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

October 18, 2016  
8:30 a.m.  
3701 N Freeway Blvd.  
Conference Room 115D  
Sacramento, CA 95834

**AGENDA**

- Welcome
- Introductions and Announcements
- Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting
- State Registrar's Response to VSAC Recommendations—Attachment 1
- Consent Calendar – Attachment 2
- Discussion Items – New Business—Attachment 3
- Recap of Data Requests Approved in the Health Information and Research Section—Attachment 4
- Public Comment
- Additional Discussion Topics  
*CAL-IVRS Meeting*
- Adjournment

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

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

1. Project Title: Out-of-Hospital Sudden Cardiac Death – Records Review  
Principal Investigator: Zian Tseng, MD, MAS, UC San Francisco, Rana Khan, UC San Francisco, Co-Principal Investigator  
Project Type: Continuing  
Data Requested: 2011-2014 Death Files (select variables), Quarterly Death Data From 1/1/2016 – 12/31/2020 (select variables)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
2. Project Title: Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation - Strong Start  
Principal Investigator: Charles Michalopoulos, Ph.D., MDRC, Virginia Knox, Ph.D., MDRC, Co-Principal Investigator  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2014-2015 Birth Files (select variables), 2014-2015 Fetal Death Files (select variables)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
3. Project Title: Kaiser Permanente Inter-Regional Behavioral Health Suicide Metric for Quality Improvement Benchmarking  
Principal Investigator: Sumita Bhatia, Kaiser Permanente  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2014 Death File  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
4. Project Title: Infant Social and Emotional Development  
Principal Investigator: Eric Walle, Ph.D., UC Merced  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: Birth Data (1/1/2015-12/31/2015), Infant Death Records (1/1/2015-12/31/2015)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

5. Project Title: Tracking the Well-Being of Children in California  
Principal Investigator: Mark Mather, Ph.D., Population Reference Bureau  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2014 Birth File (select variables), 2014 Death File (select variables)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
6. Project Title: Adverse Birth Outcomes Associated with Ambient Temperatures and Air Pollutants in California  
Principal Investigator: Rupa Basu, Ph.D., Cal EPA/OEHHA  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2010-2013 Birth Files (select variables), 2010-2012 Fetal Death Files (select variables)  
VSAC Recommendation: Recommend to approve conditionally upon receiving the extension from CPHS.  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
7. Project Title: County Health Ranking Sub-County Level Measures for California  
Principal Investigator: Dulce Bustamante-Zamora, Ph.D., CDPH/ Office of Health Equity  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2009-2014 Birth Files  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
8. Project Title: Life Course Social Context and Disparities in Birth Outcomes  
Principal Investigator: Michelle Pearl, Ph.D., CDPH/Sequoia Foundation  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: Requesting to use the files they have in their possession 1982-2011 Birth Files (select variables), 1982-2011 Fetal Death Files (select variables) 2000-2011 Linked PDD/Birth Cohort Files, 2010-2005 Linked PDD/EDD/AS Birth Cohort Files  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
9. Project Title: Brain Mechanisms of Visual Development  
Principal Investigator: Scott Johnson, Ph.D., UCLA  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: Monthly Birth Data (1/1/2016-12/31/2016), Monthly Death Data (1/1/2016-12/31/2016)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

10. Project Title: Visual Development in Infants  
Principal Investigator: Karen Dobkins, Ph.D., UC San Diego  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: Birth Files (1/1/2016-12/31/2016)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
11. Project Title: Sickle Cell Disease Longitudinal Data Collection  
Principal Investigator: Susan Paulukonis, CDPH/Environmental Health Investigations Branch  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2004-2014 Death Data (select variables), 2004-2018 OSHPD Non-Public PDD, 2005-2018 OSHPD Non-Public EDD  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
12. Project Title: Premature Mortality among Individuals with Substance Use Disorders  
Principal Investigator: Tina Kim, Ph.D., Los Angeles County  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2004-2013 Death Files (select variables), 2014 California Comprehensive Death File (select variables), 2004-2014 Multiple Cause of Death (select variables)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
13. Project Title: Early Language and Social Cognition  
Principal Investigator: Rose Scott, Ph.D., MA, UC Merced  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2013-2014 Birth Files (select variables)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
14. Project Title: Boston University Pregnancy Study Online (PRESTO)  
Principal Investigator: Lauren Wise, Sc.D., Boston University School of Public Health  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2014-2018 Birth Files (select variables)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
15. Project Title: Understanding Social Factors That Influence Risk of Involvement with the Criminal Justice System  
Principal Investigator: Justin Erlich, California Department of Justice

Project Type: New Project

Data Requested: 2005-2014 Birth Files (select variables)

VSAC Recommendation: Recommend to not approve the application in its current format but recommend to the requestor they resubmit an application making the changes to the data dictionary to clearly state exactly how each of the data fields will be used and explain in the description of the study, how it ties in with the health requirements in H&S Code 102430 pending approval of CPHS.

