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Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC)
Vital Records Protection Advisory Committee (VRPAC)
Joint Meeting

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 11, 2012
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM



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Governor

ATTENDEES:

State Registrar: Tony Agurto, MPA, Acting Deputy Director, Health Information and Strategic Planning (HISP)

Convener: Terri Mack, Chief, Health Information and Research Section

Committee Members:

Present: Jonathan Teague, MCRP, Deborah Williams, Chief,
Malaika Singleton-Duran, PhD

Phone: Erlinda Valdez

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Staff:

Present: Laura Lund, Krista Christian, Julie Turner,
Cindy Tanaka-Fong

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:12 A.M.

A/B. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

Terri noted the new design of the VSAC agenda which includes the names and titles of VSAC committee members and CDPH staff. The agenda, under attachment 2, also includes comments from Laura Lund, Science Advisor addressing concerns of the scientific review process. Attendees present at the meeting were introduced. Terri Mack introduced Tony Agurto, Acting Deputy Director of the Health Information and Strategic Planning Division and State Registrar.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Deborah Williams made a motion to approve the May 9, 2012 meeting minutes. Jonathan Teague 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: "California Late Impact of Phototherapy Study

Principle Investigator(s): Andrea C. Wickremasinghe, MD, University of California, San Francisco

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 11-12-20

Expiration: February 1, 2013

File(s) Requested: 2005-2007 OSHPD linked PDD/Birth Cohort data (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: California identifiers only

Scientific Review: No Concerns

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 recommend approval of the data request. Deborah Williams seconded the motion.

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

The second project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Deregionalization of Perinatal Services in CA: Better Care or Adverse Consequences?"

Principle Investigator(s): Judith H. Chung, MD, University of California, Irvine

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved.

Project No.: 05-08-55

Expiration: August 3, 2012

File(s) Requested: 2003-2009 OSHPD Linked PDD/ED/AS Birth Cohort Data (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: California identifiers only

Scientific Review: No Concerns

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: No discussion

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

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

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

The third project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Using Population-Based Datasets to Generate and Test New Hypotheses for Investigating Preterm Births in California"

Principle Investigator(s): Gary M. Shaw, DrPH, Stanford University, Department of Pediatrics and Neonatology

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 11-12-24

Expiration: February 1, 2013

File(s) Requested: 1960-2010 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables) 1970-1998 Fetal Death Statistical Master File (select variables)

Scientific Review: No Concerns

Requested Identifiers: California identifiers only

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: Jonathan Teague asked if there was concern among the committee on releasing an entire dataset. Terri stated we have been seeing people asking for data to build data repositories resulting in the re-release of data. At the NAPHSIS conference Terri Mack had a conversation with the Chief of the Statistics Committee at the NAPHSIS conference and there is concern on the re-release of data on the national level. This situation is not specified in the statutes. We have had a few projects where Principal Investigators have asked permission to reuse the same data for another purpose. Laura Lund was comfortable with the request and had no concerns.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

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

VSAC Vote: Committee members all voted aye in favor of recommending approval. There were no oppositions. Motion carried.

The fourth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "San Francisco Mammography Registry: A Research Resource"

Principle Investigator(s): Karla Kerlikowske, MD, University of California, San Francisco

Project Type: Continuing Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No: 10-08-51

Expiration: May 30, 2013

File(s) Requested: 2010 Merged Death (select variables with out-of-state identifiers)

Requested Identifiers: Name, Certificate Numbers

Scientific Review: No Concerns

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

VSAC Discussion: Jonathan Teague wanted to know if there was a process once the database is set up on how long the data is to be retained. He was also concerned with how HIRS is planning to monitor the use the data. Terri said their application identified their data plan and how they planned to secure the data.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

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

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

The fifth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Intergenerational Correlation in Health at Birth among Immigrants in US"

Principle Investigator(s): Giovanni Osea Giuntella, Boston University

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-04-24

Expiration: April 5, 2013

File(s) Requested: 1970-2009 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables) (years 1975-2009 from another study)

Requested Identifiers: Names, Mother's Address

Scientific Review: No Concerns

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: The requester currently has the data (1975-2009), and is seeking State Registrar approval to use the data for this new project, in addition to requesting new data for 1970-1974. Jonathan commented that from an economic standpoint, requestors who have requested years of data can take advantage of what they already have purchased.

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

The sixth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Air Pollution and Autism in Southern California"

Principle Investigator(s): Heather E. Volk, PhD, University of Southern California

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-2-21

Expiration: February 1, 2013

File(s) Requested: 2000-2009 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables with personal identifiers)

Requested Identifiers: Name, Certificate Number, Address

Scientific Review: No Concerns

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 recommend approval of the data request. Deborah Williams seconded the motion.

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

The seventh project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Understanding Sites of Death for Veterans who Receive Nursing Home Care"

Principle Investigator (PI): Susan C. Miller, PhD, Veteran's Health Administration

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Requested

Project No.: Pending CPHS approval

Expiration: Pending CPHS approval

File(s) Requested: 2008-2009 Death Statistical Master File (select variables with SSN)

Requested Identifiers: Name, SSN

Scientific Review: No Concerns

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

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

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

The eighth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "The California Maternal Data Center: Establishing a Statewide Data Center for use in Rapid-Cycle Maternity Care Improvement Projects"

Principle Investigator (PI): Jeffrey B. Gould, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine, California Perinatal Quality Care Collaborative (CPQCC)

Project Type: Continuing Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-04-0157

Expiration: May 30, 2013

File(s) Requested: 2010, 2012, and 2013 Birth Statistical Master File – special run (select variables), 2010 Fetal Death Statistical Master File (select variables).

