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

Wednesday, April 10, 2019
8:30 a.m.
3701 N Freeway Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95834
CHSI Room A

Call-In Number: 888-363-4734
Access Code: 8705728

AGENDA

1) Call to Order and Roll Call
2) Approval of Minutes - February 13, 2019
3) Consent Calendar - Attachment 1
4) Discussion Items
   a) New Business - Attachment 2
   b) Continuing Projects with Changes - Death Data Requests
5) Informational Items
   a) State Registrar’s Response to VSAC Recommendations - Attachment 3
   b) Recap of Data Requests Approved in the Health Information and Research Section - Attachment 4
6) Public Comment
7) Adjournment
ATTACHMENT 1 - CONSENT CALENDAR:
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (OSHPD) AND CONTINUING RESEARCH DATA REQUESTS

OSHPD projects with no changes:

1. Project Title: Outcomes following Trauma  
   Principal Investigator: Anne Stey, MD, MSc, University of California (UC), San Francisco and San Francisco General Hospital  
   Project Type: New  
   Staff Issues Identified: None

2. Project Title: Chronic Disease in California, 2007-2016  
   Principal Investigator: Catrina Taylor, PhD, MSPH, California Department of Public Health, Chronic Disease Control Branch  
   Project Type: Continuing  
   Data Requested: 2017 Non-Public PDD, 2017 Non-Public EDD, 2017 Non-Public Ambulatory Surgery Center Data  
   Staff Issues Identified: None

3. Project Title: Maternal Age Effect and Infant Outcomes in Vulnerable Populations  
   Principal Investigator: Amaris Keiser, MD, John Hopkins University School of Medicine  
   Project Type: New  
   Data Requested: 1998-2012 Linked PDD/Emergency Department/Ambulatory Services/Birth Cohort Data  
   Staff Issues Identified: None

Continuing research projects with minor changes:

4. Project Title: Anti-Muslim Discrimination and Birth Outcome Disparities, 1997-2017  
   Principal Investigator: Elyas Bakhtiari, PhD, College of William and Mary  
   Project Type: Continuing  
   Data Requested: 1997-2017 Birth Data  
   Staff Issues Identified: None

California Cancer Registry research projects:

5. Project Title: Impact of Neighborhoods and Navigation on Survivorship  
   Principal Investigator: Salma Shariff-Marco, PhD, MPH, UC San Francisco  
   Project Type: New  
   Data Requested: 2002-2017 California Cancer Registry Variables Containing Vital Records Data
6. Project Title: University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Neuroendocrine Tumors Outcomes Database (CC #10456)
   Principal Investigator: Emily Bergsland, MD, UCSF
   Project Type: New
   Data Requested: 1992-2017 California Cancer Registry Variables Containing Vital Records Data
   Staff Issues Identified: None

7. Project Title: Baseline Assessment of Cancer Health Disparities in Underserved Populations in California
   Principal Investigator: Robert Bristow, MD, MBA, UC Irvine
   Project Type: New
   Data Requested: 1988-2016 California Cancer Registry Variables Containing Vital Records Data
   Staff Issues Identified: None

8. Project Title: Impact of Surgery and Adjuvant Treatment on Thyroid, Parathyroid, Adrenal, and Neuroendocrine Tumors
   Principal Investigator: Michael Yeh, MD, University of California, Los Angeles
   Project Type: Continuing
   Data Requested: 1999-2017 California Cancer Registry containing Vital Records Data
   Staff Issues Identified: None
ATTACHMENT 2 – 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: Cruetzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Surveillance in Recipients of Human Growth Hormone
   Principal Investigator: Margaret Camarca, MPH, Westat
   Project Type: New
   Data Requested: 2004-2018 Death Certificates, 2004-2018 Multiple Cause of Death Data
   Staff Issues Identified: “Informational Only Death Certificates” issued by California Department of Public Health’s Center for Health Statistics and Informatics, Vital Records Issuance and Preservation Branch, are auto-preset to redact the decedent’s Social Security Number and all signature fields.

2. Project Title: California Health and Human Services (CHHS) Record Reconciliation Project
   Principal Investigator: Emily Putnam-Hornstein, PhD, University of Southern California
   Project Type: New
   Staff Issues Identified: None

3. Project Title: San Diego Study of Outcomes in Mother and Infants (SOMI)
   Principal Investigator: Christina Chambers, PhD, MPH, UC San Diego
   Project Type: New
   Staff Issues Identified: None

4. Project Title: Epidemiology of Testicular Cancer in Children and Adolescents
   Principal Investigator: Catherine Metayer, MD, PhD, UC Berkeley
   Project Type: Continuing
   Data Requested: 1982-1997 Birth Data
   Staff Issues Identified: None

5. Project Title: A Database to Evaluate Trends in HIV Care within the UC San Francisco Positive Health Program (WEST)
   Principal Investigator: Saurabh Chavan, MBBS, MPH, UC San Francisco
   Project Type: Continuing
   Data Requested: 2018-2021 Death Data, 2018-2021 Multiple Causes of Death Data
   Staff Issues Identified: None
ATTACHMENT 3 – STATE REGISTRAR’S RESPONSE TO VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS

The State Registrar adopted the following New Business project:

1. Project Title: Along for the Ride: Impacts of Air Pollution and Commuting Patterns on Birth Outcomes  
   Principal Investigator: Shuowei Qin, Brown University  
   Project Type: New  
   Data Requested: 2009-2016 Birth Data  
   Staff Issues Identified: None  
   VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
   State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

The State Registrar adopted the Consent Calendar as listed below.

OSHPD application:

2. Project Title: Public Health Practice/Surveillance  
   Principal Investigator: Glorietta Kundeti, MPH, California Department of Public Health  
   Project Type: Continuing  
   Data Requested: 2000-2016 Non-Public Patient Discharge Data, 2005-2016 Non-Public Emergency Department Data  
   Staff Issues Identified: None  
   VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
   State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

Continuing California Cancer Registry project with no changes:

3. Project Title: Comparison of Survival After Lumpectomy with Radiation Versus Lumpectomy Alone for Early Stage Invasive Breast Cancer  
   Principal Investigator: Michael Alvarado, MD, University of California, San Francisco  
   Project Type: Continuing  
   Data Requested: 1995-2012 California Cancer Registry containing Vital Records Data  
   Staff Issues Identified: None  
   VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
   State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

Continuing research projects requesting additional years with no other changes:

4. 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, MD, PhD, MPH, Kaiser Permanente  
   Project Type: Continuing  
   Data Requested: 2013-2016 Fetal Death Data  
   Staff Issues Identified: Application previously approved in September 2018 meeting. However, the fetal death data dictionaries were not uploaded on the SharePoint site.  
   VSAC Recommendation: Approved
Continuing research project with minor changes:

5. Project Title: Birth Defects Whole Exome Sequencing  
   Principal Investigator: James Mills, MD, MS, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development  
   Project Type: Continuing  
   Data Requested: 1984-2014 Birth Cohort Data  
   Staff Issues Identified: Requesting to use data already in principal investigator’s possession.  
   VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
   State Registrar’s Action: Adopted
ATTACHMENT 4 - RECAP OF DATA REQUESTS APPROVED IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION AND RESEARCH SECTION

CDPH Programs
None

Local Health Departments
None

Anti-Fraud
None

Death-Only Research
None