



Medical Examiners Commission Meeting

May 19, 2023

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District 2

Franklin
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Jefferson
Leon
Liberty
Taylor
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District 3 *Covered by

Columbia *4
Dixie *8
Hamilton *4
Lafayette *2
Madison *2
Suwannee *2

District 4

Clay
Duval
Nassau

District 5

Citrus
Hernando
Lake
Marion
Sumter

District 6

Pasco
Pinellas

District 7

Volusia

District 8

Alachua
Baker
Bradford
Gilchrist
Levy
Union

District 9

Orange

District 10

Hardee
Highlands
Polk

District 11

Miami-Dade

District 12

DeSoto
Manatee
Sarasota

District 13

Hillsborough

District 14

Bay
Calhoun
Gulf
Holmes
Jackson
Washington

District 15

Palm Beach

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Monroe

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Broward

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St. Lucie

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Glades
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District 22

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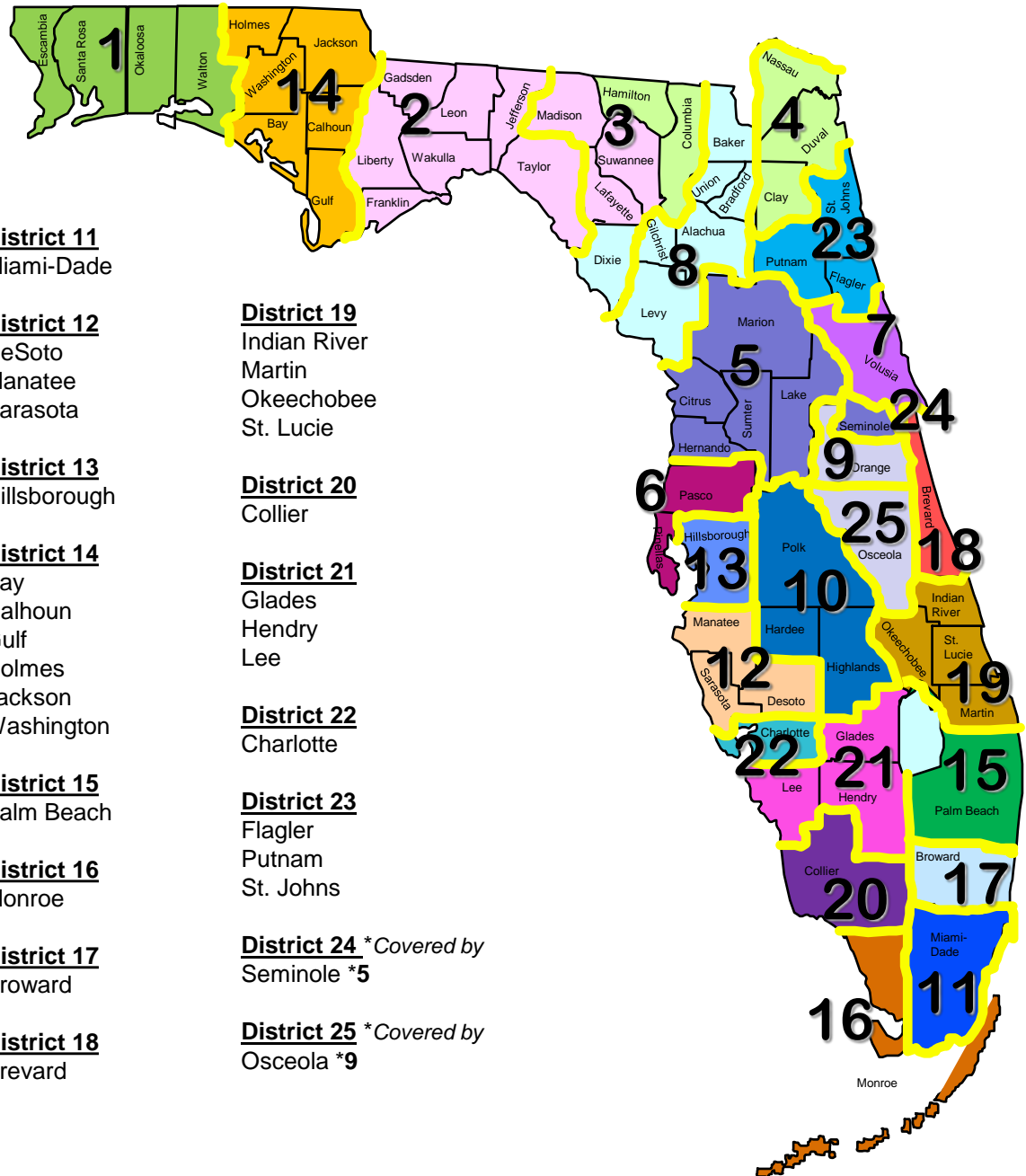
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Opening Remarks

