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

Wednesday, October 14, 2020
8:30 a.m.

Due to the Governor Newsom's recent order, Executive Order N-33-20, regarding COVID-19, this meeting will be held via teleconference only.

Call-In Number: 888-363-4734
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2020
3. Consent Calendar - Attachment 1
4. Discussion Items - New Business - Attachment 2
5. Informational Items
 - a. State Registrar's Response to VSAC Recommendations - Attachment 3
 - b. Data Requests Approved in the Health Information and Research Section - Attachment 4
6. Public Comment
7. Adjournment



VSAC Committee Members (Term)

Emily Putnam-Hornstein, PhD (2020-2023)
Assistant Professor, University of Southern California

Rebecca Baer, MPH (2019-2022)
Research Data Analyst
University of California, San Diego

Deborah Karasek, PhD (2020-2023)
University of California, Berkeley

Linda Remy, PhD (2019-2021)
Research Director, Family Health Outcomes Project,
Family and Community Medicine
University of California, San Francisco

Christopher Krawczyk, PhD (2019-2021)
Chief Analytics Officer
Office of Statewide Planning and Development

Tim-Allen Bruckner, PhD (2019-2022)
Public Health Associate Professor
University of California, Irvine

Melanie Moreno (2020)
Senate Representative
California State Senate

Vacant (2020)
Assembly Health Committee
California State Assembly

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Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC) and
Vital Records Protection Advisory Committee
Joint Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 09, 2020
8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Jackson at 8:32 a.m. The following members were present via telephone:

1. Emily Putnam-Hornstein, University of Southern California
2. Rebecca Baer, University of California (UC) San Diego
3. Chris Krawczyk, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
4. Linda Remy, UC San Francisco
5. Deborah Karasek, UC Berkeley

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) staff present via telephone:

1. Michelle Miles, Health Information and Research Section Chief
2. Jennifer Rico, Center for Health Statistics' Science Advisor
3. Chris Holm, Data Management Unit Chief
4. Amanda Jackson, Staff Services Analyst, Data Management Unit

Members Absent:

1. Tim Bruckner, UC Irvine
2. Melanie Moreno, California State Senate

1) APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 12, 2020

Discussion: None

A MOTION was made by Rebecca Baer and SECONDED by Linda Remy to approve the meeting minutes. Rebecca Baer, Chris Krawczyk, Emily Putnam-Hornstein, and Linda Remy voted to approve the minutes as distributed. Deborah Karasek ABSTAINS, as she was not in attendance during the meeting on August 12, 2020.

2) CONSENT CALENDAR - ATTACHMENT 1

CCR Project:

1. Project Title: Lifestyle, Health Care, and Stomach Cancer
Principal Investigator: Eunjung Lee, PhD, University of Southern California
Project Type: Continuing
Data Requested: 1988-2018 CCR Variables Containing Vital Records Data
Staff Issues Identified: None

Continuing Research Projects:

2. 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, Stanford University
Project Type: Continuing
Data Requested: 2016-2023 Birth Data, 2016-2023 Fetal Death Data
Staff Issues Identified: None
3. Project Title: Longitudinal Study of Hospital Outcomes for California's Children
Principal Investigator: Geraldine Oliva, MD, MPH, University of California, San Francisco Family Health Outcomes
Project Type: Continuing
Data Requested: 1983-1988 and 2018-2021 Birth Data, 1983-1988 and 2018-2021 Death Data, 1983-1988 and 2013-2021 Fetal Death Data
Staff Issues Identified: None

Discussion: None.

A MOTION was made by Deborah Karasek and SECONDED by Rebecca Baer to approve the projects listed on the consent calendar. Deborah Karasek, Rebecca Baer, Chris Krawczyk, and Emily Putnam-Hornstein voted to approve the consent calendar as distributed. Linda Remy voted to approve projects one and two, but ABSTAINED from voting on project three (Longitudinal Study of Hospital Outcomes for California's Children) stating that she is a Co-PI on this project.

3) DISCUSSION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS - ATTACHMENT 2

No new projects were reviewed by the Health Information and Research Section.

4) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ATTACHMENT 3 - STATE REGISTRAR'S RESPONSE TO VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussion: None

ATTACHMENT 4 - RECAP OF DATA REQUESTS APPROVED IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION AND RESEARCH SECTION

Discussion: None

5) ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Linda Remy and SECONDED by Deborah Karasek to adjourn the meeting. Rebecca Baer, Chris Krawczyk, Deborah Karasek, Linda Remy and Emily Putnam-Hornstein voted to recommend adjourning the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

**ATTACHMENT 1 - CONSENT CALENDAR
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
(OSHPD) AND CONTINUING RESEARCH DATA REQUESTS**

Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development

None

Continuing Research Projects

1. Project Title: Changes in Birth Outcomes for California: The Role of Neighborhood Level Land Use
Principal Investigator: Tim Bruckner, PhD, University of California, Irvine
Project Type: Continuing
Data Requested: 2016-2021 Birth Data, 2016-2020 Birth Cohort Data, and 2016-2021 Fetal Death Data
Staff Issues Identified: None
2. Project Title: Evaluating the Effects of Exposure to Air Pollution on Adverse Birth Outcomes in Southern California
Principal Investigator: Beate Ritz, MD, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles
Project Type: Continuing
Data Requested: 2019-2020 Birth 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: Online Screening for Autism in the Community
Principal Investigator: Chandni Parikh, PhD, UC Davis MIND Institute
Project Type: New
Data Requested: 2020-2021 Birth Data
Staff Issues Identified: None

