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

Wednesday, July 10, 2013
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
1616 Capitol Avenue, Sixth Floor
Toulumne 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. Agenda Items for Future Meetings
- I. Adjournment

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

The following projects were reviewed by the Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC) on May 8, 2013. The VSAC's recommendation and the State Registrar's actions are recorded below.

1. Project Title: Longitudinal Study of Hospital Outcomes for California Children
Status: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol – additional data requested
Principal Investigator: Linda L. Remy, PhD, UCSF Family Health Outcomes Project (FHOP)
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2010–2011 – select variables with personal identifiers
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

2. Project Title: Study of Social Development in Toddler Twins
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol
Principal Investigator: Theodore Jacob, PhD, Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System
Data Requested: 2012 Birth Records with personal identifiers, 2012 Infant Death Records with personal identifiers
VSAC Recommendation: Approved with the suggestion to have materials translated in Spanish.
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

3. Project Title: Short Inter-pregnancy Intervals and Risk of Autism Spectrum Disorders
Project Type: New Research Project
Principal Investigator: Lisa Croen, Kaiser Permanente
Project Type: New Research Project
Data Requested: 2000-2009 Birth Cohort File with personal identifiers, 2000-2009 Birth Statistical Master File with personal identifiers
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

4. Project Title: Advanced Illness Management Pilot Program: Cost and Utilization of Care Among AIM Enrollees and Controls
Project Type: New Research Project
Principal Investigator: Sara Robinson, Sutter Health
Data Requested: 2009-2012 Death Statistical Master File
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

5. Project Title: Prenatal and Neonatal Biologic Markers for Autism
Project Type: New Research Project
Principal Investigator: Gayle C. Windham, PhD, CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch
Data Requested: 2000-2003 Birth Statistical Master File with personal identifiers, 2000-2003 Birth Cohort with Personal Identifiers
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

6. Project Title: Linkage of Medi-Cal Administrative Data to California Birth Cohort File
Project Type: New Research Project
Principal Investigator: Aldona Herrndorf, MPH, Department of Health Care Services, Research and Analytics Branch
Data Requested: 2007-2010 Birth Cohort Files with personal identifiers
VSAC Recommendation: Approved with the stipulation that research projects come back for VSAC review.
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

7. Project Title: Linkage of Medi-Cal Administrative Data to the Death Statistical Master File
Project Type: New Research Project
Principal Investigator: Aldona Herrndorf, MPH, Department of Health Care Services, Research and Analytics Branch
Data Requested: 2007-2010 Birth Cohort Files with personal identifiers
VSAC Recommendation: Approved with the stipulation that research projects come back for VSAC review.
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

8. Project Title: Effects of Increased Economic Resources on Weight-Related Health
Project Type: New Research Project
Principal Investigator: Jessica Jones-Smith, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Data Requested: 1987-2011 Birth Statistical Master File, Address Only
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

8. Project Title: Persistent Organic Pollutants and Breast Cancer Risk: Chemical Old and New
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol – additional data requested
Principal Investigator: Peggy Reynolds, PhD, Cancer Prevention Institute of California
Data Requested: Street Address, City, State and Zip Code of approximately 2,800 records from 1980-1995.
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

9. Project Title: Los Angeles Health Overview of a Pregnancy Event (LAHOPE)
Project Type: Continuing Project not previously reviewed by VSAC– additional data requested
Principal Investigator: Shin Margaret Chao, MPH, PhD, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Data Requested: YTD Birth Provisional Data
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

10. Project Title: Los Angeles Mommy and Baby (LAMB) Project
Project Type: Continuing Project not previously reviewed by VSAC– additional data requested
Principal Investigator: Shin Margaret Chao, MPH, PhD, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Data Requested: YTD Birth Provisional Data
VSAC Recommendation: Approved

State Registrar's Action: Adopted

11. Project Title: Suicide Mortality and Veteran Status

Project Type: New Project

Principal Investigator: Robert M. Bossarte, PhD., Department of Veterans' Affairs,
Center for Excellence for Suicide Prevention, Canandaigua VA Medical Center

Data Requested: 1999 – 2009 Death Statistical Master File

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: Cancer Genetics Research Information System (CGRIS)
Principal Investigator: Hoda Anton-Culver, PhD., Genetic Epidemiology Research Institute, Dept of Epidemiology, University of California, Irvine
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: Death Statistical Master Files (1970 – 2011) with personal identifiers
2. Project Title: Locomotion and Psychological Development in Infancy
Principal Investigator: Joseph Campos, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: Birth Records with Address (2012 – 2013)
3. Project Title: Visual Proprioception and Wariness of Heights in Infants
Principal Investigator: Joseph Campos, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: Birth Records with Address (2012 – 2013)
4. Project Title: Emotional Communication of Rules to Infants
Principal Investigator: Joseph Campos, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: Birth Records with Address (2012 – 2013)
5. Project Title: Investigating the link between walking & language development
Principal Investigator: Joseph Campos, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: Birth Records with Address (2012 – 2013)
6. Project Title: The Path to Language and Literacy: A Cross-Linguistic Longitudinal Approach
Principal Investigator: Margaret Friend, PhD., San Diego State University, Infant and Child Development Laboratory
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: Death Records for Decedents with DOB between 6/1/11 and 7/1/12, Birth Records for Children with DOB between 6/1/11 and 7/1/12

