



**RON CHAPMAN, MD, MPH**  
Director & State Health Officer

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
**California Department of Public Health**



**EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**  
Governor

**VSAC Committee Members**

**Malaika Singleton Duran, Ph.D.**  
Consultant  
Senate Office of Research

**David Grant, PhD**, Director  
California Health Interview Survey  
UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

**Erlinda Valdez**  
Board Member  
California Funeral Directors Association

**Deborah Williams**, Chief  
Child Welfare Data Analysis Bureau  
California Department of Social Services

**Sue Holtby, MPH**  
Program Director  
Public Health Institute

**Jonathan M. Teague**, Manager  
Healthcare Information Resource Center  
Office of Statewide Planning and  
Development

**CDPH Staff**

**Tony Agurto, MPA**  
State Registrar  
Acting Deputy Director  
Health Information and Strategic Planning

**Nicholas Bowen**, Chief  
Public Health Policy and Research  
Branch

**Terri Mack, MPH/HSA**, Convener  
Chief  
Health Information and Research Section

**Laura Lund, MA**  
Science Advisor  
Public Health Policy and Research  
Branch

**Krista Christian, MBA**  
Chief  
Vital Statistics Unit

**Julie Turner**  
Associate Government Program Analyst  
Vital Statistics Unit

**Cindy Tanaka-Fong**  
Research Analyst II  
Vital Statistics Unit

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

Wednesday, September 12, 2012  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
1616 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor  
Whitewater Room 74.370

**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. Agenda Items for Future Meetings
- I. Adjournment

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

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH)  
HEALTH INFORMATION AND RESEARCH SECTION (HIRS)

Wednesday, September 12, 2012  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
1616 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor  
Whitewater Room 74.370

---

**ATTACHMENT 1  
STATE REGISTRAR'S RESPONSE TO VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following research requests were reviewed by the Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC) on May 9, 2012. The VSAC's recommendation and the State Registrar's actions are recorded below.

1. Project Title: California Late Impact of Phototherapy Study  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Andrea C. Wickremasinghe, MD, University of California, San Francisco  
Data Requested: OSHPD Linked PDD/Birth Cohort Data 2005 thru 2007  
VSAC Recommendation: Approval  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  2. Project Title: Deregionalization of Perinatal Services in CA: Better Care or Adverse Consequences?  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Judith H. Chung, MD, University of California, Irvine  
Data Requested: OSHPD Linked PDD/ED/AS/Birth Cohort 2003 thru 2009  
VSAC Recommendation: Approval  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
-

3. Project Title: Using Population-Based Datasets to Generate and Test New Hypotheses for Investigating Preterm Births in California  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Gary M. Shaw, DrPH, Stanford University, Department of Pediatrics and Neonatology  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 1960–2010 – select variables & fetal death statistical master 1970–1998 – select variables  
VSAC Recommendation: Approval  
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted
  
4. Project Title: San Francisco Mammography Registry: A Research Resource  
Status: Continuing Project  
Principal Investigator: Karla Kerlikowske, MD, University of California, San Francisco  
Data Requested: Merged death 2010 – select variables with out-of-state identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approval  
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted
  
5. Project Title: Intergenerational Correlation in Health at Birth Among Immigrants in US  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Giovanni Osea Giuntella, Boston University  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 1970–2009 – select variables (years 1975–2009 obtained for another study)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approval  
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted
  
6. Project Title: Air Pollution and Autism in Southern California  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Heather E. Volk, PhD, University of Southern California  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2000–2009 –select variables with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approval  
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

7. Project Title: Understanding Sites of Death for Veterans who Receive Nursing Home Care  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Susan C. Miller PhD, Veteran's Health Administration (Providence)  
Data Requested: Death statistical master 2008–2009 –select variables with SSN  
VSAC Recommendation: Approval  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
8. Project Title: The California Maternal Data Center: Establishing a Statewide Data Center for Use in Rapid-Cycle Maternity Care Improvement Projects  
Status: Continuing Project  
Principal Investigator: Jeffrey B. Gould, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine, California Perinatal Quality Care Collaborative (CPQCC)  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2010, 2012, 2013 – special run & fetal death statistical master 2010 – select variables  
VSAC Recommendation: Approval  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
9. Project Title: Riverside -San Bernardino County Indian Health Outreach Home Visiting Program  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Nancy Reifel, DDS, MPH, UCLA School of Dentistry  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2007, 2008, 2009 – select variables with no personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approval  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
10. Project Title: Learning to Listen Ahead in English and Spanish  
Status: Continuing Project  
Principal Investigator: Anne Fernald, PhD, Stanford University Center for Infant Studies  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2011 and infant death records 2011 – select variables with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approval  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