State Registrar's Action: Adopted

16. Project Title: UCLA Health System: Obtain Death Data in Order to Update Deceased Status in UCLA's Electronic Health Record System (Epic "CareConnect") for Matching Patients

Principal Investigator: Sean O'Connell, UCLA Faculty Practice Group

Project Type: Continuing Project

Data Requested: 2013-2015 Death Files (select variables)

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

State Registrar's Action: Adopted

17. Project Title: Clinical Profile and Treatment Utilization Patterns Associated with Suicide Among Youth in Medicaid in the U.S.

Principal Investigator: Cynthia Fontanella, Ph.D., Ohio State University, Danielle Steelesmith, Ohio State University, Co-Principal Investigator

Project Type: New Project

Data Requested: 2009-2013 Death Files (select variables)

**Note: Project 17 was removed from the agenda as we did not receive the additional information we requested.**

18. Project Title: Residential Proximity to Pesticide Use and Birth Outcomes in California

Principal Investigator: Paul English, Ph.D., CDPH/ Environmental Health

Investigations Branch, Brenda Eskenaki, Ph.D., UC Berkeley, Co-Principal Investigator

Project Type: New Project

Data Requested: 2007-2014 Birth Files (select variables), 2007-2014 Birth Cohort File (select variables)

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

State Registrar's Action: Adopted

19. Project Title: California Environmental Health Tracking Program

Principal Investigator: Eric Roberts, MD., Ph.D., CDPH/ Environmental Health Investigations Branch

Project Type: Continuing Surveillance Project(s)

Data Requested: 2013 Birth Cohort File (select variables)

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

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: Evaluating Health Care Utilization Pre- and Post-Liver Transplantation  
Principal Investigator: Tara Russell, MD, UCLA  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2005-2011 Linked PDD/Death
- Project Title: Factors Associated with the Closure of Emergency Services & Impact on Patient Outcomes; Effect of Unemployment on ED Utilization in California  
Principal Investigator: Renee Hsia, MD  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2012-2013 Linked PDD/Death, 2012-2013 Linked EDD/Death Data

### 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: Chronic Disease Morbidity and Mortality in the San Joaquin Valley  
Principal Investigator: John Capitman, Ph.D., Central Valley Health Policies Institute  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2014-2015 Birth Files, 2014-2015 Death Files
2. Project Title: Prenatal Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid Levels and Risk of Autism Spectrum Disorders  
Principal Investigator: Kristen Lyall, Sc.D., Drexel University  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2010-2013 Birth Files (Requesting permission to use data the CDPH Co-Investigator in their possession)
3. Project Title: Clinical Profile and Treatment Utilization Patterns Associated with Suicide Among Youth in Medicaid in the U.S.  
Principal Investigator: Cynthia Fontanella, Ph.D., Ohio State University  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2009-2013 Death Files (select variables)
4. Project Title: Listening to Mothers in California Survey  
Principal Investigator: Carol Sakala, Ph.D., National Partnership for Women & Families  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: September-December 2016 Birth Records (Customer is requesting data be pulled in January 2017)
5. Project Title: The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and Infant Health  
Principal Investigator: Elizabeth Cascio, Ph.D., Dartmouth College  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1982-1996 Birth Files (select variables), 1982-1986 Birth Cohort Files (select variables)

6. Project Title: Acute Kidney Injury (morbidity and mortality) Associated with Heat Exposure in California Agricultural Regions  
Principal Investigator: Marc Schenker, MD, UC Davis  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1975-2014 Death Files (select variables), 1975-2014 Multiple Cause of Death Files
  
7. Project Title: Alcohol, Drug and Other Prior Crimes and Risk of Arrest in Handgun Purchasers  
Principal Investigator: Garen Wintemute, MD, MPH, UC Davis  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2000-2015 Death Files (select variables), 2000-2015 Multiple Cause of Death Files
  
8. Project Title: Molecular Epidemiology of Pediatric Germ Cell Tumors  
Principal Investigator: Jenny Poynter, Ph.D., University of Minnesota  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1970-2011 Birth Files (select variables)
  