Requested Identifiers: BSMF - California identifiers only, FDSMF – No Personal Identifiers

Scientific Review: No Concerns

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

VSAC Discussion: This is the first project where we will be providing real time data (45-day turnaround).

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Jonathan Teague motioned to approve the recommendation. Deborah Williams seconded the motion.

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

The ninth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health Outreach Home Visiting Program"

Principle Investigators: Nancy Reifel, DDS, MPH, UCLA School of Dentistry

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 1-12-30

Expiration: February 1, 2013

File(s) Requested: 2007, 2008 2009 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: No Personal Identifiers

Scientific Review: No Concerns

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Deborah motioned to approve the recommendation. Jonathan seconded the motion.

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

The tenth project reviewed by the Committee was:

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

Principle Investigators: Anne Fernald, PhD, Stanford University Center for Infant Studies

Project Type: Continuing Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 04-02-13

Expiration: April 5, 2013

File(s) Requested: 2011 Ad Hoc Birth Data Files (select variables), 2011 Infant Death (select variables), 2011 Special Request (select variables), 2011 Special Run (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: Ad Hoc Birth Files (Names, Mother's Address), Infant Death (Name, Mother's Address), Special Request (California identifiers only), Special Run (Personal Identifiers)

Scientific Review: No Concerns

Personal Contact: Yes

Identifiers Released: No

History: Previous Data Request

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Jonathan motioned to approve the recommendation. Deborah seconded the motion.

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

The eleventh project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "FoodNet Non-0157 Shiga Toxin-Producing E. coli Study: Assess of Risk Factors for Lab-Confirmed Infections and Characterization of Illnesses by Microbiological Characteristics"

Principle Investigators: Katie Wymore, MPH, California Emerging Infections Program (CEIP)

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 10-12-07

Expiration: December 7, 2012

File(s) Requested: 2010 and 2011 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables), 2010 and 2011 Death Statistical Master File (select variables)

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

Scientific Review: No Concerns

Personal Contact: Yes

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: The committee was concerned that there was no return date for the data. The application stated that after the data collection has been completed and manuscripts have been published, all data would be destroyed. Julie Turner stated requesters will also be using data that they purchased from another study. An approval letter was included from the original purchaser. Jonathan Teague had concerns about the return or data destruction. Laura Lund suggested that we could advise them to keep the committee informed while the project was still active.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Deborah Williams motioned to approve the recommendation. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion.

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

The twelfth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Putting Youth on the Map: Youth Well-Being Vulnerability in California"

Principle Investigators: Estella M. Geraghty, MD, MS, MPH, GISP, University of California, Davis

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-04-21

Expiration: April 5, 2013

File(s) Requested: 2008-2010 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: BSMF (Address)

Scientific Review: This appears to be a data development and mapping project and not a research study.

Personal Contact: No

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: Terri Mack informed the committee that the scientific review and CPHS review was taken into consideration, and was presenting this to the committee for their consideration.

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Jonathan Teague motioned to approve the recommendation. Deborah Williams seconded the motion.

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

The thirteenth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "Study to Explore Early Development (SEED): Phase II"

Principle Investigators: Gayle C. Windham, PhD, CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 11-12-08

Expiration: March 5, 2013

File(s) Requested: 2008, 2009 Birth Cohort File (select variables), 2008-2010 Birth I Statistical Master File (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: BC and BSMF (Name, Certificate Number, Address)

Scientific Review: No Concerns

Personal Contact: Yes

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Deborah Williams motioned to approve the recommendation. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion.

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

The fourteenth project reviewed by the Committee was:

Project Title: "The Path to Language Literacy: A Cross-Linguistic Longitudinal Approach"

Principle Investigators: Margaret Friend, PhD, San Diego State University

Project Type: New Project

CPHS Approval: Approved

Project No.: 12-04-05

Expiration: April 5, 2013

File(s) Requested: 2011 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables),
2011 Special Run (select variables), 2011 Special Run (select variables)

Requested Identifiers: BSMF (Name, Certificate Number, Address),
Special Run (California identifiers only), Special Run (Name, Certificate
Number, Address)

Scientific Review: No Concerns

Personal Contact: Yes

Identifiers Released: No

History: New Research Project

VSAC Discussion: No Discussion

VSAC Recommendation(s): Approve the data request.

VSAC Motions: Deborah Williams motioned to approve the
recommendation. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion.

VSAC Vote: Committee members all voted to approve the data request.
There were no oppositions. 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 –
Attachment 3.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no participants from the public.

H. AGENDA ITEMS: Terri asked the Committee if there were any agenda
items for the next meeting. There were no agenda items.

I. MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Deborah motioned to adjourn the meeting.
Jonathan seconded the motion. Committee members all voted aye in favor of
adjourning the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M.