11. Project Title: FoodNet Non-O157 Shiga Toxin-Producing E. coli Study: Assess of Risk Factors for Lab-Confirmed Infections and Characterization of Illnesses by Microbiological Characteristics

Status: New Project

Principal Investigator: Katie Wymore, MPH, California Emerging Infections Program (CEIP)

Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2008–2010 – select variables with personal identifiers

VSAC Recommendation: Approval

State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

12. Project Title: Putting Youth on the Map: Youth Well-Being Vulnerability in California  
Status: New Project

Principal Investigator: Estella M. Geraghty, MD, MS, MPH, GISP, University of California Davis

Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2008–2010 – select variables with personal identifiers

VSAC Recommendation: Approval

State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

13. Project Title: Study to Explore Early Development (SEED): Phase II

Status: New Project

Principal Investigator: Gayle C. Windham, PhD, CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch

Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2008–2010 & birth cohort 2008, 2009 – select variables with personal identifiers

VSAC Recommendation: Approval

State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

14. Project Title: The Path to Language Literacy: A Cross-Linguistic Longitudinal Approach  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Margaret Friend, PhD, San Diego State University  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 1/1/2011–6/1/2011–special run; death statistical master 2011– select variables with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approval  
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

**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 12, 2012  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
1616 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor  
Whitewater Room 74.370

---

**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: Improving the Reporting of Race, Ethnicity, and Language in California  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: David S. Zingmond, PhD, UCLA Division of General Internal Medicine and Health Services Research  
Data Requested: OSHPD linked PDD/death data 2008-2009; OSHPD linked PDD/birth cohort data 2008-2009—Files will be obtained from OSHPD and California Cancer Registry
  
  2. Project Title: California Performance Indicators Project  
Status: Continuing Project  
Principal Investigator: Emily Putnam-Hornstein, PhD, Center for Social Services Research, UC Berkeley  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2010 – select variables with personal identifiers
-

3. Project Title: California Environmental Protection Agency's Cumulative Impacts Screening Method: Indicators of Public Health  
Status: New Project – CPHS Exempt Research  
Principal Investigator: Laura Meehan August, MPH, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment  
Data Requested: Death statistical master 2006–2010 – select variables with personal identifiers
  
4. Project Title: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Internal Quality Assurance Process  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Alfredo Trento, MD, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center  
Data Requested: CA-EDRS death data 2010–2011 – select variables with personal identifiers
  
5. Project Title: Tracking Development in Infants at Risk for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Karen R. Dobkins, PhD, UC San Diego  
Data Requested: Birth records (past and present) obtained from San Diego County Office of Vital Records for another project

**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 12, 2012  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
1616 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor  
Whitewater Room 74.370

---

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

**County Requests**

1. Contra Costa County Health Services Department: 2010 Fetal Death
2. Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, Data Collection and Analysis: 2010 Fetal Death; 2010 Death; 2009 Multiple Cause of Death
3. Monterey County Health Department: 2010 Death; 2010 Fetal Death
4. Orange County Health Care Agency: 2009 Birth Cohort File; 2010 Fetal Death
5. San Bernardino County Department of Public Health: 2010 Death; 2010 Birth; 2010 Fetal Death; 2009 Birth Cohort
6. San Diego County Public Health Department: 2009 Birth Cohort; 2010 Fetal Death; 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 Multiple Cause of Death
7. San Joaquin County Public Health Services: 2010 Birth; 2010 Fetal Death; 2010 Death
8. Santa Clara Public Health Department: 2010 Death
9. Sonoma County Public Health Department: 2009 Birth Cohort, 2010 Fetal Death

**Birth Requests**

1. Department of Health Care Services: 2010 Birth; 2008, 2009 Birth Cohort
-

### **Death Requests**

1. Berwyn Group, Inc.: 2010 Death
2. Community Regional Medical Center: 2007 Death Index
3. Competitive Enterprise Institute: 2009, 2010 Death Public Use
4. RAND California Statistics: 2010 Death
5. Valley vision, Inc.: 2010 Death Public Use
6. University of Missouri Center for Applied Research and Environmental Systems (CARES): 2008, 2009, 2010 Death Public Use

### **CDPH Program Requests**

1. CDPH – Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control, Environmental Epidemiology Section: 2008, 2009, 2010 Birth; 2008, 2009 Birth Cohort
2. CDPH – Environmental Health Investigations Branch: 2008, 2009 Multiple Cause of Death

### **OSHPD Linked Data Requests**

1. Cancer Surveillance and Research Branch: 2010 OSHPD Non-Public Patient Discharge Data; 2010 OSHPD Ambulatory Surgery Center Data; 2010 OSHPD Emergency Department Data
2. Department of Social Services/ CMIPS II: 2008 OSHPD Ambulatory Surgery Center Data; 2008 OSHPD Emergency Department Data