

CPHS Board Meeting  
Feb-06-2026  
List of Projects

**D. Projects with Reported Adverse Events and/or Deviations**

None.

**E. New Projects—Full Committee Review Required**

1.     Project #     2026-004 (Johnson)  
       Title:       UCI Child Development Study  
       PI:          Lindsey Richland, PhD  
                     University of California, Irvine  
                     Irvine, CA
  
2.     Project #     2025-201 (Ventura)  
       Title:       CARE Court Program Independent Evaluation  
       PI:          Melissa Labriola, PhD  
                     RAND  
                     Arlington, VA
  
3.     Project #     2026-003 (Lang)  
       Title:       Evaluating California's Children's Crisis Continuum Pilot Program—Phase  
                     2  
       PI:          Sarah Benatar, PhD  
                     Urban Institute  
                     Washington, DC

**F. Continuing Review—Full Committee Review Required**

None.

**G. Amendment—Full Committee Review Required**

None.

**H. Second Review Calendar**

None.

## **I. New Projects—Expedited Review Requested**

1.     Project #     2025-175 (Johnson)  
      Title:       Dust on the Horizon: Assessing Current and Projecting Future Health  
                    Risks from Dust Exposure in California  
      PI:           Alexandra Heaney, PhD  
                    University of California, San Diego  
                    San Diego, CA
  
2.     Project #     2025-187 (Schaeuble)  
      Title:       Evaluating the Special Education Compliance and Improvement  
                    Monitoring Process  
      PI:           Christopher Cleveland, PhD  
                    Brown University  
                    Providence, RI
  
3.     Project #     2025-179 (Dickey)  
      Title:       Characterizing Dermatologic Conditions Among Refugee and Asylee  
                    Patients in a Large Urban Clinic: A Cross-Sectional Study  
      PI:           Herbert Castillo Valladares, MD  
                    University of California, San Francisco  
                    San Francisco, CA
  
4.     Project #     2025-164 (Schaeuble)  
      Title:       The Impact Of Bariatric Surgery On Cancer Risk And Outcomes: A 20-  
                    Year Follow-Up Study  
      PI:           Hisham Hussan, MD  
                    University of California, Davis  
                    Davis, CA
  
5.     Project #     2025-119 (Azizian)  
      Title:       Trends of Toxic Chemical Exposures Among Californians  
      PI:           Ian Tang, PhD, MPH  
                    California Department of Public Health  
                    Richmond, CA

6.     Project #     2026-002 (Dickey)  
       Title:       Developing Effective Assessment Approaches for Cumulative Impacts  
                      and Driving Environmental Health Equity in Underserved Communities  
       PI:          Jason Su, PhD  
                      University of California, Berkeley  
                      Berkeley, CA
7.     Project #     2025-188 (Johnson)  
       Title:       Construction and Application of Research-Grade Cohorts from EHR for  
                      Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Cancer Research  
       PI:          Xin Hu, PhD  
                      Emory University  
                      Atlanta, GA

## **J. Projects Requiring Continuing Review**

1.     Project #     2018-006 (Ruiz)  
       Title:       Prenatal Tobacco Smoke Exposure and Somatic Alterations in Childhood  
                      Acute Lymphoid Leukemia (ALL)  
       PI:          Adam de Smith, PhD  
                      University of Southern California  
                      Los Angeles, CA
  
2.     Project #     2022-001 (Lund)  
       Title:       Understanding the Increased Risk of Childhood Acute Lymphoblastic  
                      Leukemia in Latinos  
       PI:          Adam de Smith, PhD  
                      University of Southern California  
                      Los Angeles, CA
  
3.     Project #     2019-272 (Dinis)  
       Title:       The California Bridge Program Research Study  
       PI:          Andrew Herring  
                      Public Health Institute  
                      Oakland, CA
  
4.     Project #     16-09-2718 (Ruiz)  
       Title:       Grandparental Exposures and Risk of Autism in the Third Generation  
       PI:          Barbara Cohn, PhD  
                      Public Health Institute  
                      Berkeley, CA
  
5.     Project #     2021-202 (Schaeuble)  
       Title:       Trial of Parkinson's and Zoledronic Acid (TOPAZ) Study Recruitment  
                      Using the California Parkinson's Disease Registry  
       PI:          Caroline Tanner, MD, PhD  
                      University of California, San Francisco  
                      San Francisco, CA

6.     Project #     12-12-0953 (Schaeuble)  
Title:            Parkinson's Registry Investigation of Diagnosis and Etiology (PRIDE)  
Study  
PI:                Caroline Tanner, MD, PhD  
University of California, San Francisco  
San Francisco, CA
  