Introduction of Commission Members and Staff

Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes from previous Commission Meeting of February 17, 2023

<u>ISSUE NUMBER</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
1. Informational Items:	
• Status Updates: DME Appointments and Reappointments	Brett Kirkland, Ph.D.
○ District 8 Medical Examiner – Thomas Coyne, M.D.	
○ District 23 Medical Examiner – Wendolyn Sneed, M.D.	
○ DME Appointment Ratifications of District 1, 4, 16, 19 and 24	
○ DME Reappointment Ratifications of Districts 5, 6, 10, 12, and 14	
• District 2 Medical Examiner Vacancy	Barbara C. Wolf, M.D.
• District 22 Medical Examiner Vacancy	Barbara C. Wolf, M.D.
• 2022 Interim Drugs in Deceased Persons Report	Megan Neel
• 2022 Annual MEC Reports Reminder	Megan Neel
• 2021 Coverdell Status Update	Ashley Williams
• 2022 Coverdell Status Update	Ashley Williams
• 2022 Legislative Session Bills of Interest	Jim Martin, J.D.
2. Reappointment Nominations for Districts 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and Assessments for District 15 and 17	Brett Kirkland, Ph.D.
3. CONRAD 30 Program	Dan Schebler
4. Emerging Drugs	Brett Kirkland, Ph.D.
5. 2023 FAME Educational Conference	Brett Kirkland, Ph.D.
6. Other Business	Barbara C. Wolf, M.D.

The next MEC Meeting will be July 19th in conjunction with the FAME Educational Conference in Orlando.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING

Orlando Marriott Lake Mary
1501 International Parkway
Lake Mary, Florida 32751
February 17, 2023, 10:00 AM

Commission Member Barbara C. Wolf, M.D., called the meeting of the Medical Examiners Commission to order at **10:00 AM**. She advised those in the audience that the meetings of the Medical Examiners Commission are open to the public and that members of the public will be allowed five minutes to speak. She then welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Commission members, staff, and audience members to introduce themselves.

Commission members present:

Barbara C. Wolf, M.D., Districts 5 & 24 Medical Examiner
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Robin Giddens Sheppard, L.F.D., Funeral Director
Kenneth T. Jones, State Registrar, Department of Health
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Joshua Stephany, M.D., Districts 9 & 25 Medical Examiner
Hon. Amira Fox, J.D., State Attorney, 20th Judicial Circuit
Hon. Michael A. Barnett, Palm Beach County Commissioner

Commission members not present:

Hon. Robert "Bob" Johnson, Santa Rosa County Sheriff

Commission staff present:

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Vickie Koenig	

District Medical Examiners present:

James W. Fulcher, M.D. (District 7)	Rebecca MacDougall, M.D. (District 17)
Russell S. Vega, M.D. (District 12)	

Other District personnel present:

Dan Schebler (District 1)	Karla Orozco (District 7)
Erin Ely (District 17)	Thomas Steinkamp (District 17)
Kim Carroll (District 19)	Bruce Goldberger, Ph. D. (District 8)

Guests present:

Felipe Williams (FDLE)	Kurt Reis (Lifenet Health)
Paul Williams (FDLE)	Patricia Darrigan (Legacy Donor Services Foundation)
Jeremy Gordon (FDLE)	Theresa Daly (LifeLink Foundation)
Leigh Clark (FDLE)	
Sherry Groover	

