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

Wednesday, August 13, 2014  
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
1616 Capitol Avenue, Sixth Floor  
Tuolumne Room 74.653

**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. Additional Discussion Topics
- I. Adjournment

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

The following projects were reviewed by the Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC) on June 9, 2014. The VSAC's recommendations and the State Registrar's actions are recorded below.

1. Project Title: Community-Associated Clostridium Difficile Risk Factor  
Principal Investigator: Joelle Nadle, California Emerging Infections Program  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2012-2013 Birth Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, and Address), 2012-2013 Death Statistical Master File (Name, MMN). Principal Investigator is requesting to use data from another project – 12-04-0119 – Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Tdap Vaccination Strategies at Preventing Infant Pertussis  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
2. Project Title: Gestational Metabolic Conditions & Neurodevelopmental Disorders  
Principal Investigator: Cheryl Walker, MD, University of California, Davis  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Please note that this project was approved at the January 11 VSAC meeting for OSHPD data. The PI was unaware that she would need obtain birth data from our office.  
Data Requested: 1991-2011 Birth Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, and Address)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
3. Project Title: Safety in Childbirth: Estimating Benefits of Risk Appropriate Obstetrical Care  
Principal Investigator: Kimberly Gregory, University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2009-2010 PDD/ED/AS linked Birth Cohort File  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
4. Project Title: Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation – Strong Start (MIHOPE-Strong Start)  
Principal Investigator: Virginia Knox, MDRC  
Project Type: New Project

Data Requested: 2014-2015 Birth Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, and Address, 2014-2015 Fetal Death Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number)

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

State Registrar's Action: Adopted

5. Project Title: Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation (MIHOPE)

Principal Investigator: Virginia Knox, MDRC

Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol

Data Requested: 2012-2015 Birth Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, and Address), 2012-2015 Fetal Death Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number)

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

State Registrar's Action: Adopted

**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: Visual Processing and Later Cognitive Effects in Infants with FXS  
Principal Investigator: Susan Rivera, PhD., University of California, Davis  
Project Type: Continuing Project with changes to the protocol  
Data Requested: 2008-2014 Birth Records (Name and Address), 2008-2014 Infant Death Records (Name and Address) Principal Investigator is requesting to use files that were obtained by Dr. Lisa Oakes.
2. Project Title: Factors Associated with the Closure of Emergency Services & Impact on Patient Outcomes: Effect of Unemployment on Emergency Department Utilization in California  
Principal Investigator: Renee Hsia, MD, University of California, San Francisco  
Project Type: New Project presented to VSAC but is a continuing project as it was recently approved by CPHS for renewal.  
Data Requested: 2010 PDD/linked Death Data
3. Project Title: The California Maternal Data Center: Establishing a Statewide Data Center for use in Rapid-Cycle Maternity Care Improvement Projects  
Principal Investigator: Jeffrey Gould, MD, MPH, Stanford University  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2014-2015 Birth Statistical Master File (monthly data runs)
4. Project Title: Regional Opportunity Index  
Principal Investigator: Chris Benner, PhD., University of California, Davis  
Project Type: Continuing Project with changes to the protocol  
Data Requested: 2012 Birth Statistical Master File (Address), 2012 Death Statistical Master File (Address)
5. Project Title: Predictors of Recurrent Breast Tumors in Women with DCIS  
Principal Investigator: Karla Kerlikowske, MD, University of California, San Francisco  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2011-2012 Death Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, Address, SSN, MMN)
6. Project Title: Impact of New Medicare Readmission Policy on Hospital Readmissions for All Patients  
Principal Investigator: David Zingmond, MD, PhD, Jose Escarce, MD, PhD  
Project Type: New Project

Data Requested: 2011 PDD/Linked Death Data

7. Project Title: Gestational Vitamin D and Its Relationship with Autism Spectrum Disorder  
Principal Investigator: Jaime Sconberg, Graduate Student  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1998-2008 BSMF(Name, Certificate Number, and Address), 1998-2008 Death Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate and MMN). PI is requesting to use data previously obtained by Dr. Irva Hertz-Picciotto
  
