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

Wednesday, January 9, 2013
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
1616 Capitol Avenue, Sixth Floor
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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 November 14, 2012. The VSAC's recommendation and the State Registrar's actions are recorded below.

1. Project Title: Maternal Age-Specific Prevalence Rates of Chromosome Abnormalities by Race/Ethnicity in the Kaiser Health Plan in Northern and Southern California
Status: New Project
Principal Investigator: De-Kun Li, MD, PhD, Kaiser Foundation Research Institute, Division of Research
Data Requested: Merged death 2010 – entire file with personal identifiers
VSAC Recommendation: Approve
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

 2. Project Title: Language Development in Infants
Status: Continuing Project
Principal Investigator: Toben Mintz, PhD, University of Southern California
Data Requested: Current live birth data obtained directly from Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
VSAC Recommendation: Approve
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
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3. Project Title: Epidemiologic Study of One Million U.S. Radiation Workers
Status: New Project
Principal Investigator: Michael Mumma, International Epidemiology Institute
Data Requested: Death statistical master 2009–2010 – select variables with personal identifiers
VSAC Recommendation: Approve
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

4. Project Title: Persistent Organic Pollutants and Breast Cancer Risk: Chemicals, Old and New
Status: Continuing Project
Principal Investigator: Peggy Reynolds, PhD, Cancer Prevention Institute
Data Requested: Marriage Index 1960–1969
VSAC Recommendation: Approve
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

5. Project Title: The Role of Physician Peer Learning in Autism Screening and Diagnosis
Status: New Project
Principal Investigator: Ezra Zuckerman, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 1997–2007 – select variables with personal identifiers
VSAC Recommendation: Approve
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

6. Project Title: RealAge Collaboration – Prediction of Mortality Risk Using Online Health and Health Interest Data
Status: Continuing Project
Principal Investigator: James H. Fowler, PhD, University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, Division of Social Sciences
Data Requested: Death statistical master 2010 – select variables with personal identifiers
VSAC Recommendation: Approve
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

7. Project Title: Political Engagement Before and After the Death of a Spouse
Status: Continuing Project
Principal Investigator: James H. Fowler, PhD, University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, Division of Social Sciences
Data Requested: Death statistical master 2010 – select variables with personal identifiers
VSAC Recommendation: Approve
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

8. Project Title: Ongoing Surveillance and Research of Air Pollution Effects on Death
Status: Continuing Project
Principal Investigator: Cynthia Garcia, Air Resources Board
Data Requested: Death statistical master 2004–2010 – 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: 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

 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

 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
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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

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

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

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

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**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 3—
RECAP OF DATA REQUESTS APPROVED IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION AND
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County Data Requests

1. Alameda County Public Health Department: 2011 Birth; 2010 Fetal Death
2. Marin County Department of Health and Human Services: 2010 Birth; 2010 Fetal Death; 2009 & 2010 Death
3. Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, Data Collection and Analysis: 2011 Birth
4. Orange County Health Care Agency: 2011 Birth
5. San Mateo County Health System: 2011 Birth
6. Kern County Public Health Department: 2011 Birth
7. Santa Clara Public Health Department: 2011 Birth

Birth Data Requests

1. Centers for Disease Control: 2010 Birth
2. American Research Bureau: 2010 Birth Index
3. Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development: 2006–2009 Birth
4. Department of Social Services/CMIPS II: 2011 Birth

Marriage Data Requests

1. Northern California Cancer Center: 1960–1969 Marriage Index

Death Data Requests

1. COMSERV, Inc.: 2010 Death Index
2. Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs: 2007–2010 Death Index
3. American Research Bureau: 2010 Death Index
4. Election Integrity Project: 2000–2008, 2010 Death Index
5. Bay Area Air Quality Management District: 2008–2010 Death
6. Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General: 1960–1984 & 2009-2010

CDPH Program Requests

1. CDPH – Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health: 2007 & 2009 Birth Cohort; 2011 Birth
2. CDPH – Immunization Branch: 2011 Birth

OSHPD Linked Data Requests

1. CDPH – Occupational Health Branch: 2011 OSHPD Patient Discharge, Ambulatory Surgery Center, & Emergency Department
2. CDHS – Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health: 2010 OSHPD Patient Discharge, Ambulatory Surgery Center, & Emergency Department
3. CDPH – Division of Communicable Disease Control: 2011 OSHPD Patient Discharge; 2010 Ambulatory Surgery Center & Emergency Department
4. CDPH – Immunization Branch: 2011 Patient Discharge, Ambulatory Surgery Center, & Emergency Department

Certificate Requests

1. Centers for Disease Control: 2010 paper birth certificate; 2010 paper death certificate; paper fetal death certificate