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ISSUE NUMBER 1: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Election of Chair: Bureau Chief Brett Kirkland informed the Commission that according to Florida Statute 406, the Commission needs to appoint a new chairman for the calendar year of 2023. Commissioner Charlie Cofer nominated Dr. Barbara Wolf. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously for the Commission to approve Dr. Barbara Wolf as the new Chairman.
- Status Report: MEC Appointment and Reappointments: Bureau Chief Brett Kirkland, Ph.D., announced to the Commission that Governor DeSantis made appointments and reappointments to the Medical Examiners Commission on February 10, 2023. Barbara C. Wolf, M.D., Districts 5/24 Medical Examiner, Robin Giddens Sheppard, Licensed Funeral Director, and Honorable Charlie Cofer, J.D., District 4 Public Defender, were reappointed for additional terms. Additionally, Joshua Stephany, M.D., Districts 9/25 Medical Examiner, Honorable Michael A. Barnett, J.D., Palm Beach County Commissioner, Honorable Amira Fox, J.D., District 20 State Attorney and Honorable Robert "Bob" Johnson, Santa Rosa County Sheriff, were newly appointed to the Commission. Mr. Kirkland also acknowledged that Commission member Ken Jones, the representative for the Department of Health and Nick Cox, the representative for the Office of the Attorney General, positions on the Commission are statutory requirements, therefore they are not subject to reappointment.
- Status Report: DME Appointment and Reappointments: Dr. Kirkland informed the Commission that all District Medical Examiners are currently pending either appointment or reappointment. Dr. Kirkland advised that he has been in contact with the Governor's Appointments Office and stated although the Commission has already voted for the initial appointment and reappointment of everyone, the Governor's Appointment Office requested that the Commission provide an updated letter with the respective terms and resubmit to the Governor's Appointment Office. Dr. Kirkland informed the Commission that staff would be working on the updated letters, one letter for appointments and another for the reappointments and hopes to have additional news from the Governor's Appointment Office soon.
- District 2 Medical Examiner Vacancy: Dr. Wolf informed the Commission that there have not been any new developments in District 2. Dr. Jon Thogmartin is still the interim medical examiner for the district. The Medical Examiner Search Committee is still in the process of filling the vacancy. Dr. Thogmartin advised that the advertisement has been published and will close at the end of March and the first meeting planned for April 2, 2023. Dr. Thogmartin stated that so far there were four candidates.
- District 15 Medical Examiner Vacancy: Dr. Wolf announced that the Commission was notified by District 15, which is Home Rule and the Commission is not involved in the search committee, that Dr. Catherine Miller has been appointed by the State Attorney as the new District 15 interim medical examiner.
- New District 22 Medical Examiner: Dr. Wolf informed the Commission that the search committee conducted interviews and made an offer to a candidate, who decided not to take the position. Dr. Wolf advised that the search committee would be reconvening and deciding on what action to take moving forward.
- 2023 Surveys & Assessments for Districts 15-24: Mrs. Ashley Williams informed the Commission that surveys and assessments for the reappointments of district medical examiners for districts 15- 24 were sent to the constituents of these districts via U.S. mail on January 6, 2023, with a due date of February 24, 2023. Surveys and assessments received will be reviewed at the spring

Commission meeting. Mrs. Williams advised that she would be reaching out to any constituents who have yet to respond in order to have responses for the sprint Commission meeting.

- 2022 Annual Workload Report: Mrs. Megan Neel informed the Commission that data is due to her by May 31, 2023. Mrs. Neel asked that districts reach out to her if they have concerns. She also stated would be sending out a reminder in March.
- 2022 Interim Drug Report: Mrs. Megan Neel informed the Commission that all data has been received and sent to Dr. Vega and the QAC for review. Mrs. Neel advised that half of the data has been returned and she has been in contact with districts trying to get it finalized for the published report.
- 2022 Annual Drug Report: Mrs. Megan Neel informed the Commission that data is due to her on May 31, 2023. Mrs. Neel asked that the districts try to get her the data as soon as possible. Dr. Wolf also asked that the districts provide Mrs. Neel with the necessary data sooner rather than later because other agencies rely heavily on the reports.
- 2022 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program Status Update: Mrs. Ashley Williams reported that as of February 17, 2023, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has not released funds for the 2022 Coverdell Grant. She advised that when the funds are released, each participating district will receive a hard copy of their Memorandum of Understanding from the FDLE grant manager for signature. Mrs. Williams also stated that she will email the award packages to each district upon release of funds from the BJA.
- 2023 Legislative Session Update: FDLE General Counsel Jim Martin, J.D., informed the Commission of bills of interest to the Commission and the medical examiner community. Mr. Martin stated that Senate Bill 164 and House Bill 165, dealing with controlled substance testing, revises the definition of the term “drug paraphernalia” in s. 893.145, F.S., to exclude certain drug testing products for fentanyl. Mr. Martin stated that some of the medical examiner’s offices had difficulty ordering supplies from vendors due to some testing supplies being considered drug paraphernalia and that the revised bill is attempting to combat the problem. Mr. Martin informed the Commission of an addition bill, House Bill 273 and Senate Bill 404, Public Records/Autopsy reports of minor victims of domestic violence and revisions to create an exemption for autopsy photographs and videos of minors whose deaths were related to acts of domestic violence. Mr. Martin advised that the First Amendment Foundation has shown opposition to the bill but cannot state if that will have an effect on the bills moving forward. Mr. Martin also so informed the Commission of Senate Bill 736, stating that this bill would add nitazene derivatives to the list of Scheduled I controlled substances. Mr. Martin reported that House Bill 365 and Senate Bill 280 would provide criminal penalties for adults who sell, distribute, or dispense specified substances in which an injury or overdose of the users occurs.

