

**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, March 2, 2011  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
1616 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor  
Whitewater Room 74.370

**A. Welcome**

**B. Introductions**

**C. Approval of minutes from previous meeting**

- Minutes from January 5, 2011, meeting approved as read.

**D. State Registrar's Response—Attachment 1**

- 4 new projects were reviewed.

**E. New Business—Attachment 2**

- 2 Continuing projects and 7 new projects require review and decision.

**F. Items for Discussion**

- BIOBANK Presentation by GDSP, Martin Kharrazi, Chief, Research and Demonstration Section

**G. Recap of data requests approved in the Vital Statistics Unit—Attachment 3**

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**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 1—STATE REGISTRAR RESPONSE**

**State Registrar Concurred with VSAC Recommendations**

The following projects were reviewed and approval recommended at the previous meeting held on January 5, 2011.

**New Research**

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| 1. | Project Title:             | “The Advancement Project—Healthy City”                        |
|    | Principle Investigator(s): | Christine Schweidler, MPH, MA, Senior Research Manager        |
|    | Data Requested:            | 2008 & 2009 Birth Statistical Master File – with address only |
|    | VSAC Recommendation:       | Approved                                                      |
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| 2. | Project Title:             | “Physician Induced Demand: Evidence from Patients with MDs”                                                                                                                                       |
|    | Principle Investigator(s): | PI: Erin M. Johnson, Assistant Professor of Applied Economics<br>MIT Sloan School of Economics<br>Co-PI: M. Marit Rehavi, PhD. Assistant Professor of Economics<br>University of British Columbia |
|    | Data Requested:            | OSHDP Linked PDD/Birth Data 1996–2005                                                                                                                                                             |
|    | VSAC Recommendation:       | Approved                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 3. | Project Title:             | “Language Acquisition in Children”                                                               |
|    | Principle Investigator(s): | PI: Fei Xu, Ph.D., U.C. Berkeley infant Cognition and Language Lab<br>Christie Reed, Lab Manager |
|    | Data Requested:            | Access to share 2008–2009 birth files obtained by Dr. Joseph Campos                              |
|    | VSAC Recommendation:       | Approved                                                                                         |

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4. Project Title: "Probabilistic Inference and Categorization Development in Infants at the University of California, Berkeley"
- Principle Investigator(s): PI: Fei Xu, Ph.D., U.C. Berkeley infant Cognition and Language Lab  
Christie Reed, Lab Manager
- Data Requested: Access to share 2008–2009 birth files obtained by Dr. Joseph Campos
- VSAC Recommendation: Approved

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**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 2—NEW BUSINESS**

The following projects were reviewed by the Health Information and Research Section.

**Continuing Research**

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| 1. | Project Title:             | “Development of a Research-Ready Pregnancy and Newborn Biobank in California”                                              |
|    | Principle Investigator(s): | Martin Kharrazi, PhD, Chief<br>CDPH/Genetic Disease Screening Program/Program Research and Demonstration Section           |
|    | Data Requested:            | Birth Stat Master—2009—all personal identifiers (PIs)<br>Death Stat Master—2008, 2009—all PIs<br>Birth Cohort—2007—all PIs |
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| 2. | Project Title:             | “Study to Explore Early Development (SEED)”                               |
|    | Principle Investigator(s): | Gayle C. Windham, PhD, Chief<br>CDPH, Epidemiological Surveillance Unit   |
|    | Data Requested:            | Birth and Birth Cohort—2006, 2007—previously obtained for another project |

**New Research**

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| 3. | Project Title:             | “Persistent Organic Pollutants and Breast Cancer Risk: Chemicals Old and New”                                                            |
|    | Principle Investigator(s): | Peggy Reynolds, PhD, Senior Research Scientist<br>Cancer Prevention Institute of California (formerly Northern California Cancer Center) |
|    | Data Requested:            | Birth Stat Master—2007, 2008, 2009—all PIs                                                                                               |
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**New Research (continued)**

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4. Project Title: "Do "accidents" happen? An Examination of Injury Morbidity and Mortality among Maltreated Children"
- Principle Investigator(s): Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Doctoral Candidate  
U. C. Berkeley, Center for Social Services Research
- Data Requested: Birth Stat Master—2007, 2008, 2009—all PIs
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5. Project Title: "California Hospital-Insurer Contracting"
- Principle Investigator(s): Katherine Ho, Assistant Professor  
Columbia University
- Data Requested: 2003 Linked PDD/ED/AS/Vital Statistics Birth Cohort File
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6. Project Title: "Perinatal Exposure to Particulate Matter and Nitrogen Dioxide in Relation to Autism Spectrum Disorders"
- Principle Investigator(s): Gayle C. Windham  
CDPH, Epidemiological Surveillance Unit
- Data Requested: Birth and Birth Cohort—1994, 1996 previously obtained for public health surveillance
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7. Project Title: "Age-Specific and Age-Adjusted Cause-Specific Mortality Rates for Arab Americans"
- Principle Investigator(s): Kendra Schwartz  
Wayne State University
- Data Requested: Death Stat Master—1999–2008—all PIs
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8. Project Title: "The California Teachers Study"

Principle Investigator(s): Rich Pinder, Programmer Analyst  
University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine

Data Requested: Death Stat Master—2008, 2009—all PIs, including out-of-state events

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9. Project Title: "Longitudinal Study of Hospital outcomes for California's Children"

Principle Investigator(s): Linda Remy, PhD, Research Director  
UC San Francisco, Family Health Outcomes Project (FHOP)

Data Requested: Birth Stat Master—2001–2003, 2009—all PIs; Fetal Death Stat Master—2009—all PIs

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

**County Requests**

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| 1. Monterey County Health Department      | 2009 Fetal Death                          |
| 2. Orange County Health Care Agency       | 2009 Death                                |
| 3. Sacramento County Public Health        | 2009 Fetal Death                          |
| 4. San Mateo County Health System         | 2009 Death                                |
| 5. San Benito County Public Health        | 2009 Birth; 2009 Fetal Death              |
| 6. Sonoma County Public Health Department | 2006, 2007 Birth Cohort; 2009 Fetal Death |

**Death Requests**

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| 1. Department of Motor Vehicles                   | 2008, 2009 Death                   |
| 2. Los Angeles Times                              | 1999, 2007 Multiple Cause of Death |
| 3. Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Program | 2009 Death                         |

**OSHPD Requests**

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| 1. Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development | 1999, 2005, 2006, 2007 Linked PDD/Death |
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