7. Project Title: The California Maternal Data Center: Establishing a Statewide Data Center for Use in Rapid-Cycle Maternity Care Improvement Projects
Principal Investigator: Jeffrey B. Gould, MD, MPH & Elliott Main, MD, Division of Neonatal and Developmental Medicine, Stanford University
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes
Data Requested: Monthly Birth Records from 2013 and 2014 as available

8. Project Title: North American Wilms Tumor (NAWTS)
Principal Investigator: Rayjean Hung, Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, Mount Sinai Hospital
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: Birth Records from 1997 to 2015 as available with personal identifiers

9. Project Title: Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation (MIHOPE)
Principal Investigator: Virginia Knox, Ph.D., MDRC
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master Files (2010 – 2016 as available) with name, certificate number, and address
Fetal Death Statistical Master Files (2010 – 2016 as available) with name, certificate number
Death Statistical Master Files (2010 – 2016 as available) with name, certificate number, and address

10. Project Title: Birth Certificate and Fetal Death Certificate Data Matching for the Post-Licensure Rapid Immunization Safety Monitoring (PRISM) Program
Principal Investigator: Chunfu Liu, HealthCore Inc.
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master Files (2014 – 2011) with name, certificate number, and address
Fetal Death Statistical Master Files (2010 – 2011) with name, certificate number

11. Project Title: Understanding the Relation between Sleep and Memory in Infants
Principal Investigator: Angela Lukowski, Ph.D., University of California, Irvine
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master Files (2012) with name, certificate number, and address
Infant Death Files (2012) with name, certificate number

12. Project Title: Investigation of Racial/Ethnic Differences in Placental Weight and Birth Weight
Principal Investigator: Latha Palaniappan, MD, MS, Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institute
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: Birth Files from December 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012 with name and address previously purchased for another project

13. Project Title: Firearm Deaths
Principal Investigator: Michael Luo, Reporter
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: Death Statistical Master Files (1999 – 2011) with name and address

14. Project Title: Maternal Age-Specific Prevalence Rates of Chromosome Abnormalities by Race/Ethnicity in the Kaiser Health Plan in Northern and Southern California
Principal Investigator: De-Kun Li, PhD, Kaiser Permanente
Project Type: Continuing Project
Data Requested: Monthly death records in merged death layout from 1/01/2012 to 12/31/2013

15. Project Title: Impact of Economic Factors on Health Outcomes at Birth
Principal Investigator: Suzanne Bostwick, Los Angeles County of Public Health
Project Type: Continuing Project with changes to the protocol
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master Files (1997 – 2010) with Addresses to be obtained from Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Death Statistical Master Files (1997 – 2010) with Addresses to be obtained from Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

16. Project Title: Tracking the Well Being of Children in California
Principal Investigator: Mark Mather, Population Reference Bureau
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master Files (2011) No Personal Identifiers

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

County Data Requests

1. Orange County Health Care Agency – 2011 Death
2. Imperial County Public Health Department – 2011 Death
3. Santa Barbara Public Health Department – 2011 Death
4. San Francisco Department of Public Health – 2011 Death
5. Santa Cruz Health Services – 2011 Death
6. Monterey County Health Department – 2011 Death
7. San Mateo Health System – 2011 Death
8. Kern County Public Health Services Department – 2011 Death
9. San Diego Health & Human Services Agency – 2011 Death
10. Merced County Public Health – 2010 and 2011 Death,, 2010 and 2011 Birth
11. Marin County Department of Health and Human Services – 2011 Birth, 2011 Death
12. Alameda County – 2010 Fetal, 2011 Death, 2009 and 2010 Birth Cohort, 2010 Multiple Cause of Death
13. Stanislaus County Health Services Agency – 2011 Death, 2010 Birth Cohort
14. San Joaquin Public Health Services – 2011 Death
15. Tulare HHS – 2011 Death, 2010 MCOB
16. Yolo County Health Department – 2011 Death, 2006-2010 Fetal Death
17. Santa Clara Public Health Department – 2007 and 2008 Fetal Death, 2010 Birth Cohort
18. Sonoma County Department of Health Services – 2011 Death and 2010 Birth Cohort
19. San Diego County – 2010 Birth Cohort
20. Contra Costa County – 2011 Death

Birth Data Requests

Death Data Requests

1. Healthy City – Advancement Project – 2010 Death, 2011 Birth

CDPH Program Requests

1. CDPH– Environmental Health Investigations Branch: 2011 Death

2. CDPH – MCAH – 2000-2009 Birth, 2011 Birth

OSHPD Linked Data Requests

1. University of Los Angeles – 2007-2009 PDD/Linked Birth Cohort File, 2010 PDD/Linked Birth File