ISSUE NUMBER 2: ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION 2022

Ms. Ginny McBride of OurLegacy presented the 2022 annual report for Florida's organ procurement organizations. Ms. McBride reported that organ donation in the United States continues to rise despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. McBride reported that the United States celebrated one million transplants being preformed in September 2022. Ms. McBride also reported there were again zero transplant denials by Florida medical examiners last year for whole organ donors. Ms. McBride thanked the medical examiners for the outstanding relationships they have with the organ procurement organizations in

Florida. Heather Merkerson with LifeQuest, presented on the organ procurement organization's Donor Care Unit. Ms. Merkerson advised that organ procurement organizations in the state of Florida are looking into establishing Donor Care Units to help give specialized care and maximize donor procurement. Ms. Merkerson stated that there is one Donor Care Unit that has been established by LifeQuest at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, District 4, and they have been able to work closely with the District Medical Examiner, Dr. Pietak, in the transfer of donors.

ISSUE NUMBER 3: Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Award

Ms. Leigh Clark, Deputy Director of Forensic Services with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), presented on the BJA Missing and Unidentified Human Remains Program award that FDLE received. Ms. Clark outlined the services being offered, the criteria for participation, and current timeline. The grant is a springboard to reinvigorate services that FDLE previously offered and to maintain a robust program moving forward. Ms. Clark stated that the program will be going live and asked that all medical examiners assist with a survey of the number of unidentified deceased. Dr. Wolf inquired on how a case with the medical examiner's office becomes involved with the program's laboratory. Ms. Clark advised that all medical examiners have access to the Laboratory Information Management System where they submit evidence to laboratory. Commission member Ken Jones inquired if the grant awarded funds is sustainable, renewable or ongoing. Ms. Clark stated the program itself will be ongoing, the initial granted funds will be needed to handle the protentional floodgate or backlog that will occur when the program goes live. Ms. Clark stated that the funds would eventually be depleted but advised that her office is highly successful at obtaining other grants that will help to contribute to the program.

ISSUE NUMBER 4: Nomination for District 23 Medical Examiner:

Dr. Wolf informed the Commission that District 23 Medical Examiner Search Committee has completed their search. Dr. Wolf advised that State Attorney R.J. Larizza of the 7th Judicial Circuit appointed Dr. Wendolyn Sneed as the interim medical examiner. Dr. Sneed is the committee's recommendation for the gubernatorial appointment for the District 23 Medical Examiner.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT DR. WENDOLYN SNEED IS THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT FOR THE DISTRICT 23 MEDICAL EXAMINER.

ISSUE NUMBER 5: 2023 Proposals for Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program

Mrs. Ashley Williams informed the Commission that an email to all districts was sent out on January 6, 2023, soliciting proposals for the 2023 Paul Coverdell Grant. Proposals from interested districts were due on January 20, 2023. Mrs. Williams advised that eleven districts submitted proposals with a total of \$54,920.55 in requested funds. As of February 16, 2023, the BJA has not yet listed the 2023 grant solicitation, and it also was not listed as a forthcoming opportunity. Mrs. Williams advised that at the time it is unknown what amount of the grant will be allotted to the medical examiners. Mrs. Williams also requested that when the funds are granted, any district requesting less than the average amount be given those funds, and the remainder of the funds be divided equally among the other districts.

ISSUE NUMBER 6: UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED INITIATIVE:

Mrs. Williams reported the following success story from District 17:

On June 8, 2020, partial skeletal remains were discovered in a remote wooded area of Pembroke Pines, Florida. At the time of discovery, there were no possible names or information found on scene. A single partial fingerprint was able to be collected and run through the local, state, and federal databases with no hits. A forensic anthropologist and forensic artist worked on the case while DNA was submitted into CODIS with no hits. Overtime, the case was matched to several missing person cases, however, all turned out not to be a match to the decedent. The Pembroke Pines Police Department released information on the case to the media that unfortunately did not generate any additional leads to aid in identification. In August of 2022, the Pembroke Pines Police Department started working to further the DNA testing and were able to locate a possible family member of the decedent. Through the investigation, law enforcement was able to identify the decedent as an estranged family member related by the DNA match. On December of 2022, law enforcement was also able to locate an out of state arrest record that matched the partial fingerprint from the decedent and was able to confirm the identification of the decedent through DNA and the fingerprint.

ISSUE NUMBER 7: MASS FATALITY PLANS

Dr. Wolf issued a reminder to all districts medical examiners to update their mass fatality plans and expressed the importance of having plans in place.

ISSUE NUMBER 8: NAME ACCREDITATION

Dr. Wolf informed the Commission of changes that have been made to the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) accreditation program. Dr. Wolf stated that as January 1, 2023, NAME started conducting virtual accreditation assessments for offices that are up for reaccreditation. Dr. Wolf also advised that there is a new database for the inspection and accreditation website. Dr. Wolf congratulated District 19, Dr. Patricia Aronica with being recently accredited by NAME.

