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

Wednesday, September 10, 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 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.
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

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
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

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)
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

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)
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

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)
VSAC Recommendation: Approved with the stipulation upon receipt of a more recent CPHS approval.
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

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
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

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 Number and MMN). PI is requesting to use data previously obtained by Dr. Irva Hertz-Picciotto.
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

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
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

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
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

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.
VSAC Recommendation: Approved with the stipulation that the original owner be clearly described as the Principal Investigator on the VSAC application.
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

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
VSAC Recommendation: Approved with the stipulation that the researcher be instructed not to re-release the data as described to Dr. Molita unless there is an additional application submitted to the Committee describing that particular research study.
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

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 Files (Address only), 2005-2012 Death Statistical Master Files (Address only)
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: Ray Catalano
Principal Investigator: Ray Catalano, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Project Type: Continuing Project with changes
Data Requested: 2012 Birth Statistical Master File (NOPI), 2011 Birth Cohort File (NOPI)
2. Project Title: Investigation of the Relation of Fine Particulate Air Pollution and Temperature to Mortality in California
Principal Investigator: Rachel Broadwin, California Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
Project Type: Continuing Project
Data Requested: use of previous data obtained - 2008-2011 Death Statistical Master Files (NOPI)
3. Project Title: Adverse Birth Outcomes Associated with Ambient Temperature in California, 1999-2009
Principal Investigator: Rupa Basu, PhD, MPH, California Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: use of previous data obtained - 2007-2009 Birth Statistical Master Files (NOPI), 1999-2009 Fetal Death Statistical Master File (NOPI), 1996-2006 Birth Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, Address)
4. Project Title: Chronic Disease in California, 2007-2016
Principal Investigator: Shannon Conroy, PhD, MPH, CPHS/Chronic Disease Control Branch
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2013 Non-Public PDD, 2013 Non-Public EDD, 2013 Non-Public ASCD
5. Project Title: The Path to Language and Literacy: A Cross-Linguistic Longitudinal Approach
Principal Investigator: Margaret Friend, PhD, MA, San Diego State University
Project Type: Continuing Project
Data Requested: Birth and Death Records for subjects with date of birth between 9/1/12-9/1/13

6. Project Title: Early Socio-Moral Development through Interactions with Others
Principal Investigator: Audun Dahl, PhD, University of California, Santa Cruz
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2013-2018 Birth Statistical Master File (Name and Address)

7. Project Title: Reducing Teen Births among Latinas: A Pilot RCT to Test the Effectiveness of Radio Messages
Principal Investigator: Donald Green, PhD, Columbia University
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2008-2012 Birth Statistical Master File (Address only)

8. Project Title: Maternal and Infant Health Assessment (MIHA) – Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Principal Investigator: Mike Curtis, PhD, CDPH/Epidemiology Assessment & Program Development Branch
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2011 Birth Statistical Master File (NOPI), Requesting to re-release request to CDC for surveillance purposes

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

Birth Data Requests

1. **Stanford University – 2013 Birth**
2. **Michigan State University – 2010-2011 Birth, 2010-2011 Birth Cohort**
3. **DHCS – 2011 Birth Cohort**

Death Data Requests

1. **Michigan State University – 2010-2011 Death, 2010-2011 Fetal**
2. **John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) – 2014 EDRS**
3. **DHCS – 2011 MCOD**

CDPH Program Requests

1. **Cancer Surveillance & Research – 2012 Birth**