7.     Project #     13-01-1048 (Schaeuble)  
Title:            Research in Language and Cognitive Development  
PI:                Catherine Sandhofer, PhD  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, CA
  
8.     Project #     2017-024 (Schaeuble)  
Title:            The Effect of Additional Variables on a Risk Prediction Model's  
Performance to Estimate Readmission after Coronary Artery Bypass  
Grafting  
PI:                Cherie Lou Pefanco, BSN, MSN, PhD  
Loma Linda University  
Loma Linda, CA
  
9.     Project #     2018-153 (Ruiz)  
Title:            Research on Prostate Cancer in African American Men: Defining the  
Roles of Genetics, Tumor Markers and Social Stress (RESPOND) Core B  
PI:                Christopher Haiman, ScD  
Keck School of Medicine  
Los Angeles, CA
  
10.    Project #     2024-184 (Hess)  
Title:            The Sister Study  
PI:                Dale Sandler, PhD  
National Institutes of Health  
Bethesda, MD

11. Project # 2021-002 (Dickey)  
Title: Identification of Colonoscopy Metrics as Markers for Colon Cancer Prevention  
PI: Edward S Huang, MD, MPH  
Sutter Health  
Palo Alto, CA
12. Project # 2025-002 (Ruiz)  
Title: Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Cancer  
PI: Elizabeth Platz, ScD, MPH  
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health  
Baltimore, MD
13. Project # 2018-080 (Ruiz)  
Title: California Health and Human Services Record Reconciliation  
PI: Emily Putnam-Hornstein, PhD  
University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, CA
14. Project # 14-12-1802 (Ruiz)  
Title: Cancer Risk in Solid Organ Transplant Recipients: The Transplant Cancer Match Study  
PI: Eric Engels, MD  
National Cancer Institute  
Rockville, MD
15. Project # 12-12-0950 (Schaeuble)  
Title: LEGACY: A Cohort of Youth in Families from the Breast Cancer Family Registry  
PI: Esther John, PhD  
Cancer Prevention Institute of California  
Stanford, CA

16. Project # 13-10-1398 (Ruiz)  
Title: Birth Defects Study to Evaluate Pregnancy Exposures—California Component  
PI: Gary Shaw, DrPH  
Stanford University  
Stanford, CA
17. Project # 12-11-0924 (Dickey)  
Title: Candidate Genes and Congenital Malformations of Neural Crest Cell Origin  
PI: Gary Shaw, DrPH  
Stanford University  
Stanford, CA
18. Project # 12-11-0906 (Lund)  
Title: Using Population-Based Datasets to Generate and Test New Hypotheses for Investigating Preterm Births and Related Adverse Conditions in California  
PI: Gary Shaw, DrPH  
Stanford University  
Stanford, CA
19. Project # 2020-255 (Lund)  
Title: Harnessing Geospatial Data for Precision Prevention of Prostate Cancer  
PI: Hari Iyer, ScD, MPH  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Harvard Medical School  
Boston, MA
20. Project # 2019-047 (Dickey)  
Title: Establishment of Group B Streptococcal Immunologic Endpoints Reasonably Like to Predict Clinical Benefit Against Invasive Disease Among Young Infants: A Multi-State Case-Control Study  
PI: Joelle Nadle, MPH  
California Emerging Infections Program  
Oakland, CA



21. Project # 12-10-0804 (Dickey)  
Title: Using Infant Feces and Serum for Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Assay with Large Immunosorbent Surface Area (ALISSA) Assay Development and Validations and for Intestinal Microbiome and Clostridium Botulinum Genomic Characterizations  
PI: Kerry Padgett, PhD.  
California Department of Public Health  
Richmond, CA
22. Project # 17-01-2849 (Ruiz)  
Title: Congregate Care Reform Analysis  
PI: Kevin O'Connell, MA  
Chief Probation Officers of California  
Sacramento, CA
23. Project # 2019-049 (Dinis)  
Title: Tobacco and Cannabis Exposure During Pregnancy in Six Race/Ethnic Subgroups in California  
PI: Kimberly Berger, MPH, PhD  
Sequoia Foundation  
Richmond, CA
24. Project # 2019-024 (Ruiz)  
Title: Examination of Social, Geographic, and Policy Determinants of Preterm Birth in California  
PI: Laura Jelliffe, PhD  
University of California, San Francisco  
San Francisco, CA
25. Project # 2018-057 (Dickey)  
Title: Evaluating Early Life Health Interventions  
PI: Laura Wherry, PhD  
New York University  
New York, NY