ISSUE NUMBER 9: EMERGING DRUGS

Bruce Goldberger, Ph.D., provided the Commission with an update on new drug trends. N,N-Dimethylpentylone, a new cathinone, has become a common finding among the toxicology labs at this time and seems to be replacing eutylone. Xylazine mixed with fentanyl is also reported to be prevalent in about a third of Florida's fentanyl cases; however, it is more prevalent in some northern states' fentanyl cases. There are reports of unique lesions on the bodies associated with ingestion of fentanyl with xylazine. Dr. Goldberger was not aware if there have been any reported cases of such lesions in Florida. Dr. Goldberger informed the Commission of new drug similar to xylazine. Medetomidine, a veterinary anesthetic drug, is emerging in the Sarasota area and not meant to be used in humans. Dr. Goldberger noted that the FDA is recommending Narcan be available over the counter in pharmacies soon.

Dr. Goldberger also informed the Commission of a new program that is funded by the Florida Department of Health through the OD2A funds. University of Florida just received a contract using OD2A funds to create a forensic epidemiology group to provide quarterly reports to the Department of Health, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and to the Commission on emerging drugs. Dr. Goldberger also advised that funds will be used to conduct annual needs assessments of toxicology labs as well as medical examiners' offices pursuant to emerging drugs. Commissioner Ken Jones, State Registrar for Department of Health elaborated more on OD2A funds. Mr. Jones advised that there is \$27,311 available for each district to apply for. The deadline is June 30, 2023. Mr. Jones encouraged districts to take advantage of the funds. Mr. Jones also advised that there are grants through the Center for Disease

Control available to the medical examiners. Mr. Jones asked the Commission to conduct research potential grants and how the medical examiners can automate the medical examiners system.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD FACILITATE AND HAVE THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL INITIATIVE.

ISSUE NUMBER 10: 2023 FAME EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Goldberger reported that the 2023 FAME Educational Conference is scheduled to be held July 19-21, 2023, at the Omni Orlando Resort in Champions Gate, Florida. The event will be jointly sponsored by the District 8 Medical Examiner's Office and the University of Florida. Rooms will be \$189 per night and Continuing Medical Education credits will be provided.

ISSUE NUMBER 11: OTHER BUSINESS

- Dr. Wolf presented Dr. Bruce A. Goldberger with a signed resolution and read its contents into the record.

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiners Commission was created in 1970 by the passage of Chapter 406, Part I, Florida Statutes, also known as the Medical Examiners Act; and,

WHEREAS, this Commission plays a vital role in support of Florida's criminal justice system, to the families of the deceased in determining the cause and manner of death of their loved ones whose deaths come under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner, and by contributing to the protection of the public health of the citizens of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Bruce A. Goldberger is a Professor and the Chief of the Division of Forensic Medicine in the Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine in the College of Medicine at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. Dr. Goldberger is the Medical Director of UF Health Pathology Laboratories Clinical Toxicology Laboratory, the Director of the William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine, and the Program Director of the Florida Emergency Mortuary Operations Response System; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Goldberger has been passionate about the Commission's Emerging Drug Trends, and has reached out to Postmortem Toxicology Lab Directors throughout the state to coordinate discussions over emerging drugs to provide the Commission with the most advanced and up to date information; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Goldberger has not only earned the reputation as being an invaluable resource for the Medical Examiners Commission, but he has, above all, earned the reputation as being considerate, intelligent, and meticulous; and,

NOW THEREFORE, let it be resolved that this Commission on behalf of Florida's medical examiners, the medical-legal community, and all of the citizens of Florida whom he has served so well, does hereby recognize and commend Dr. Bruce Goldberger for the dedication and valuable service he has offered to the Florida medical examiners system and hopes that he maintains his success in future endeavors.

PASSED AND RECORDED, in the official minutes of the Medical Examiners Commission meeting on this Friday, the 17th day of February, 2023, in Lake Mary, Seminole County, Florida.

- Dr. Wolf also presented Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P., with a signed resolution and read its contents into the record.

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WHEREAS, Dr. Stephen J. Nelson has proudly served as the District Ten Medical Examiner since 1997; and,

WHEREAS, as a further indication of his enthusiasm for forensic medicine, Dr. Nelson is a member of and serves an active role in numerous professional organizations such as the National Association of Medical Examiners, the Florida Association of Medical Examiners, the College of American Pathologists, the Infectious Disease Society of America, the American Association of Forensic Sciences, the Polk County Medical Association, and the American Association of Neuropathologists; and,

WHEREAS, since Dr. Nelson was reappointed to the Commission by Governor Rick Scott in 2014. He has been elected as the Commission's chairman every year since 2014, and during his tenure has assertively and wisely overseen the many very important and sometimes difficult issues that have come before the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson's professionalism, leadership, vast knowledge of the issues, and his lack of timidity in taking on the tough issues facing the Commission have earned him respect and admiration among families, professionals, and legislators throughout Florida;

NOW THEREFORE, let it be resolved that this Commission on behalf of Florida's medical examiners, the medical-legal community, and all of the citizens of Florida whom he has served so well, does hereby recognize and commend Dr. Stephen J. Nelson for his dedication, exemplary service, and the invaluable guidance he has offered to Florida's district medical examiner system and hopes that he maintains this same enthusiasm, professionalism, and success and in all his future endeavors.

