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

Wednesday, March 11, 2015  
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
1616 Capitol Avenue, Sixth Floor  
Tuolumne 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 TO VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following projects were reviewed by the Health Information and Research Section and require VSAC review and recommendation:

1. Project Title: Did California Paid Family Leave Improve Children’s Health?  
Principal Investigator: Ariel Marek, PhD student, University of California, Davis  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2000-2007 PDD/Linked Birth Cohort Files  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted
  
2. Project Title: Enhancement of Surveillance of Vaccine Preventable Diseases Using California Hospital Discharge  
Principal Investigator: Cynthia Yen, CDPH/Preventable Diseases Epidemiology  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2013 Non-Public Patient Discharge Data, 2013 Non-Public Emergency Department Data, 2013 Non-Public Ambulatory Surgery Center Data, 2005-2010 Linked PDD/ASCD/Birth Cohort Files  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved contingent upon confirmation by OSHPD or CDPH that release of SSN of the OSHPD data is permissible.  
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted
  
3. Project Title: Childhood Autism Risks from Genetics and the Environment (CHARGE) Study  
Principal Investigator: Irva Hertz-Picciotto, PhD, University of California, Davis  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2013 Birth Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, and Address), 2013 DSMF (Name, Certificate Number, and Mother’s Maiden Name)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted
  
4. Project Title: The Development of Object Representation in Infancy  
Principal Investigator: Lisa Oakes, PhD, University of California, Davis  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: Infant Death Records from 01/01/15-12/31/15, Real-time Birth Records from 01/01/15-12/31/15  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

5. Project Title: Maternal and Infant Health HP2020 Objectives

Principal Investigator: Holly Shulman, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
Michael Curtis, PhD, CDPH, Epidemiology, Assessment, and Program Development  
Branch

Project Type: New Project

Data Requested: 2011-2012 BSMF (Name and Certificate Number)

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

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: Environmental Health Tracking and Childhood Cancers in California  
Principal Investigator: Julia Heck, PhD, Beate Ritz, M.D., PhD, University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2012-2013 Birth Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, and Address), 2012-2013 Death Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, Address, Mother's Maiden Name)
2. Project Title: Gestational Vitamin D and its Relationship with Autism  
Principal Investigator: Jaime Sconberg, PhD Candidate, Irva Hertz-Picciotto, PhD, University of California, Davis  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: PI is requesting to use 1998-2008 Birth Statistical Master File and 1998-2008 Death Statistical Master File that was previously obtained by Dr. Irva Hertz-Picciotto.
3. Project Title: Effect of Gender Treatment and Outcomes After Carotid Interventions  
Principal Investigator: Natalia Egorova, PhD, MPH, Mount Sinai School of Medicine  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2011 PDD/Linked Death File
4. Project Title: Tracking Development in Infants at Risk for Autism Spectrum  
Principal Investigator: Karen Dobkins, PhD, University of California, San Diego  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2015 Birth and Data Records obtained from San Diego County Vital Records
5. Project Title: The Effect of Workplace Hours Requirements on Female Occupational and Fertility Choices: Evidence from Medical Residents  
Principal Investigator: Melanie Wasserman, PhD Candidate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1993-2013 Birth Statistical Master File (Name)

6. Project Title: Normal and Abnormal Spatial Vision in Infants and Form and Motion Integration  
Principal Investigator: Anthony Norcia, PhD, Stanford University  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: Real-time Birth Records from 01/01/15-12/31/15 for San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties; 2013 Death Statistical Master File (Name and Mother's Maiden Name)
7. Project Title: Development of State-wide Perinatal Quality Improvement Metrics with OSHPD PDD/Birth Certificate Linked Data  
Principal Investigator: Jeffrey Gould, MD, MPH, Stanford University, School of Medicine  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2011 Linked PDD/ED/AS/Birth Data
8. Project Title: Arterial and Venous Thromboembolism in California: Who is at Highest Risk?  
Principal Investigator: Richard, White MD, University of California, Davis  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2012 and 2013 Non-Public PDD, 2012 and 2013 Non-Public EDD, 2012 and 2013 Non-Public AS, 2011-2013 OSHPD Linked PDD/Death Data
9. Project Title: Predicting Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes Using Screening Program Data and Specimens  
Principal Investigator: Laura Jelliffe-Pawlowski, PhD, CDPH, Genetic Disease Screening Program  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2012 OSHPD Linked PDD/BSMF
10. Project Title: Life Course Social Context and Disparities in Birth Outcomes  
Principal Investigator: Michelle Pearl, PhD, Sequoia Foundation  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Requesting the approval of the use of the 1982-2011 Birth Statistical Master Files and 1982-2011 Birth Cohort Files from the California Biobank Program.
11. Project Title: Measuring the Attributable Mortality of Healthcare-Associate Infections in the United States  
Principal Investigator: Joelle Nadle, California Emerging Infections Program  
Project Type: New Project  
Date Requested: 2011 Multiple Cause of Death (select variables), 2011 Death Statistical Master File (Name and Certificate Number)

12. Project Title: Re-Operation on Thyroid and Parathyroid Disease in California  
Principal Investigators: Michael Yeh, MD and Masha Livhits, MD, University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Type: New Project  
Date Requested: 2008-2011 Linked PDD/ED/AS/Death Data, 2009-2012 Non-Public PDD, 2009-2012 Non-Public EDD, 2009-2012 AS

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

**Birth Data Requests**

1. San Bernardino County – 2013 Birth, 2013 Death, 2011, 2012 Multiple Cause of Death
2. RAND Corporation – 2011 Birth, 2013 Birth
3. Santa Cruz Health Services – 2013 Birth
4. San Diego Health & Human Services Agency – 2013 Birth, 2011 Birth Cohort
5. Santa Clara County Public Health – 2013 Birth
6. Kern County Public Health Department – 2013 Birth, 2013 Death

**Death Data Requests**

1. Mendocino County – 2010-2013 Death
2. RAND Corporation – 2013 Death
3. Navigant Consulting, Inc. – 2013 Death
4. California Correctional Health Care Services – 2013 Death
5. Sacramento Health and Human Services – 2012 Death and 2011 Fetal
6. Sonoma County Health Services – 2008-2012 MCOD