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

Wednesday, November 13, 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. Additional Discussion Topics
- I. Adjournment

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

The following projects were reviewed by the Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC) on September 11, 2013. The VSAC's recommendation and the State Registrar's actions are recorded below.

1. Project Title: Reproductive Health and the Environment Mapping Assessment Project  
Principal Investigator: Angela Chen, UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master Files (2006 – 2010) with name & address  
Fetal Death Statistical Master Files (2006 – 2010) with name  
Death Statistical Master Files (2006 – 2010) with name, address, mother's maiden name  
Merged Death Files (2006 – 2010) with name  
Non-Public PDD/linked birth data (2010)  
Non-Public PDD linked death data (2006 – 2010)  
Non-Public PDD linked Birth Cohort File (2006 – 2009)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
2. Project Title: California Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Report  
Principal Investigator: Angela Chen, UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Linked PDD/Birth Cohort File (2007 – 2010)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
3. Project Title: Brief Interventions for Alcohol Use Among Injured Patients: a Prospective Randomized Trial  
Principal Investigator: Garth Utter, UC Davis Medical Center  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Death Statistical Master Files (2006 – 2010) with name & SSN  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

4. Project Title: Trends in Regional Specialty Care Hospitalization for Children in California  
Principal Investigator: Vandana Sundaram, Stanford University  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: DSMF (2010 – 2011) No personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
5. Project Title: Disparity Analysis for Neonatal Surgical Diseases  
Principal Investigator: Jeffery S. Upperman, USC Keck School of Medicine  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: PDD/Linked Birth Cohort (2006 – 2009), PDD/Linked Birth Files (2010), PDD/Linked Death Files (2006 – 2010)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved contingent upon receiving an updated CPHS approval letter.  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
6. Project Title: UC Davis Center for Regional Change/Rabobank Rural Opportunity Index (ROI)  
Principal Investigator: Chris Benner, PhD., UC Davis Community and Regional Development  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master File (2009 – 2011) Addresses Only  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
7. Project Title: First 5 Kern Evaluation  
Principal Investigator: JianJun Wang, California State University, Bakersfield  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: PDD/Linked Birth File (2009 – 2010), PDD/Linked Death File (2009 – 2010)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

8. Project Title: Disparities in Outcomes for Pediatric Disease: Context, Access and Quality of Care  
Principal Investigator: N. Ewen Wang, MD & Paul Wise MD, Stanford University School of Medicine  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: PDD/Linked Death Data (2008 – 2009)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved contingent upon receiving an updated CPHS approval.  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
9. Project Title: Epidemiology and Expenditures of Infant Health in California  
Principal Investigator: Paul Wise MD, Stanford University School of Medicine  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: PDD/Linked Death Data (1991-1997 & 1999-2009 PDD/Linked Birth Files)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
10. Project Title: Probabilistic Inference and Categorization Development in Infants  
Principal Investigator: Fei Xu, University of California, Berkeley  
Project Type: Continuing Project with revisions to the protocol  
Data Requested: Birth Files (2013)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
11. Project Title: Gun Violence in Alameda County: The Five Year Morbidity and Mortality in a County Hospital System  
Principal Investigator: Jahin Fahimi, MD, UCSF and Alameda Health System  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: DSMF (2007 – 2012) with Name and SSN  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved contingent upon submission of a complete and approved CPHS project protocol.  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

12. Project Title: Visual Processing and Later Cognitive Effects in Infants with FXS  
Principal Investigator: Susan M. Rivera, PhD., UCD Center for Mind and Brain  
Project Type: Continuing Project first reviewed 11/13/2007  
Data Requested: BSMF (2013) with Name and mother's address. Files will be obtained from Dr. Lisa Oakes Project # 12-10-0802  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
13. Project Title: Using Population-Based datasets to generate and test new hypotheses for investigating preterm births in California  
Principal Investigator: Gary M. Shaw, Stanford University, Department of Pediatrics-Neonatology  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: BSMF (1960 – 2011) Certificate Number and address for data previously obtained.  
FDSMF (1970 – 2010) Certificate number for data previously received  
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: Mortality and Support on Online Social Media  
Principal Investigator: James H. Fowler, PhD, UC San Diego  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Death Statistical Master Files (2000 - 2010) with name & address previously obtained for another project.  
**NOTE: This project was reviewed during the January 9, 2013 meeting. The committee postponed their recommendation until after the project was approved by CPHS.**
2. Project Title: Multiethnic/Minority Cohort Study of Diet and Cancer  
Principal Investigator: Kristine Monroe, PhD., University of Southern California  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Death Statistical Master Files (2010 - 2012) with name, certificate #, address, SSN
3. Project Title: Effect of Maternal Education on Adverse Birth Outcomes  
Principal Investigator: Lela Bachrach, MD, MS, University of California, Berkeley  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master Files (2008 – 2013) No Personal Identifiers
4. Project Title: Portrait of California 2014  
Principal Investigator: Patrick Guyer, Measure of America, Social Science Research Council  
Project Type: Continuing Research Project  
Data Requested: Death Statistical Master Files (2009 - 2012) with address
5. Project Title: Infant Social and Emotional Development  
Principal Investigator: Eric A. Walle, Ph.D., University of California, Merced  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master Files (2012 - current) Monthly Files