8. Project Title: Trends in Regional Specialty Care Hospitalization for Children in California  
Principal Investigator: Paul Wise, MD, Stanford University  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2010-2011 PDD/linked Death Data
  
9. Project Title: California Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Report  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Lisa Nicholas, University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Type: Continuing Project with changes to the protocol  
Data Requested: 2007-2010 PDD/linked Birth Cohort Data
  
10. Project Title: Study of Project Use for Relatives and their Family Health (SPUR)  
Principal Investigator: Jacqueline Barkoski, MPH, University of California, Davis  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1993-2012 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables) PI is requesting to use data previously obtained by Dr. Irva Hertz-Picciotto.
  
11. Project Title: Evaluating the Effects of Exposure to Air Pollution on Adverse Birth Outcomes in Southern California  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Beate Ritz, University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Type: Continuing Project with changes to the protocol  
Data Requested: 1995-2011 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables) PI is requesting to use data they previously obtained
  
12. Project Title: A Rigorous System to Determine the Health Impacts of Policies & Programs  
Principal Investigator: Jennifer Ahern, PhD, MPH, University of California, Berkeley  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2005-2011 Birth Cohort File (address only), 2005-2012 Death Statistical Master File (address only)

**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 3—  
RECAP OF DATA REQUESTS APPROVED IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION AND  
RESEARCH SECTION**

**Birth Data Requests**

1. California Emerging Infections Program – 2013 Birth
2. Stanford University – 1960-2011 Birth
3. OSHPD – 2011 Birth Cohort
4. UC Davis – 1991-2011 Birth
5. San Bernardino Public Health – 2011 Birth Cohort
6. San Bernardino Public Health – 2011 Birth Cohort (statewide)
7. San Francisco County Public Health – 2012 Birth
8. Orange County Health Care Agency – 2010-2011 Birth Cohort
9. CSU Fresno – 2009-2011 Birth
10. DHCS – 2012 Birth
11. UC Davis – 2012 Birth
12. UCSF – 2012 Birth
13. Contra Costa County Health Services – 2012 Birth, 2011 Birth Cohort
14. Santa Clara Public Health Department – 1994-99 Birth, 2011 Birth Cohort
15. Healthy City - Advancement Project – 2012 Birth
16. PAVIR – 2013 Birth

**Death Data Requests**

1. California Emerging Infections Program – 2013 Infant Deaths
2. San Francisco County Public Health – 2011 Fetal
3. Orange County Health Care Agency – 2010-2011 Fetal
4. DHCS – 2012 Death
5. USC – 2012 Death
6. Kaiser – 2011 Multiple Cause of Death
7. UC Davis – 2012 Death
8. Social Security Administration – 1970-2004 Death
9. UCSF – 2012 Death
10. Contra Costa County Health Services – 2011 Fetal
11. CG Stat – 2000-2011 Death Public Use, 2012 Death
12. Healthy City – Advancement Project – 2011 Death
13. Association of California Cremationists – 2005 - 2014 EDRS
14. Butte County – 2009-2011 Death

**Death Data Requests (continued)**

- 15. PAVIR – January 2013 - June 2014 Infant Deaths**
- 16. National Cancer Institute – 1989-2004 Death Public Use Files**
- 17. CALPERS – 1970-2011 Death, 1970-2011 MCOD**
- 18. Funeraria Latino Americana – 2013 EDRS**

**CDPH Program Requests**

- 1. Licensing and Certification – 2009-2013 PDD, 2009-2013 EDD, 2009-2013 ASC**
- 2. STDCB – 2013 Non-Public PDD, 2013 Non-Public EDD, 2013 Non-Public ASC**
- 3. STDCB – 2012 Birth**
- 4. Genetic Disease Screening Program – 2011 PDD linked Birth Cohort File**
- 5. Occupational Health Branch – 2011 MCOD**