9. Project Title: Germline Genomics of Hepatoblastoma  
Principal Investigator: Erin Marcotte, Ph.D., University of Minnesota  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1977-2015 Birth Files (select variables)
  
10. Project Title: Using Los Angeles Unified School District Population and Enrollment Projections for Research, Analysis, and Planning  
Principal Investigator: Mary Prichard, Los Angeles School District  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2014-2016 Birth Files (select variables)
  
11. Project Title: American Indian Women's Health Services Profile  
Principal Investigator: Suzanne Ryan-Ibarra  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2015 Birth File (select variables), 2015 Death Files (select variables)  
Note: Gabeena Mamoon-Rana, DHCS/Primary, Rural, and Indian Health Division, is requesting the data on behalf of the Public Health Institute

**\*\*\*\*\*PENDING PROJECTS\*\*\*\*\***

12. Project Title: National Homicide Data Improvement Project  
Principal Investigator: Randolph Roth, Ph.D., Ohio State University  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2010-present Death Files (select variables)
13. Project Title: Parsing out Indicators of Race and Class: An Examination of Babies' First Name in California  
Principal Investigator: Quan Mai, Vanderbilt University  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1989-90 Birth Files (select variables)
14. Project Title: Maternal and Infant Health Assessment  
Principal Investigator: Paula Braveman, MD, UC San Francisco  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2017-2019 Monthly Birth Files (select variables)
15. Project Title: Assisted Reproductive Technology and Risk of Childhood Cancer  
Principal Investigator: Barbara Luke, Sc.D., Michigan State University  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2004-2013 Birth Files (select variables), 2004-2014 Death Files (select variables)
16. Project Title: Childhood Autism Risks from Genetics and the Environment (CHARGE)  
Principal Investigator: Irva Hertz-Picciotto, Ph.D., UC Davis  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2014 Birth File (select variables), 2014 Death File (select variables)
17. Project Title: Marbles (Markers of Autism Risk in Babies – Learning Early Signs)  
Principal Investigator: Irva Hertz-Picciotto, Ph.D., UC Davis  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1993-2014 Birth Files, 1993-2014 Death Files  
Note: Both files (Birth and Death) were previously obtained by the CHARGE study. PI is requesting permission to use files for this project (MARBLES).
18. Project Title: Long-Term Mortality in Pediatric Gunshot Assault Survivors  
Principal Investigator: Jahan Fahimi, MD, UC San Francisco  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2000-2014 Death Files (select variables)

19. Project Title: Cultural Assimilation During the New Age of Mass Migration  
Principal Investigator: Leah Boustan, Ph.D., UCLA  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1980-2016 Birth Files (select variables)
  
20. Project Title: Learning to Listen Ahead in English and Spanish  
Principal Investigator: Anne Fernald, Ph. D., Stanford University  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2015 Birth File (select variables), 2015 Death File (select variables)
  
21. Project Title: Sepsis and Septic Shock Epidemiology  
Principal Investigator: Joelle Nadle, MPH, California Emerging Infections Program  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2014-2015 Death Files (select variables), 2014-2015 Multiple Cause of Death Files

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

**Birth Data Requests**

1. Sacramento County – 2014 Birth
2. Alameda County – 2014 Birth
3. Kern County – 2014 Birth
4. Los Angeles County – 2014 Birth
5. Children Now – 2013-2014 Birth

**Death Data Requests**

1. Sacramento County – 2012 Fetal
2. Sacramento County – 2011 and 2012 MCOD
3. Santa Clara County – 2011, 2012, and 2013 MCOD
4. Alameda County – 2012 Fetal
5. Kern County – 2012 Fetal, 2014 MCOD
6. Los Angeles County – 2012 Fetal
7. American Media Institute – 2010-2015 Death
8. Measure of America – 2010-2014 Death
9. Bay Area Air Quality Management District – 2009-2011 Death

**CDPH Data Requests**

1. California Cancer Registry – 2015 Non-Public PDD, 2015 Non-Public EDD, 2015 Non-Public ASCD
2. Center for Health Care Quality - 2015 Non-Public PDD
3. Environmental Health Investigations Branch – 2015 Non-Public PDD, 2015 Non-Public EDD
4. Safe and Active Communities Branch – 2015 Non-Public PDD, 2015 Non-Public EDD
5. Infectious Diseases Branch – 2015 Non-Public PDD, 2015 Non-Public EDD
6. Occupational Health Branch – 2015-2016 Death
7. Office of Health Equity – 2009-2014 Death