

**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, September 7, 2011
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
1616 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor
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- A. Welcome
- B. Introductions
- C. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
- D. State Registrar Response—Attachment 1
 - o Eight new projects were reviewed.
- E. New Business—Attachment 2
 - o Seven new projects and two continuing 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 projects were reviewed at the previous meeting held on July 6, 2011.

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1. Project Title: "Early Language and Social Cognition"
Principle Investigator(s): Rose Scott, PhD
University of California, Merced

Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master 2008 & 2009 with personal identifiers

VSAC Recommendation: Approved with recommendation

 2. Project Title: "National Homicide Data Improvement Project"
Principle Investigator(s): Randolph Roth, Professor of History and Sociology
Ohio State University (OSU)
Co-PIs: Michael D. Maltz, PhD, OSU; Douglas L. Eckberg, PhD, Winthrop Univ.; Roland J. Chilton, PhD, Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst; Wendy C. Regoeczi, PhD, Cleveland State Univ.; Marc Riedel, PhD, SE Louisiana Univ.

Data Requested: Death Statistical Master 1970–2009 with personal identifiers
Merged Death Files 1960–1969 with personal identifiers

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

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

VSAC Recommendation: Approved with stipulation

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

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

5. Project Title: "Obstetric Inequality in CA: Differential Rates of Cesarean Sections"

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

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

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

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

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

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

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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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 and require VSAC review.

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1. Project Title: "Surgical Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation"
- Principal Investigator(s): John Morton, MD, MPH, FACS
Associate Professor of Surgery
Director of Quality, Surgery, and Surgical Sub-Specialties
Director of Bariatric Surgery
Stanford School of Medicine
- Data Requested: Linked PDD/ED/AS/Birth Cohort Data 1998–2007
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2. Project Title: California Cancer Prevention Study Mortality Follow-Up
- Principle Investigator(s): James E. Enstrom, PhD, MPH
University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)
- Data Requested: Death Statistical Master 2005–2009 with personal identifiers
Merged Death Files 2005–2009 with personal identifiers

New Research (continued)

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3. Project Title: "Molecular Epidemiology of Childhood Leukemia"
- Principle Investigator(s): PI: Patricia A. Buffler, PhD
UC Berkeley School of Public Health
Requester: Roberta McKean-Cowdin, PhD
USC Keck School of Medicine, Dept. of Preventive Medicine
- Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master with personal identifiers
Death Statistical Master with personal identifiers
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4. Project Title: "High Throughput Methods to Measure Disparities in childhood Exposure to Tobacco" (Pending State Registrar determination)
- Principle Investigator(s): Logan Spector, PhD
University of Minnesota
- Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master 2007 with no personal identifiers
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5. Project Title: "Evaluation of Full Services Partnerships in California"
- Principle Investigator(s): Todd Gilmer, PhD
Professor
UC San Diego Department of Family and Preventive Medicine
- Data Requested: Death Statistical Master 2005–2009 with personal identifiers (SSN only)

New Research (continued)

6. Project Title: "Adverse Reproductive Health Outcomes and Exposures to Gaseous and Particle Matter Air Pollution in Pregnant Women"

Principle Investigator(s): Jun Wu, PhD
University of California Irvine, Program in Public Health

Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master 2001–2008 with personal identifiers

7. Project Title: "Suicide Mortality and Veteran Status" (Pending State Registrar determination)

Principle Investigator(s): Robert M. Bossarte, PhD
Center of Excellence for Suicide Prevention
Canandaigua VA Medical Center
Department of Veteran's Affairs

Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master 2001–2008 with personal identifiers

Continuing Research

8. Project Title: "Maternal Age-Specific Prevalence Rates of Chromosome Abnormalities by Race/Ethnicity in the Kaiser Health Plan"

Principle Investigator(s): Joseph Terdiman, MD, PhD
Kaiser Permanente Division of Research

Data Requested: Merged Death 2005–2008; Multiple Cause of Death 2006

9. Project Title: "Normal and Abnormal Spatial Vision in Infants and Form and Motion Integration"
- Principle Investigator(s): Anthony M. Norcia, PhD
Stanford University (formerly Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute)
- Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master 2011 with personal identifiers

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

County Requests

1. Humboldt County Public Health Department: 2009 Death
2. Sonoma County Public Health Department: 2008 Birth Cohort
3. Alameda County Public Health Department: 2008 Fetal Death, Birth Cohort
4. Napa County Public Health Division: 2009 Fetal Death, Death
5. Solano County Department of Public Health: 2005, 2006, 2007 Birth Cohort
6. San Francisco Department of Public Health: 2009 Birth
7. Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services: 2008 Fetal Death, Death;
2009 Fetal Death, Death

Death Requests

1. CA Employment Development Department: Dec. 09, Jan - Sep '10, Dec. '10 Death
2. Secretary of State Interagency Agreement: 2009 & 2010 Death

Birth Requests

N/A

OSHPD Requests

1. Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development: Death Statistical Master
2000–2007

OSHPD Linked Data Requests

1. UCSF Family Health Outcomes Project (FHOP): 2008, 2009 Ambulatory Surgery Center (AS), Emergency Department(ED), & Patient Discharge Data (PDD)
2. CDPH Occupational Health Branch: 2006 ED, AS, PDD
3. UCSF Family Health Outcomes Project (FHOP): 2008 ED, AS, PDD; 2009 ED, AS, PDD
4. DSH Financing & Non-contract Hospital Recoupment: 2009 Non-Public PDD