigations Branch

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-05-0219

Expiration: February 6, 2015

File(s) Requested: 1982-2007 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables), 1982-2007 Birth Cohort File (select variables), 1982-2008 Death Statistical Master File (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: requesting to use data that she had previously.

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Data Request

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

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

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.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: The Committee expressed interest including the following topics: regulation of Social Security Numbers for birth files; release of Mother's Maiden Name; and use of previously obtained data.

G and H. Public Comments and AGENDA ITEMS: There were no questions or concerns.

I. MEETING ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Committee members all voted in favor of adjourning the meeting at 9:55 A.M.