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

November 4, 2015  
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
1616 Capitol Avenue  
Klamath Room – 74.261

**AGENDA**

- A. Welcome
- B. Introductions and Announcements
- C. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting
- D. State Registrar's Response to VSAC Recommendations—
- E. Consent Calendar – Attachment 2
- F. Discussion Items – New Business—Attachment 3
- G. Recap of Data Requests Approved in the Health Information and Research Section—Attachment 4
- H. Public Comment
- I. Additional Discussion Topics
- J. Adjournment

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

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

1. Project Title: Prioritizing Cooling Infrastructure Investments for Vulnerable Southwest Populations  
Principal Investigator: David Eisenman, MD, University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2010-2012 Death Statistical Master File (Address and Certificate Number)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
2. Project Title: The Path of Language and Literacy: A Cross Linguistic Longitudinal Approach  
Principal Investigator: Margaret Friend, PhD, San Diego State University  
Project Type: Continuing Project with No Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2014 Birth Statistical Master File (Name and Address), 2014 California Comprehensive Death File (Name, Address, Mother's Maiden Name)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
3. Project Title: Mortality Differentials among Native Born, Documented and Undocumented Immigrants from Mexico in California, 1970-2013  
Principal Investigator: Ka Yuet Liu, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1970-2013 Death Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, Address, SSN, and MMN)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

4. Project Title: Impact of Economic Factors on Health Outcomes at Birth  
Principal Investigator: Margaret Shih, MD, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 1997-2010 Birth Statistical Master File (Name and Address), 1997-2010 Death Statistical Master File (Address). Note: PI is requesting to use data files previously obtained  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
5. Project Title: Autism Metabolomics and Environment (AIME)  
Principal Investigator: Beate Ritz, MD, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2000-2013 Birth Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, Address) Note: PI is requesting to use data files previously obtained  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

## **ATTACHMENT 2 - CONSENT CALENDAR: OSHPD DATA REQUESTS**

The following OSHPD projects are those being placed in the block in the Consent Agenda.

- Project Title: Innovative Approaches for Studying Gestational Weight Gain  
Principal Investigator: Barbara Abrams, PhD, University of California, Berkeley  
Project Type: New Data Request  
Data Requested: 2007-2012 Linked PDD/ED/AS/Birth Cohort File
- Project Title: The Impact of Clinical and Demographic Factors on Risk-Adjusted Outcomes for Urologic Cancer Surgery  
Principal Investigator: John Gore, MD, University of Washington  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2007-2011 Linked PDD/Death File
- Project Title: Heterogeneity in EMS and Hospital Services Provision: Impact on Quality and Outcomes  
Principal Investigator: Atul Gupta, PhD, Stanford University  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1991-2011 Linked PDD/Death Data

### ATTACHMENT 3 - DISCUSSION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS

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

1. Project Title: Study of Expanded Population of Radiation Workers in Shipyards  
Principal Investigator: Genevieve Matanoski, MD, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1970-2011 Death Statistical Master Files (Name, Certificate Number, Address, SSN, MMN), 1960-1969 Merged Death Files (Name, Certificate Number), 1970-2010 Multiple Cause of Death (Certificate Number)
2. Project Title: Social Patterns in Naming Practices in the United States, 1990-2006  
Principal Investigator: Phech Colatat, PhD, Washington University in St. Louis  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1990-2006 Birth Statistical Master File (Name, Mother's Address)  
**This project was reviewed during the September 9, 2015 meeting. The Committee recommended to the State Registrar not to approve the application as submitted, and that the State Registrar ask the requestor to resubmit an application that is less individually identifiable and does not have confidential health information included.**
3. Project Title: Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation (MIHOPE)  
Principal Investigator: Virginia Knox, PhD, MDRC  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: Data Requested: 2012-2015 Birth Statistical Master Files, 2012-2015 (Name, Certificate Number, Address), Fetal Death Statistical Master Files (Name and Certificate Number)  
**This project was reviewed during the June 11, 2014 meeting. The Committee recommended to the State Registrar to approve the data request. The requestor submitted a new application requesting the same data.**

**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 4—  
RECAP OF DATA REQUESTS APPROVED IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION AND  
RESEARCH SECTION**

**Birth Data Requests**

1. University of Chicago –1986 Birth
2. UC Berkeley – 2015 Birth

**Death Data Requests**

1. Department of Health Care Services – 2011-2013 MCODE
2. UC Berkeley – 2015 Infant Death Records
3. U.S. Bureau of the Census – 1999-2011 Death

**CDPH Data Requests**

1. Center for Infectious Diseases – 2013 Non-Public Emergency Department Data
2. Safe and Active Communities Branch – 2014 Non-Public PDD, 2014 Non-Public EDD
3. STD Control Branch – 2011 PDD Linked Birth Cohort File, 2013 Non-Public EDD, 2013 Non-Public PDD
4. Tuberculosis Control Branch – 2013 and 2014 Non-Public PDD