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

Wednesday, November 14, 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

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

The following research requests were reviewed by the Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC) on September 12, 2012. The VSAC's recommendation and the State Registrar's actions are recorded below.

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
VSAC Recommendation: Approval
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
 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
VSAC Recommendation: Approval
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
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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
VSAC Recommendation: Approval
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

4. Project Title: Cedars-Sanai Medical Center Internal Quality Assurance Process
Status: New Project
Principal Investigator: Alfredo Trento, MD, Cedars-Sanai Medical Center
Data Requested: CA-EDRS death data 2010–2011 – select variables with personal identifiers
VSAC Recommendation: Approval
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

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
VSAC Recommendation: Approval
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

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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: Maternal Age-Specific Prevalence Rates of Chromosome Abnormalities by Race/Ethnicity in the Kaiser Health Plan in Northern and Southern California
Status: New Project
Principal Investigator: De-Kun Li, MD, PhD, Kaiser Foundation Research Institute, Division of Research
Data Requested: Merged death 2010 – entire file with personal identifiers
 2. Project Title: Language Development in Infants
Status: Continuing Project
Principal Investigator: Toben Mintz, PhD, University of Southern California
Data Requested: Current live birth data obtained directly from Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
 3. Project Title: Epidemiologic Study of One Million U.S. Radiation Workers
Status: New Project
Principal Investigator: Michael Mumma, international Epidemiology Institute
Data Requested: Death statistical master 2009–2010 – select variables with personal identifiers
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4. Project Title: Persistent Organic Pollutants and Breast Cancer Risk: Chemicals, Old and New
Status: Continuing Project
Principal Investigator: Peggy Reynolds, PhD, Cancer Prevention Institute
Data Requested: Marriage Index 1960–1969

5. Project Title: The Role of Physician Peer Learning in Autism Screening and Diagnosis
Status: New Project
Principal Investigator: Ezra Zuckerman, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 1997–2007 – select variables with personal identifiers

6. Project Title: RealAge Collaboration – Prediction of Mortality Risk Using Online Health and Health Interest Data
Status: Continuing Project
Principal Investigator: James H. Fowler, PhD, University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, Division of Social Sciences
Data Requested: Death statistical master 2010 – select variables with personal identifiers

7. Project Title: Political Engagement Before and After the Death of a Spouse
Status: Continuing Project
Principal Investigator: James H. Fowler, PhD, University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, Division of Social Sciences
Data Requested: Death statistical master 2010 – select variables with personal identifiers

8. Project Title: Ongoing Surveillance and Research of Air Pollution Effects on Death
Status: Continuing Project
Principal Investigator: Cynthia Garcia, Air Resources Board
Data Requested: Death statistical master 2004–2010 – select variables with personal identifiers

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

County Data Requests

1. Kern County Public Health Department: 2010 Fetal Death
2. Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services: 2010 Birth, Fetal Death, Death
3. Marin County Department of Health and Human Services: 2010 Birth, Fetal Death; 2009, 2010 Death
4. Santa Clara County Public Health Department: 2010 Birth Cohort, Fetal Death, Death; 2008, 2009 Multiple Cause of Death
5. Yolo County Public Health Department: 2010 Death

Birth Data Requests

1. Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit: 2011 Birth

Marriage Data Requests

1. University of Arizona: 1960–1985 Marriage Index

Death Data Requests

1. Berwyn Group, Inc.: Jan. 2011 to July 2012 EDRS Data
2. Center for Investigative Reporting: 2008, 2009 Death Public Use File
3. Department of Social Services/CMIPS II: 2005, 2006 EDRS Data
4. Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA): 2010 Death Public Use; 2006–2010 Death
5. Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD): 1999–2009 Death
6. State Controller's Office, Division of Audits: 2009 Merged Death
7. Tiger Global Management, LLC: Jan. 2008 thru Aug. 2012 Death Table

CDPH Program Requests

1. CDPH – HIV Case Registry: 2010 Death
2. CDPH – Environmental Health Investigations Branch (EHIB) – CA Environmental Health Tracking Program: Jan. 2009–Dec. 2011 EDRS Data
3. CDPH – Cancer Surveillance and Research Branch: 2010 Death
4. CDPH – Genetic Disease Branch: 2010 Birth

OSHPD Linked Data Requests

1. CDPH – Infectious Diseases Branch: 2011 OSHPD Patient Discharge Data
2. CDPH – Cancer Surveillance and Research Branch: 2011 OSHPD Patient Discharge, Ambulatory Surgery Center, & Emergency Department Data
3. CDPH – Genetic Disease Branch: 2009 OSHPD Linked PDD/Birth Cohort – 2009; 2010 Birth
4. CDPH – Injury Surveillance and Epidemiology – Safe and Active Communities: 2011 OSHPD Emergency Department & Patient Discharge Data
5. Department of Social Services/CMIPS II: 2011 OSHPD Ambulatory Surgery Center & Patient Discharge Data