26. Project # 2017-022 (Palacio)  
Title: Characteristics of Persons Admitted to State Prisons, 2009 and 2014  
PI: Lindsay Bostwick, PhD  
California Department of Justice  
Washington, DC
27. Project # 2020-234 (Dinis)  
Title: Molecular Epidemiological Study of Gastric and Liver Cancer in California  
PI: Luis Carvajal-Carmona, PhD  
University of California, Davis  
Davis, CA
28. Project # 2021-010 (Ruiz)  
Title: Impact of in Utero Marijuana Exposure on Neurodevelopment, Behavior and Mental Health: A Longitudinal Birth Cohort Study  
PI: Lyndsay Avalos, PhD, MPH  
Kaiser Foundation Research Institute  
Oakland, CA
29. Project # 15-12-2350 (Palacio)  
Title: Outcomes of Nurse Practice Environments  
PI: Matthew McHugh, PhD, JD, MPH, RN, FAAN  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, PA
30. Project # 14-11-1791 (Palacio)  
Title: The Effect of Workplace Hours Requirements on Female Occupational and Fertility Choices: Evidence from Medical Residents  
PI: Melanie Wasserman, PhD  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, CA

31. Project # 2018-003 (Ruiz)  
Title: A Comparison of Criminal and Violent Recidivism: Conditional Release Program-Released Patients and Directly-Discharged Patients by Legal Classification  
PI: Melinda DiCiro, PsyD  
California Department of State Hospitals  
Sacramento, CA
32. Project # 2021-043 (Lund)  
Title: Neurodevelopmental Outcomes in Infants Receiving Opioid-Replacement Pharmacotherapy for Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome  
PI: Michael Kuzniewicz, MD, MPH  
Kaiser Permanente  
Oakland, CA
33. Project # 2020-257 (Lund)  
Title: University of California San Francisco Positive Health Program (PHP)/Ward86 Quality Improvement  
PI: Monica Gandhi, MD, MPH  
University of California, San Francisco  
San Francisco, CA
34. Project # 12-11-0893 (Dickey)  
Title: Pilot Study of Trends and Risks in Gestational Diabetes  
PI: Monique Hedderson, PhD  
Kaiser Permanente  
Oakland, CA
35. Project # 12-11-0905 (Ruiz)  
Title: Surveillance of Air Pollution and Related Cardiopulmonary Morbidity in California, 2000-2020  
PI: Nargis Jareen, MPH  
California Air Resources Board  
Sacramento, CA

36. Project # 15-12-2357 (Dickey)  
 Title: Investigating Epidemiology and Long-Term Outcomes of Infectious Endocarditis  
 PI: Natalia Egorova, PhD  
 Mount Sinai School of Medicine  
 New York, NY
37. Project # 15-12-2344 (Dinis)  
 Title: Asian and Pacific Islander Community Exposures (ACE) Project  
 PI: Nerissa Wu, PhD  
 California Department of Public Health  
 Richmond, CA
38. Project # 2024-004 (Schaeuble)  
 Title: CHIS Hate Incident Follow-On Study  
 PI: Ninez Ponce, PhD  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 Los Angeles, CA
39. Project # 2024-003 (Ruiz)  
 Title: American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) CHIS Follow-On Study  
 PI: Ninez Ponce, PhD  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 Los Angeles, CA
40. Project # 12-12-1006 (Dickey)  
 Title: Molecular Epidemiology of Pancreatic Cancer  
 PI: Paige Bracci, PhD, MS, MPH  
 University of California, San Francisco  
 San Francisco, CA
41. Project # 16-10-2729 (Ruiz)  
 Title: Pancreatic Cystic Lesions: Descriptive Epidemiology and Natural History  
 PI: Paige Bracci, PhD, MS, MPH  
 University of California, San Francisco  
 San Francisco, CA