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- Dr. Kirkland provided the Commission with information on the Conrad 30 J1 Visa Program. Dr. Kirkland stated that several inquiries have been made in regards to the program. Dr. Kirkland advised that the program is designed to allow 30 foreign national physicians to apply for a waiver that would waive the requirement in which they are required to go to their home country for two years before returning back to the United States on an employment-based visa. The waiver would allow the physicians to stay in the United States and receive an employment-based visa. The program applies

to 30 physicians per a state and is not limited to pathologists. The application process is limited to a 10-day period in October. Dr. Kirkland advised that during the research for the Conrad 30 J1 Visa program, it was discovered there is another similar program, the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission. The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission consist of a group of states, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia that provide the same waiver with a fee and does not have a restriction on the number of applicants. Dr. Kirkland advised that he can provide additional information and contracts for the programs to anyone interested.

- Deputy Director Vickie Koenig informed the Commission of an initiative that has been launched by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Attorney General's Office and the Florida First Lady in regards to a mental wellness program to help law enforcement officers cope with stress. Ms. Koenig thanked the district medical examiners for their previous assistance in supplying the data needed to establish a baseline and asked that the medical examiners continue to send the data on decedents with a law enforcement occupation whose manner of death is listed as suicide to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Ms. Koenig informed the Commission that the data will be utilized to convene a workgroup of mental health professionals who can provide resources to law enforcement agencies to help them develop policies and training information to identify red flags in officers with mental health concerns.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 A.M.



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GOVERNOR

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April 28, 2023

Secretary Cord Byrd
Department of State
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 406.06, Florida Statutes:

Dr. Thomas Coyne
5089 Southwest 64th Road
Gainesville, Florida 32608

as the District 8 Medical Examiner, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by William Hamilton. This appointment is effective April 28, 2023, for a term ending July 1, 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis
Governor

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Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 406.06, Florida Statutes:

Dr. Wendolyn Sneed
4501 Avenue A
Saint Augustine, Florida 32095

as the District 23 Medical Examiner, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Predrag Bulic. This appointment is effective April 28, 2023, for a term ending July 1, 2023.

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Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 406.06, Florida Statutes:

Dr. Wendolyn Sneed
4501 Avenue A
Saint Augustine, Florida 32095

as the District 23 Medical Examiner. This appointment is effective July 2, 2023, for a term ending July 1, 2026.

Sincerely,

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Ron DeSantis
Governor

RD/gc



OFFICE OF
STATE ATTORNEY
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

October 28, 2020

Stephen J. Nelson, MA, MD, FCAP
District Medical Examiner
1021 Jim Keene Blvd.
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Dear Dr. Nelson:

As you are aware, the Medical Examiner's Search Committee for the First District met on August 19, 2020 and interviewed Dr. Deanna Alicia Oleske for the position of Chief Medical Examiner. Following that interview and full and complete discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to offer the position to Dr. Oleske who has accepted. Dr. Oleske is aware that this offer is conditional upon approval by the Medical Examiners Commission and the Governor as well as contract agreement between Dr. Oleske and the four counties of the First District. Contract approval is ongoing at this time and it appears that an agreement should be reached in the near future.

The Search Committee was made up of the State Attorney, Public Defender, and Board of County Commission Members from each of the four counties. Additionally, representatives from local law enforcement, the medical community, funeral industry and the Medical Examiner Commission were also members of the committee.

Attached to this letter is Dr. Oleske's Curriculum Vitae as well as a summary of Dr. Oleske's background check. If anything further is required, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

William "Bill" Eddins
State Attorney

WE/jw

Attachments

WILLIAM "BILL" EDDINS
STATE ATTORNEY
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA



Please reply to Pensacola Office

November 10, 2020

Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: Medical Examiner of District One

Dear Governor DeSantis:

On November 4, 2020, the Medical Examiners Commission voted unanimously to recommend the appointment of Dr. Deanna A. Oleske as Chief Medical Examiner for District One. Such recommendation has been forwarded to your office for your consideration.

As a result of this recommendation, I am hereby appointing Dr. Oleske as Interim Medical Examiner for District One. Such appointment will be effective November 12, 2020. All of the counties of District One have agreed to the terms of a contract for Dr. Oleske's services.

