

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

PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY AND RESEARCH BRANCH (PHPRB)  
HEALTH INFORMATION AND RESEARCH SECTION (HIRS)

Wednesday, January 11, 2012  
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
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**AGENDA**

- A. Welcome
- B. Introductions
- 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

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

The following research requests were reviewed by the Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC) on November 2, 2011. The VSAC's recommendation and the State Registrar's actions are recorded below.

1. **Project Title:** "Associations between Air Pollution Exposures and Birth and Death Effects"  
**Principal Investigator:** Cynthia Garcia, Epidemiologist, Air Resources Board  
**Data Requested:** Birth Statistical Master (select variables); Death Statistical Master (select variables)  
**VSAC Recommendation:** Approval  
**State Registrar's Action:** Adopted
  
2. **Project Title:** "Adult Day Health Care Services as a Medi-Cal Optional Benefit"  
**Principal Investigator:** Michele Cox, Department of Health Care Services  
**Data Requested:** Birth Statistical Master (entire file); Death Statistical Master (entire file)  
**VSAC Recommendation:** Approval with stipulation  
**State Registrar's Action:** Adopted

3. **Project Title:** "Tracking the Well-Being of Children in California"  
**Principal Investigator:** Mark S. Mather, PhD, Associate Vice President of Domestic Programs, Population Reference Bureau  
**Data Requested:** Birth Statistical Master (select variables)  
**VSAC Recommendation:** Approval  
**State Registrar's Action:** Adopted
  
4. **Project Title:** "Establishment of a Statewide System of Linked Perinatal Databases for Use in Maternal/Child Health, Rapid-Cycle Quality Improvement Projects"  
**Principal Investigator:** Jeffrey B. Gould, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine  
**Data Requested:** Birth Statistical Master (select variables)  
**VSAC Recommendation:** Approval  
**State Registrar's Action:** Adopted
  
5. **Project Title:** "Perinatal/Neonatal Service Needs in Central California"  
**Principal Investigator:** Brian Sabbatini, MBA, Children's Hospital, Central California  
**Data Requested:** Birth Statistical Master (select variables)  
**VSAC Recommendation:** Approval  
**State Registrar's Action:** Adopted
  
6. **Project Title:** "San Bernardino County Public Health Department Surveillance"  
**Principal Investigators:** Disep Ojukwu and Lance Miller, San Bernardino County Public Health Department  
**Data Requested:** Birth Cohort (entire file), Death Statistical Master (select variables)  
**VSAC Recommendation:** Approval  
**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.

- Project Title:** “Short-Term Neonatal Outcomes of Cesarean Delivery and Trial of Labor after Cesarean Delivery”

**Principal Investigator:** Tommy M. Bird, MS, Instructor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

**Data Requested:** OSHPD Linked PDD/ED/AS/Birth Cohort 2000–2006 (select variables)
- Project Title:** “The Association between Gestational Age at Delivery, Race/Ethnicity, and Perinatal Outcomes”

**Principal Investigator:** Yvonne Cheng, MD, MPH, University of California, San Francisco; Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD, Oregon Health and Science University

**Data Requested:** Birth Statistical Master (select variables)
- Project Title:** “Childhood Cancer Record Linkage Project”

**Principal Investigators:** Anand P. Chokkalingam; Patricia A. Buffler, PhD, MPH, CPH, University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health

**Data Requested:** Birth records provided by California Cancer Registry 1978–2009 (select variables)

4. **Project Title:** “Evaluating the Effectiveness of a 13-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine among Children”

**Principal Investigators:** Ramon Guevara, PhD, MPH; Laurene Mascola, MD, MPH;  
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

**Data Requested:** No additional data requested at this time; revisions to protocol

5. **Project Title:** “Northern California Consortium for the National Children’s Study”

**Principal Investigator:** Irva Hertz-Picciotto, PhD, University of California, Davis

**Data Requested:** Birth Statistical Master obtained for another study (select variables)

6. **Project Title:** “The Effect of Local Deaths on Children’s Behavior and Cognitive Skills”

**Principal Investigator:** Patrick Sharkey, New York University, Department of  
Sociology

**Data Requested:** Death Statistical Master (select variables)

7. **Project Title:** “Improving Cancer Registry Socioeconomic Data: Linkage with State Vital Records, Birth Certificate Data”

**Principal Investigator:** Dee W. West, PhD, Public Health Institute

**Data Requested:** Birth Statistical Master (select variables)

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**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 3—  
RECAP OF DATA REQUESTS APPROVED IN THE VITAL STATISTICS SECTION**

**County Requests**

1. Contra Costa County Health Services Department: 2009, 2010 Birth
2. Merced County Department of Public Health: 2010 Birth; 2009 Death
3. Monterey County Health Department: 2010 Birth
4. San Diego County Public Health Department: 2008 Birth Cohort; 2009 Fetal Death; 2010 Birth
5. San Francisco County Public Health Department: 2010 Birth
6. San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department: 2010 Birth
7. San Mateo County Health System: 2010 Birth
8. Sutter County Health Department: 2010 Birth, 2001 Multiple Cause of Death
9. Yolo County Public Health Department: 2010 Birth, 2009 Fetal Death, 2009 Death

**Birth Requests**

1. CDPH – Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program: 2010 Birth

**OSHPD Linked Data Requests**

1. CDPH – Genetic Disease Screening Program: 2005–2009 Patient Discharge Data linked to Birth Cohort; 2005–2006 Linked Patient Discharge/Emergency Department/Ambulatory Surgery Center/Birth Cohort; 2005–2010 Non-Public Discharge, Emergency Department, Ambulatory Surgery Center Data

**OSHPD Linked Data Requests (continued)**

2. CDPH—Occupational Health Branch: 2010 Non-Public Patient Discharge/Emergency Department/Ambulatory Surgery Center Data