

**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, November 2, 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
  - o Eight research projects were reviewed.
- E. New Business—Attachment 2
  - o Six research projects require review and recommendation.
- F. Recap of Data Requests Approved in the Vital Statistics Unit—Attachment 3
- G. Data Security Requirements
- H. Public Comment
- I. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

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**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 1—STATE REGISTRAR’S RESPONSE**

The following research projects were reviewed at the previous meeting held on September 7, 2011.

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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

VSAC  
Recommendation: Approved

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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

VSAC  
Recommendation: Approved

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

VSAC Recommendation: Approved with condition

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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

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

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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)

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

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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

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

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7. 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

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

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8. 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

VSAC Recommendation: Approved with request

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**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 2—NEW BUSINESS**

The following projects were reviewed by the Health Information and Research Section and require VSAC review and recommendation.

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| 1. Project Title:          | “Associations Between Air Pollution Exposures and Birth and Death Effects”                 |
| Principal Investigator(s): | Cynthia Garcia, Epidemiologist<br>Air Resources Board                                      |
| Data Requested:            | Birth Statistical Master (select variables)<br>Death Statistical Master (select variables) |
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| 2. Project Title:          | “Adult Day Health Care Services as a Medi-Cal Optional Benefit”                  |
| Principle Investigator(s): | Michele Cox<br>Department of Health Care Services                                |
| Data Requested:            | Birth Statistical Master (entire file)<br>Death Statistical Master (entire file) |

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3. Project Title: "Tracking the Well-Being of Children in California"

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

Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master (select variables)

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4. Project Title: "Establishment of a Statewide System of Linked Perinatal Databases for Use in Maternal/Child Health, Rapid-Cycle Quality Improvement Projects"

Principle Investigator(s): Jeffrey B. Gould, MD  
Stanford University School of Medicine

Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master (select variables)

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5. Project Title: "Perinatal/Neonatal Service Needs in Central California"

Principle Investigator(s): Brian Sabbatini, MBA  
Children's Hospital, Central California

Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master (select variables)

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6. Project Title: "San Bernardino County Public Health Department Surveillance"

Principle Investigator(s): Disep Ojukwu  
Lance Miller  
San Bernardino County Public Health Department

Data Requested: Birth Cohort (entire file)  
Death Statistical Master (select variables)

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

**County Requests**

1. Alameda County Public Health Department: 2010 Birth
2. Humboldt County Public Health Department: 2009 Death
3. Kern County Public Health Department: 2010 Birth
4. Monterey County Health Department: 2001 Birth
5. Orange County Health Care Agency: 2010 Birth
6. Riverside County Department of Public Health: 2010 Birth
7. San Francisco County Department of Public Health and UCSF: 2000–2009 Death
8. San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department: 2009 Fetal Death; 2009 Death
9. Santa Barbara County Public Health Dept.: 2010 Birth
10. Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency–Public Health Dept.: 2010 Birth
11. Shasta County Public Health Department: 2010 Birth
12. Sonoma County Public Health Department: 2010 Birth
13. Stanislaus County Health Services Agency: 2009 Fetal Death; 2008 Birth Cohort
14. Stanislaus County Health Services Agency: 2010 Birth

### **Death Requests**

1. OSHPD / HIRC: 1999–2007 Death (replacement files)
2. University of California, San Francisco, Department of Urology: Death Certificates
3. UCSF – Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics: Death Certificates
4. Central Research, Inc.: 1980–2009 Death Index

### **Birth Requests**

1. OSHPD–HIRC: 1999–2007 Birth Cohort
2. Department of Child Support Services: 2010 Birth
3. Esquire Magazine / Hearst Corporation: 2007–2009 Birth Index
4. Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, HIRC: 2007–2009 Birth Cohort
5. Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit: 2010 Birth
6. CDPH–Immunization Branch: 2010 Birth
7. Department of Child Support Services: 2010 Birth & Death
8. CDPH–Maternal and Child Health Branch: 2010 Birth
9. CDPH–Office of Family Planning: 2009 & 2010 Birth

### **OSHPD Linked Data Requests**

1. Department of Social Services/ CMIPS II: Patient Discharge Data, Emergency Discharge Data
2. Office of Multicultural Health: 2010 OSHPD Patient Discharge Data
3. CDPH–Cancer Surveillance Section: 2005, 2006 OSHPD Ambulatory Surgery Center Data