42. Project # 13-02-1085 (Ruiz)  
Title: The Connie Wofsy Women's Human Immunodeficiency Virus Study (HIVS) (Northern CA Women's Interagency HIVS)  
PI: Phyllis Tien, MD, MSc  
University of California, San Francisco  
San Francisco, CA
43. Project # 12-11-0911 (Ruiz)  
Title: Markers of Autism Risk in Babies—Learning Early Signs (MARBLES)  
PI: Rebecca Schmidt, PhD  
University of California, Davis  
Davis, CA
44. Project # 2017-040 (Schaeuble)  
Title: Trends in the Use of Percutaneous Intervention in Congenital Heart Disease for Pediatric Patients  
PI: Rie Sakai-Bizmark, MD, MPH, PhD  
The Lundquist Institute for Biomedical Innovation  
Torrance, CA
45. Project # 2018-110 (Schaeuble)  
Title: Preconception Health and Birth Outcomes: A National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health)  
PI: Robert Hummer, PhD  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Chapel Hill, NC
46. Project # 2018-121 (Lund)  
Title: Linking Birth Records to the Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health) Cohort  
PI: Robert Hummer, PhD  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Chapel Hill, NC

47. Project # 2018-020 (Dickey)  
Title: The University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Newborn Screening-Autism Risk Study  
PI: Robert Naviaux, MD, PhD  
University of California, San Diego  
San Diego, CA
48. Project # 2020-236 (Dinis)  
Title: Evaluating Expanded Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Prevention, Screening and Treatment Services in Planned Parenthood Family Planning Clinics  
PI: Rosalyn Plotzker  
California Department of Public Health  
Richmond, CA
49. Project # 2020-147 (Dinis)  
Title: Female Asian Never Smokers (FANS) Grant Title: Elucidating Lung Cancer Etiology Among Asian American Female Never Smokers  
PI: Scarlett L Gomez, PhD  
University of California, San Francisco  
San Francisco, CA
50. Project # 13-02-1084 (Dickey)  
Title: Perinatal Regionalization and Quality of Care  
PI: Scott A Lorch, MD, MSCE  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, PA
51. Project # 2018-095 (Dinis)  
Title: The Environmental Exposures and Health Across the Nation (ENVISION) Study: A Time-Series Study of Air Pollutant Mixtures, Heat, and Other Environmental Exposures with Acute Morbidity  
PI: Stefanie Ebelt, ScD  
Emory University  
Atlanta, GA

52.    Project #        2020-140 (Dickey)  
       Title:           Preventing Obesity Through Healthy Maternal Gestational Weight Gain in  
                             the Safety Net (PROMISE)  
       PI:                Teresa Schmidt, PhD  
                             Oregon Community Health Information Network  
                             Portland, OR
53.    Project #        2024-008 (Hess)  
       Title:           Language Development In Infants  
       PI:                Toben Mintz, PhD  
                             University of Southern California  
                             Los Angeles, CA
54.    Project #        2018-013 (Ruiz)  
       Title:           Host Factors, Tumor Microenvironment and Survival in a Multi-Ethnic  
                             Study of Hodgkin Lymphoma Patients  
       PI:                Wendy Cozen, DO, MPH  
                             Keck School of Medicine  
                             Los Angeles, CA

### **J1. Projects Requiring Continuing Review—Administrative Action Taken**

1.     Project #     2022-217 (Rykaczewska)  
      Title:       Input Regulations and Output Quality: Evidence from Hospitals  
      PI:          Chandni Raja, BA  
                    University of California, Los Angeles  
                    Los Angeles, CA
  
2.     Project #     2025-017 (Rykaczewska)  
      Title:       Social Determinants of Health Associated with Poor Oncologic Outcomes  
                    in Latino and Black Patients with Hepatobiliary Malignancies  
      PI:          Emanuel Eguia  
                    Loma Linda University  
                    Loma Linda, CA
  
3.     Project #     2024-022 (Rykaczewska)  
      Title:       Impact of Air Pollution Exposure on Metabolic Outcomes for California  
                    Residents  
      PI:          Jason Su, PhD  
                    University of California, Berkeley  
                    Berkeley, CA
  
4.     Project #     2024-191 (Rykaczewska)  
      Title:       HIV/AIDS Cancer Match Study  
      PI:          MEREDITH Shiels Apelberg, PhD  
                    National Cancer Institute  
                    Rockville, MD
  
5.     Project #     2025-006 (Rykaczewska)  
      Title:       Patterns of Care and Outcomes for Patients with Melanoma, Breast,  
                    Colorectal, and Cervical Cancer in California  
      PI:          Renata Abrahao, MD, PhD, MSc  
                    University of California, Davis  
                    Davis, CA



**K. Amendments—Projects with Revisions Approved through Expedited Review**

1.     Project #     12-08-0588 (Dinis)  
      Title:       Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) Study  
      PI:           Hung Fu Tseng, PhD  
                    Kaiser Permanente–South  
                    Pasadena, CA
  
