

**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, July 6, 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
- D. State Registrar Response—Attachment 1
  - Three new projects and eight continuing projects were reviewed.
- E. New Business—Attachment 2
  - Eight new projects require review and recommendation.
- F. Items for Discussion
- G. Recap of Data Requests Approved in the Vital Statistics Unit—Attachment 3
- H. Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda
- I. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

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**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 1—STATE REGISTRAR RESPONSE**

**State Registrar Concurred with VSAC Recommendations**

**New Research**

The following new research project was reviewed at the previous meeting held on May 11, 2011. Recommendation was made to table the discussion to be continued at the next meeting.

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1. Project Title: "Death Records Search"
- Principle Investigator(s): Billy Chen, Principle  
Land Co. Development Resources, Inc.
- Data Requested: DSMF 1970–2008 with personal identifiers
- VSAC Recommendation: Tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.
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2. Project Title: "San Francisco Mammography Registry: A Research Resource"
- Principle Investigator(s): Karla Kerlikowske, MD  
University of California San Francisco
- Data Requested: Merged Death Data 2005–2009 with personal identifiers
- VSAC Recommendation: Approved

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3. Project Title: "Childhood Autism Risks from Genetics and the Environment (CHARGE) Study"
- Principle Investigator(s): Irva Hertz-Picciotto, PhD  
University of California Davis, School of Medicine
- Data Requested: BSMF 2009 with personal identifiers; 2009 infant death file —Target areas include Sacramento, North Central Valley, or East or North Bay counties of the San Francisco area
- VSAC Recommendation: Approved with stipulation
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4. Project Title: "Trends in Regional Specialty Care Hospitalization for Children in California"
- Principle Investigator(s): Paul Wise, MD, MPH [Requester: Vandana Sundaram]  
Stanford University, Center for Health Policy/Center for Primary Care and Outcomes Research
- Data Requested: DSMF 2009 with no personal identifiers
- VSAC Recommendation: Approved
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5. Project Title: "Costs of Prematurity in California and the United States"
- Principle Investigator(s): Cheryl Walker, MD, UC Davis Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Guibo Xing, PhD, UC Davis Center for Healthcare Policy & Research
- Data Requested: PDD/Linked birth data 1991–2008
- VSAC Recommendation: Approved

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6. Project Title: “Follow-up of Infants Born to Pregnant Women with Confirmed or Probable 2009 H1N1 Influenza with Symptom Onset from April 1 through December 31, 2009”

Principle Investigator(s): Meileen Acosta, MPH  
CDPH, Division of Communicable Disease Control, Communicable Disease Emergency Response Branch

Data Requested: BSMF 2008, 2009 with personal identifiers; FDSMF 2008, 2009 with personal identifiers

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

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7. Project Title: “The Effect of Speed Limits on Infant Health, Accidents, and Travel Time”

Principle Investigator(s): Arthur van Benthem  
Stanford University

Data Requested: Birth Cohort 1984–1990, 1993–1997, 1999 — NOPI

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

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8. Project Title: “Tracking the Well-Being of Children in California”

Principle Investigator(s): Mark Mather, PhD, Associate Vice President, Domestic Programs  
Population Reference Bureau

Data Requested: BSMF 2008, 2009 NOPI, Death public use 2008, 2009 NOPI

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

### **Continuing Research**

1. Project Title: "Pension Benefit Information"

Principle Investigator(s): Susan McDonald, President  
Pension Benefit Information

Data Requested: DSMF 2009 with personal identifiers

VSAC  
Recommendation: Approved

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2. Project Title: "Predictors of Recurrent Breast Tumors in Women with DCIS"

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

Data Requested: Merged Death Data 2005–2009 with personal identifiers

VSAC  
Recommendation: Approved

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3. Project Title: "UCSF Breast Cancer SPORE: Bay Area Translational Research Program—Outcomes Core"

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

Data Requested: Merged Death Data 2005–2009 with personal identifiers

VSAC  
Recommendation: Approved

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**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 2—NEW BUSINESS**