Sincerely,

William "Bill" Eddins
State Attorney

WE/jw

c: Dr. Stephen J. Nelson, Chairman, Medical Examiners Commission
Dr. Deanna A. Oleske, Interim Medical Examiner, District One

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DEANNA ALICIA OLESKE, M.D.

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DEANNA.OLESKE@GMAIL.COM

WORK EXPERIENCE

DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

Locum Tenens

May 2020 – Present

Fort Bend County Medical Examiner's Office, Rosenberg, TX

- ◆ Provides coverage for forensic autopsies as needed
- ◆ Duties include performing autopsies, reviewing cremation requests, determining jurisdiction, writing autopsy reports, interacting with outside agencies and giving expert testimony

ASSOCIATE MEDICAL EXAMINER

Locum Tenens

January 2020 – Present

District 1 Medical Examiner's Office, Pensacola, FL

- ◆ Provides coverage for the medical examiner's office as needed
- ◆ Duties include performing autopsies, reviewing cremation requests, determining jurisdiction, writing autopsy reports, interacting with outside agencies and giving expert testimony

ASSOCIATE MEDICAL EXAMINER

December 2016 – May 2020

District 23 Medical Examiner's Office, St. Augustine, FL

- ◆ Associate Medical Examiner covering St. Johns, Putnam and Flagler Counties (population: approximately 430,000)
- ◆ Daily duties include performing autopsies, reviewing cremation requests, determining jurisdiction, writing autopsy reports, family meetings, interacting with outside agencies and giving expert testimony
- ◆ Performs approximately 200 postmortem examinations, 12 depositions, and 5 court appearances annually
- ◆ Cultivates and maintains excellent working relationships with outside investigative agencies by providing prompt communication, feedback and consultation

- ◆ Ad hoc statistician providing the public, law enforcement, and health care professionals with “real-time” data
- ◆ Motivates and encourages teamwork by supervising a support staff of 7 FTEs (with budgeted increase to 11 FTEs by end of FY2020)
- ◆ Assists in generating the annual budget proposal and advocates the MEO’s needs to the county commissioners, county administrator and HR director
- ◆ St. Johns County MEO FY 2020 budget: \$1.7 million (approximately \$400k budget increase from FY2019) with approximately \$730k reimbursed from 2 counties
- ◆ FY2020 Highlights: 5 additional FTEs (2 morgue technicians, 2 medicolegal death investigators, and 1 administrative assistant), additional investigator vehicle, and \$90k dedicated to building renovations to adjust for incoming staff and increasing workload
- ◆ Implemented an invoice system for recovering revenue generated from cremation permits resulting in significant recovery of previously unpaid fees (increased of 12%)
- ◆ Major overhaul of the SOP leading to successful full NAME reaccreditation (August 2018)
- ◆ Prepares questions and conducts interviews and for prospective candidates for new positions
- ◆ Established a quality assurance review protocol of autopsy and investigator reports (NAME accreditation standards)
- ◆ Created and updates the annual workload report and issues quarterly workload reports
- ◆ Mentors rotating interns by engaging them in the field of forensic pathology
- ◆ Lectures at quarterly Morbidity and Mortality conferences for St. Johns County Fire Rescue in addition to ad hoc learning sessions with first responders on challenging cases

ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF PATHOLOGY FORENSIC PATHOLOGY CLERKSHIP SITE DIRECTOR

May 2017 – Present

*Department of Pathology, College of Medicine
University of Central Florida, Sanford, FL*

- ◆ Volunteer clinical assistant professor in the department of pathology
- ◆ Established District 23 formal affiliation with University of Central Florida
- ◆ Successfully created and established the first ever clerkship elective in forensic pathology (MS3/4) for UCF medical students
- ◆ Direct supervision of medical students with unique hands-on experience in assisting select autopsy cases and preparing autopsy reports

CONSULTANT AND PRIVATE FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST

December 2018 – Present

President and Owner

Quality Autopsy Services, PLLC

- ◆ Offering private autopsies, expert testimony and case review in the State of Florida

CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR OF PATHOLOGY – AUTOPSY SERVICE

January 2015 – June 2015

Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX

- ◆ Acted as the on call attending physician for the autopsy service, supervised residents and signed out medical autopsy cases
- ◆ Supervisor: Dr. L. Maximilian Buja (Director of Autopsy Service)

CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES

ACTIVE MEDICAL LICENSES

2016 – Present	Florida Medical License	ME129322
2015 – Present	Texas Medical License	Q2694

DIPLOMAT – AMERICAN BOARD OF PATHOLOGY

September 2018	Board Certified in Forensic Pathology
June 2018	Board Certified in Anatomic Pathology

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

October 2016 – Houston, TX

Mass Fatality Incident Site Exercise

Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences and the Federal Bureau of Investigations – Houston Division

NRA CERTIFIED PISTOL INSTRUCTOR

July 2017 – Orange Park, FL

CCW Florida – Instructor: Quiel Begonia

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

FELLOWSHIP – FORENSIC PATHOLOGY

June 2015 – October 2016

Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences - Houston, TX

Fellowship Director: Merrill O. Hines, M.D.

