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

Wednesday, November 12, 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 TO VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Project Title: Decreasing Access to Trial of Labor After Cesarean: What is the Impact on Patients?
Principal Investigator: Melissa Rosenstein, MD, University of California, San Francisco
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 1991-2010 PDD/Linked Birth Cohort File
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

2. Project Title: Prioritizing Cooling Infrastructure Investments for Vulnerable Southwest Populations
Principal Investigator: David Eisenman, MD, University of California, Los Angeles
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2000-2012 Death Statistical Master File (Address), 2000-2010 Multiple Cause of Death
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

3. Project Title: Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD)
Principal Investigator: Wansu Chen, Kaiser Permanente
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol
Data Requested: 2011 MCOB, 2013 Death Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, Address, SSN, and MMN)
VSAC Recommendation: Approved with the stipulation to remove the mother's maiden name and mother's social security number from the birth master file as referenced in the protocol.
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

4. Project Title: A Mixed Methods Approach to Evaluating ASD Interventions in KPNC
Principal Investigator: Lisa Croen, PhD, Kaiser Permanente
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2008-2013 BSMF (Name, Certificate Number, and Address), 2008-2013 Birth Cohort Files (Name, Certificate Number, and Address)

VSAC Recommendation: Approved contingent upon the receipt of additional documentation from the researcher that clarifies how the birth records will be used in combination with other data sources.

State Registrar's Action: Adopted

5. Project Title: San Francisco Mammography Registry: A Research Resource
Principal Investigator: Karla Kerlikowske, MD, University of California, San Francisco
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol
Data Requested: 2011-2013 Death Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, Address, SSN, and MMN)
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

6. Project Title: Maternal and Infant Health Assessment
Principal Investigator: Michael Curtis, PhD, CDPH, Epidemiology, Assessment, and Program Development Branch
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2011 BSMF (NOPI), requested to re-release of data to CDC for surveillance purposes
VSAC Recommendation: Motion was made not to act on existing project but receive a new application from CDC. CDC would be the primary applicant; CDPH/MCAH will be the secondary applicant. Protocol will show how the data will be shared. CDPH/MCAH will be doing the linkage work for CDC.
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

7. Project Title: Using the Donut Method and Census Block Demographics to Protect the Anonymity of Persons Included in Data Releases
Principal Investigator: Gary Kean, Graduate Student, University of California, Davis
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2009-2011 Death Statistical Master File (Address only)
VSAC Recommendation: Approved with the stipulation the application be revised to clarify the release of the methodology and publication or however it will be released.
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

8. Project Title: Children's Data Network/CA Children's Services Archive
Project Title: Child Welfare Indicators Project/CA California's Services Archive
Principal Investigator: Emily Putnam-Hornstein, PhD, University of Southern California
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol

Data Requested: 2011-2012 Birth Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, and Address), 2010-2011 Birth Cohort File (Name, Certificate Number, and Address), 2008-2013 Death Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, Address, SSN, and MMN)

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: California Occupational Safety and Health Surveillance (U60OH00 8468-10)
Principal Investigator: Jennifer Flattery, CDPH/Occupational Health Branch
Project Type: Continuing Project
Data Requested: 2013 Non-Public PDD, 2013 Non-Public EDD, 2013 ASCD, 2014 EDRS Data
2. Project Title: Healthcare Utilization Patterns Among Homicide Victims
Principal Investigator: Jahan Fahimi, MD, University of California, San Francisco
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2010 PDD/Linked Death Data
3. Project Title: National Estimates for Inpatient Care, Outcomes and Hospital Effect among Hispanics
Principal Investigator: Amresh D. Hanchate, PhD, Boston University
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2010-2011 PDD/Linked Death Data
4. Project Title: Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Tdap Vaccination Strategies at Preventing Infant Pertussis
Principal Investigator: Pamala Kirley, California Emerging Infections Program
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol
Data Requested: 2013 Birth Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, and Address), 2014 Real-time birth data (Name, Certificate Number, and Address), 2013 Death Statistical Master File (Name and Mother's Maiden Name), and 2014 Infant Death Records
5. Project Title: Utility of the "Surprise" Question to Identify Emergency Department Patients with High 1-Year Mortality
Principal Investigator: Lauren Fine, MD, Alameda Health System
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2011-2013 Death Statistical Master File (Name and Social Security Numbers)

- 6. Project Title: Determinants of Post-neonatal Infant Mortality
Principal Investigator: Emily Oster, PhD, University of Chicago
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2002-2011 Birth Cohort Files (Address)

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

Birth Data Requests

1. City of Berkeley – 2012 Birth, 2011 Fetal, 2012 and 2013 Death
2. San Diego State University – 2012-2013 Birth
3. Riverside County Public Health – 2013 Birth
4. Orange County Health Care Agency – 2013 Birth
5. Contra Costa County – 2013 Birth
6. Columbia University – 2009-2012 Birth

Death Data Requests

1. San Mateo Public Health/Epidemiology – 2013 Death
2. Monterey County Health Department – 2013 Death
3. Sacramento County Health and Human Services – 2013 Death, 2011 Fetal,
2012 Birth
4. Merced County – 2013 Death, 2013 Fetal, 2012 Birth
5. Orange County Health Care Agency – 2009-2011 MCOD
6. Madera County Public Health Department – 2010-2013 Death, 2009-2012 Birth
7. COMSERV, Inc. – 2011-2012 Death Index Files
8. San Diego State University – 2012-2013 Death
9. Funeraria Latino Americana – 2013 EDRS
10. Contra Costa Health Services – 2013 Death
11. Alameda County – 2013 Death
12. USC – 2013 Death
13. UC San Francisco – 2011-2013 Death

CDPH Program Requests

- 1. Maternal, Child, & Adolescent Health – 2013 Non-Public PDD, 2010 and 2011 PDD linked to BC**
- 2. Safe and Active Communities Branch – 2013 Non-Public PDD, 2013 Non-Public EDD**
- 3. Environmental Health Investigations – 2013 Death
Maternal, Child, & Adolescent Health – 2013 Birth (1300 Byte), 2013 Birth (500 Byte)**
- 4. Immunization – 2013 Birth**
- 5. Environmental Health Investigations – 2013 Birth**
- 6. Chronic Disease Surveillance and Research Branch – 2013 Birth**
- 7. Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Branch – 2013 Non-Public PDD**