2. Project Title: Outcome Evaluation of San Francisco’s Community Doula Care Initiative for Black and Pacific Islander Pregnant People
Principal Investigator: Anupama Manchikanti Gómez, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Project Type: New
Data Requested: 2019-2022 Birth Data
Staff Issues Identified: None

3. Project Title: Impact of COVID-19 Exposure on U.S. Birth Outcomes
Principal Investigator: Florencia Torche, PhD, Stanford University
Project Type: New
Data Requested: 2014-2021 Birth Data
Staff Issues Identified: None

4. Project Title: Enhancing Public Health Surveillance of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) through the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network in San Diego County
Principal Investigator: Karen Pierce, PhD, University of California, San Diego
Project Type: New
Data Requested: 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016 Birth Data
Staff Issues Identified: None

ATTACHMENT 3 – STATE REGISTRAR’S RESPONSE TO VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS

The State Registrar adopted the projects listed below:

1. Project Title: Lifestyle, Health Care, and Stomach Cancer
Principal Investigator: Eunjung Lee, PhD, University of Southern California
Project Type: Continuing
Data Requested: 1988-2018 CCR Variables Containing Vital Records Data
Staff Issues Identified: None
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

2. 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, Stanford University
Project Type: Continuing
Data Requested: 2016-2023 Birth Data, 2016-2023 Fetal Death Data
Staff Issues Identified: None
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

3. Project Title: Longitudinal Study of Hospital Outcomes for California's Children
Principal Investigator: Geraldine Oliva, MD, MPH, University of California, San Francisco
Family Health Outcomes
Project Type: Continuing
Data Requested: 1983-1988 and 2018-2021 Birth Data, 1983-1988 and 2018-2021 Death Data, 1983-1988 and 2013-2021 Fetal Death Data
Staff Issues Identified: None
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar’s Action: Adopted

**ATTACHMENT 4 - DATA REQUESTS APPROVED
IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION AND RESEARCH SECTION**

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Programs

1. Project Title: Income Equity Analysis Using Death Certificate Data
Principal Investigator: Meredith Milet, California Department of Public Health, Office of Health Equity
Project Type: New
Data Requested: 2011-2015 Death Data
Staff Issues Identified: Pending CPHS Approval/Exemption Letter

2. Project Title: Mortality Surveillance
Principal Investigator: Erin Murray, PhD, MSPH, California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch
Project Type: New
Data Requested: 2015-2023 Death Data
Staff Issues Identified: None

3. Project Title: Improving Case Follow-Up in the California Parkinson's Disease Registry
Principal Investigator: Thomas Avino, PhD, California Department of Public Health, Chronic Disease Surveillance and Research Branch
Project Type: New
Data Requested: 2018-2021 Death Data
Staff Issues Identified: None

Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development

4. Project Title: Public Health Surveillance of Dental-Related Emergency Room Visits and Hospitalizations
Principal Investigator: Shannon Conroy, PhD, MPH, California Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health
Project Type: Continuing
Data Requested: 2010-2019 Non-Public Patient Discharge Data (PDD), 2010-2019 Non-Public Emergency Department Data (EDD), and 2010-2019 Non-Public Ambulatory Surgery Center Data (AS)
Staff Issues Identified: None

Death-Only Research

5. Project Title: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Internal Quality Assurance Tracking Process
Principal Investigator: Lawrence Czer, MD, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
Project Type: New
Data Requested: 2009-2021 Death Data
Staff Issues Identified: None

Local Health Departments

None

Anti-Fraud

6. Project Title: Current and Ongoing Federal Investigations Surveillance
Principal Investigator: Robert Florkowski, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Project Type: New
Data Requested: 1955-1980 Death Data (Anti-Fraud)
Staff Issues Identified: None

Public Use

7. Project Title: California Advanced Illness Collaborative (CAIC) Pilot Evaluation of Standards
Principal Investigator: Marvin Gordon, MD, Health Net of California
Project Type: New
Data Requested: 2018-2020 Death Data (Public Use)
Staff Issues Identified: None
8. Project Title: Comparative Studies of Fertility and Mortality
Principal Investigator: Ethan Sharygin, PhD, Portland State University
Project Type: New
Data Requested: 2010-2022 Birth Data and 2010-2022 Death Data (Public Use)
Staff Issues Identified: None
9. Project Title: Americanization of Names/Use of Ethnic-Associated Names Over Time
Principal Investigator: Kirsten Slungaard Mumma, M.Ed., Harvard University
Project Type: New
Data Requested: 1905-2019 Birth Data (Public Use)
Staff Issues Identified: None

10. Project Title: Public Records Search Platforms
Principal Investigator: Vicki Vande Hey, Thomson Reuters
Project Type: New
Data Requested: 2018-2019 Death Data (Public Use)
Staff Issues Identified: None