**New Research**

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

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| 1. Project Title:          | “Early Language and Social Cognition”                          |
| Principle Investigator(s): | Rose Scott, PhD<br>University of California, Merced            |
| Data Requested:            | Birth Statistical Master 2008 & 2009 with personal identifiers |
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| 2. Project Title:          | “National Homicide Data Improvement Project”   |
| Principle Investigator(s): | Randolph Roth, Professor of History and Sociology<br>Ohio State University (OSU)<br>Co-PIs: Michael D. Maltz, PhD, OSU; Douglas L. Eckberg, PhD,<br>Winthrop Univ.; Roland J. Chilton, PhD, Univ. of Massachusetts,<br>Amherst; Wendy C. Regoeczi, PhD, Cleveland State Univ.;<br>Marc Riedel, PhD, SE Louisiana Univ. |
| Data Requested:            | Death Statistical Master 1970–2009 with personal identifiers<br>Merged Death Files 1960–1969 with personal identifiers   |

**New Research (continued)**

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3. Project Title: “The Health Records Electronic Data Set (THREDS)”  
“UCSF Integrated Data Repository”
- Principle Investigator(s): Clay Johnston  
University of California, San Francisco
- Data Requested: Death Statistical Master 2007, 2008, 2009 with personal identifiers
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4. Project Title: “Los Angeles Mommy and Baby (LAMB) Survey Project”
- Principle Investigator(s): Shin Margaret Chao, PhD, MPH  
Chief, Research, Evaluation, and Planning Unit  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
- Data Requested: Provisional year-to-date live birth data from LA County DPH
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5. Project Title: “Obstetric Inequality in CA: Differential Rates of Cesarean Sectiions”
- Principle Investigator(s): Claire C. Hines  
UCSF Joint Medical Program / University of California Berkeley
- Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master 2007, 2008, 2009 no personal identifiers
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6. Project Title: “Names, Churches, and Cradles: Investigating the Sweet Chains of Ethnic Identity”
- Principle Investigator(s): Giovanni Osea Giuntella  
Boston University
- Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master 1975–1980; 1989–2009 with personal identifiers

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7. Project Title: “Language Acquisition in Infants and Children”
- Principle Investigator(s): Toben Mintz, PhD  
University of Southern California, Department of Psychology
- Data Requested: Ad hoc birth files from Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
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8. Project Title: “Impacts of Climate Change and Meteorological Conditions on Deaths, Hospitalizations, and Emergency Room Visits in California”
- Principle Investigator(s): PI: Helene Margolis, PhD, MA  
University of California, Davis, Center for Healthcare Policy & Research
- Co-PIs: Paul B. English, PhD, MPH, CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch; Alexander Gershunov, PhD, MS Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Climate Research Division; Roger Trent, PhD, CDPH Epidemiology and Prevention for Injury Control Branch
- Data Requested: Death Statistical Master 1989–2004 & 2009 with personal identifiers

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

**County Requests**

1. Kern County Public Health Department: 2009 Death, Fetal Death
2. Marin County Assessor-Recorder: 2008-2009 Death & Birth Index
3. San Bernardino County Department of Public Health: 2009 Death
4. Santa Barbara County Public Health Department: 2009 Death

**Death Requests**

1. American Research Bureau: 2009 Death Index
2. Kaiser Permanente Southern California, Division of Research: 1988–2007, 2009 Death
3. East Lawn, Inc.: 2010 Death Disposition Table
4. University of California, San Francisco, Department of Urology: 2010, 2011 Death Certificate

**Birth Requests**

1. Los Angeles Unified School District: 2010 Ad Hoc Birth Data
2. American Research Bureau: 2009 Birth Index
3. CDPH, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health: 2009 Fetal Death
4. CDPH, Chronic Disease Epidemiology and Control, Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program: 2007 OSHPD PDD/Birth/ED/AS

**OSHPD Requests**

1. OSHPD, Health Information Resource Center: 2007 OSHPD Linked PDD/Death Data