2.     Project #     15-10-2249 (Palacio)  
      Title:       Sickle Cell Disease Longitudinal Data Collection  
      PI:           Jackie Valle, MPH  
                    California Department of Public Health  
                    Richmond, CA
  
3.     Project #     12-06-0393 (Ruiz)  
      Title:       Development of State-Wide Perinatal Quality Improvement Metrics with  
                    Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development Patient Discharge  
                    Data/Birth Certificate Linked Data  
      PI:           Jochen Profit, MD, MPH  
                    Stanford University  
                    Stanford, CA
  
4.     Project #     12-06-0393 (Ruiz)  
      Title:       Development of State-Wide Perinatal Quality Improvement Metrics with  
                    Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development Patient Discharge  
                    Data/Birth Certificate Linked Data  
      PI:           Jochen Profit, MD, MPH  
                    Stanford University  
                    Stanford, CA
  
5.     Project #     15-05-2005 (Dickey)  
      Title:       Genetic Susceptibility to Pediatric Glioma in Individuals and Diverse  
                    Populations  
      PI:           Joseph Wiemels, PhD  
                    University of California, San Francisco  
                    San Francisco, CA

6.     Project #     12-04-0075 (Dickey)  
       Title:       Investigation of the Relation of Fine Particulate Air Pollution and  
                      Temperature to Hospital Admissions and Emergency Room Visits in  
                      California  
       PI:          Keita Ebisu, PhD  
                      California Environmental Protection Agency  
                      Oakland, CA
7.     Project #     14-10-1748 (Dickey)  
       Title:       Assessment of Health Care Spending in California Patients with Liver  
                      Disease  
       PI:          Mindie Nguyen  
                      Stanford University  
                      Palo Alto, CA
8.     Project #     17-04-2932 (Dickey)  
       Title:       Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes: Population-Based Research on  
                      Causes, Care, and Costs  
       PI:          Suzan Carmichael, PhD  
                      Stanford University  
                      Stanford, CA

#### **L. Projects with Request for CPHS to Rely on Another IRB**

None.

#### **M. Exemption/Not Research Approvals**

1.     Project #     2025-200 (Dickey)  
      Title:       Emergency Medical Data Collection Pilot Project  
      PI:           Celeste Doerr, PhD  
                    California Department of Public Health  
                    Sacramento, CA
  
2.     Project #     2025-202 (Dickey)  
      Title:       Adolescent Family Life Program Monitoring and Evaluation  
      PI:           Dulce Bustamante-Zamora, PhD  
                    California Department of Public Health  
                    Sacramento, CA
  
3.     Project #     2025-197 (Dickey)  
      Title:       From Collection to Care: A Mixed Methods Study to Develop a Quality  
                    Improvement Dashboard for California's Newborn Screening Program  
      PI:           Jamie Matteson, MPH  
                    California Department of Public Health  
                    Richmond, CA
  
4.     Project #     2026-001 (Dickey)  
      Title:       CalPERS Delivery Trends  
      PI:           Jennifer Joseph, MPH  
                    California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)  
                    Sacramento, CA
  
5.     Project #     2025-190 (Hess)  
      Title:       Synar Tobacco Purchase Survey, 2025-2026  
      PI:           Julia Tomassilli, PhD  
                    California State University, Sacramento  
                    Sacramento, CA

6. Project # 2025-193 (Dickey)  
Title: Routine Public Health Surveillance of Heat-Related EMS Calls  
PI: Meredith Milet, MPH  
California Department of Public Health  
Richmond, CA
7. Project # 2025-186 (Dickey)  
Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education Defunding  
Impact Project (SNAP-Ed DIP)  
PI: Miranda Westfall, PhD  
University of California, Davis Natural and Agricultural Resources  
Davis, CA
8. Project # 2025-192 (Dickey)  
Title: Opioid Surveillance  
PI: Oscar Garduno, Master of Public Health  
Sacramento County  
Sacramento, CA
9. Project # 2025-198 (Dickey)  
Title: Machine learning to enhance data-to-care initiatives  
PI: Thomas Martin, MD  
University of California, San Diego  
San Diego, CA

## **N. Final Reports**

1.     Project #     2020-011 (Ruiz)  
       Title:       Pollution and Healthcare  
       PI:          Joshua Graff Zivin, PhD  
                     University of California, San Diego  
                     La Jolla, CA
  
2.     Project #     2020-039 (Lund)  
       Title:       Suicide-Related Risks Associated with Prescription Opioid Deprescribing  
       PI:          Sonya Negriff, PhD  
                     Kaiser Foundation Research Institute  
                     Pasadena, CA