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

December 16, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
1500 Capitol Avenue, First Floor
Room 72.154

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. 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: 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), 1970-2010 Multiple Cause of Death Files (Certificate Number)
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

2. Project Title: Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation
Principal Investigator: Virginia Knox, PhD, MDRC
Project Type: Continuing Project
Data Requested: 2012-2015 Birth Statistical Master Files (Name, Certificate Number, Address), 2012-2015 Fetal Death Statistical Master Files (Name and Certificate Number)
VSAC Recommendation: The Committee recommended approval of the data release with the stipulation that the applicant submit a revised application with Social Security number removed from the list of variables to be released and from the text of the study description. The applicant will remove the description that the data will be re-released as part of the restricted access data file and will provide a description of the variables being requested for data linkage.
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: Trends in Regional Specialty Care Hospitalization for Children in California
Principal Investigator: Lee Sanders, MD, MPH, Stanford University
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2010-2011 Linked PDD/Death Files

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: Return on Investment?: The Cost Offsets Associated with Supported Housing in Los Angeles
Principal Investigator: Dennis Culhane, MD, University of Pennsylvania
Project Type: New Data Request
Data Requested: 2006-2011 Linked PDD/Death Files
Please note: Due to it's unusual nature, this project was not placed on the Consent Calendar, and placed as an agenda item for discussion.

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

Birth Data Requests

1. UCLA – 2015 Birth

Death Data Requests

1. UCLA – 2000-2012 DSMF
2. San Diego State University – 2014 CCDF

CDPH Data Requests

1. Office of Aids – 2014 CCDF
2. Immunization – 2002-2012 Fetal, 2002-2013 Birth
3. Chronic Disease Surveillance and Research – 2014 Non-Public PDD, 2014 Non-Public ASCD, 2014 Non-Public EDD
4. Vaccine-Preventable Diseases Epidemiology – 2014 CCDF