6. Project Title: Cancer Disparities in California  
Principal Investigator: Ulrike Boehmer, Boston University School of Public Health  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Merged Death Files (2000 – 2009)
  
7. Project Title: Pesticides and Child Development Outcomes  
Principal Investigator: Beate Ritz, University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master Files (1994 – 2014)  
Death Statistical Master Files (1994 – 2014)
  
8. Project Title: Mortality Among Released Juvenile Offenders in California  
Principal Investigator: Hans Steiner, MD/Arash Anoshiravani, MD  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Death Statistical Master Files (2007 - 2009) Name, Cert #, Address, SSN/MMN  
Multiple Causes of Death Files (2007 - 2009)
  
9. Project Title: Study to Explore Early Development (SEED)  
Principal Investigator: Gayle C. Windham, PhD, CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch (EHIB)  
Project Type: Continuing Project with changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master Files (2003 - 2007) Name, Cert #, Address

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

**Birth Data Requests**

1. Sacramento Health and Human Services – 2011 Birth
2. UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities – 2006-2010 Birth, 2006-2010 Fetal, 2006-2010 Death, 2006-2010 Merged Death
3. El Dorado Health and Human Services – 2007-2010 Birth
4. Department of Health Care Services – 2012 Birth, 2012 Death

**Death Data Requests**

1. Sutter Health – 2009-2012 Death
2. University of California, Irvine – 1970-2011 Death
3. Sacramento Health and Human Services – 2011 Death, 2010 Fetal, 2001-2010 Multiple Cause of Death
4. Santa Cruz Health Services – 2012 Death
5. Monterey County Health Department – 2012 Death
6. Alameda County – 2012 Death
7. San Diego Health and Human Services Agency – 2012 Death
8. San Francisco County – Department of Public Health – 2012 Death, 2010 Fetal
9. Yolo County Health Department – 2012 Death
10. Los Angeles Times – 2007 – 2011 Death NOPI
11. UCD Center for Regional Change – 2008 – 2010 Death Public Use Files
12. American Research Bureau – 2011 Public Death Index 2011 Public Birth Index
13. Public Health Institute – 2010 and 2011 Death
14. Los Angeles County – DPH – 2012 Death
15. Mount Sinai Hospital – 1997 – 2011 Death Indices (for NAWTS Project)
16. Election Integrity Project – 2002 – 2005 and 2007 – 2008 Death Indices
17. RAND California – 2012 Death NOPI
18. Department of Finance – 2012 Death NOPI
19. Kern County Public Health Services Department – 2012 Death
20. Contra Costa County Health Services – 2012 Death
21. Stanislaus County Health Services Agency – 2012 Death
22. Nevada County Department of Public Health – 2012 Death
23. Kern County Public Health Services Department – 2012 Death
24. Contra Costa County Health Services – 2012 Death
25. UC Davis Community and Regional Development – 2009 -2011 Death
26. Shasta Health and Human Services Agency – 2012 Death
27. OSHPD/HID/HIRC – 2012 Death
28. Willis North America (Westport Insurance Agency) – 1999-2011 Death

### **CDPH Program Requests**

1. CDPH - Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program - 2012 Death
2. CDPH - Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Program - 2012 Death
3. CDPH - Immunization Branch - 2011 & 2012 Death
4. CDPH – Chronic Disease Surveillance and Research – 2012 Non-Public PDD, 2012 Non-Public EDD, 2012 Non-Public ASCD
5. CDPH – Infectious Diseases Branch – 2000-2012 Non-Public PDD
6. CDPH – Environmental Epidemiology – 2012 Death
7. CDPH – Disease Investigations Section – 1999-2012 Death
8. CDPH – Occupational Health - 2012 Non-Public PDD, 2012 Non-Public EDD, 2012 Non-Public ASCD
9. CDPH – Genetic Disease Screening Program 2008 – 2010 Birth Cohort, 2010 & 2011 Birth, 2010 & 2011 Death, 2010 Fetal Death
10. CDPH – Infectious Disease Branch – 2008-2012 Non-Public PDD, 2008-2012 Non-Public EDD
11. CDPH – Vaccine-Preventable Disease Surveillance- 2012 Birth
12. CDPH – ISES – 2012 DSMF
13. CDPH –Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health – 2012 Birth
14. CDPH –Environmental Health Investigations Branch – 2012 Birth

### **OSHPD Linked Data Requests**

1. CDPH – Network for a Healthy California – 2005 and 2010 Linked Patient Discharge/Ambulatory Surgery Center/Birth Cohort Data, 2005, 2010, & 2012 Non-Public Patient Discharge Data, Non-Public Emergency Department Data, and Non-Public Ambulatory Surgery Center Data
2. CDPH – Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health – 2007-2010 Linked PDD/ED/ASC/Birth Cohort Data, 2012 Non-Public Patient Discharge Data
3. UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities – 2010 Non-Public PDD linked birth data, 2006-2010 Non-Public PDD linked Death data, 2006-2009 Non-Public PDD linked Birth Cohort File