2016 ***Quality Improvement Project – Fellowship Manual***

Created a binder for incoming fellows and faculty with references related to the standard operating procedures, daily duties, and core lectures.

RESIDENCY – ANATOMIC AND CLINICAL PATHOLOGY

July 2011 – June 2015

University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston - Houston, TX

Residency Director: William F. Glass, M.D., Ph.D.

2014 - 2015 ***Chair of Residency Recruitment***

Created new materials including brochures and website design with original photography. Energized the faculty and residents for a successful recruitment.

Outcome: matched all 5 spots with our top candidates.

2015 ***Co-Director of Autopsy Procedures and Protocol Reform***

Under the direction of Autopsy Director, Dr. L. M. Buja, we addressed the needs of the clinical services, organized inter-departmental lectures, and established a quality assurance protocol and microbiology protocol.

Outcome: Increased demand in autopsy requests and strengthened our relationship with the clinical teams.

2011 - 2015 Interviewed prospective candidates for residency

EDUCATION

MEDICAL SCHOOL

June 2007 – June 2011

Wayne State University, School of Medicine – Detroit, MI

◆ Degree Obtained: Medical Doctorate (M.D.)

UNDERGRADUATE

June 2003 – June 2007

Indiana University – Bloomington, IN

- ◆ Degree Obtained: Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
- ◆ Major: Biology with Honors
- ◆ Minor: Chemistry
- ◆ Area Certificate: History and Philosophy of Science

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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|----------------|--|
| 2019 – Present | <u>The American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology</u>
Ad Hoc Reviewer
Review and comment on articles submitted to the journal and make recommendations for publication. |
| 2018 – Present | <u>National Associate of Medical Examiners</u>
Member of the Education, Program and Publications Subcommittee
Review submitted abstracts and make recommendations for acceptance or denial to present at the annual NAME conference. |
| 2017 – Present | <u>Florida State Child Abuse Death Review – Circuit 7</u>
Member
Meet quarterly with other health professionals, law enforcement, and social services to review, comment and make recommendations on infant and child fatalities to come up with initiatives and strategies on preventable deaths. |
| 2017 – Present | <u>Flagler Cares</u>
Member
Meet quarterly with other health professionals, law enforcement, members of the community, and social services to review, comment and make recommendations on suicide prevention in Flagler County. |
| 2015 | <u>Annals of Clinical and Laboratory Science</u>
Ad Hoc Reviewer
Review and comment on articles submitted to the journal and make recommendations for publication. |

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH ASSISTANT – BERKOWITZ LAB

May 2009 – July 2009

School of Medicine - Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

- ◆ Supervisor: Dr. Bruce Berkowitz, Professor in Visual Science

MCAT INSTRUCTOR

October 2005 – December 2008

Princeton Review - Indianapolis, IN and Detroit, MI

- ◆ Taught pre-meds test taking techniques in conquering the Verbal portion of the MCAT
- ◆ Interview coach for prospective medical students

RESEARCH ASSISTANT – FUQUA LAB

January 2004 – May 2007

Department of Biology - Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

- ◆ Research Assistant for Ecology and Microbiology
- ◆ Supervisor: Dr. Clay Fuqua, Professor of Biology

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE –WATKINS LAB

January 2005 – May 2007

School of Medicine - Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

- ◆ Supervisor: Dr. John B. Watkins III, Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING INSTRUCTOR

August 2005 – May 2007

Department of Biology - Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

- ◆ Lead small group sessions and tutored students for the course foundations of evolution, diversity and ecology (BIOL-L111)
- ◆ Supervisor: Dr. Michael Wade (Professor of Biology)

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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ORAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **DA Oleske**, Oleske DM, Derrick S, Hines MO. Suicide Trends and Risk Factors in Youth Aged 10-19 years, Texas, USA. Presented at International Conference on Pharmacoepidemiology & Therapeutic Risk Management; Dublin, Ireland. August 2016.
2. DC Pinto, **Oleske DA**. Quantitative Assessment of Perimortem Blunt Force Trauma of the Neck. Presented at Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences; Las Vegas, NV. February 2016.
3. **DA Oleske**, Anzalone M, Walterscheid F, Wolf D. Ethylene Glycol toxicity: Death without calcium oxalate crystal deposition. Presented at American Academy of Forensic Sciences; Orlando, FL. February 2014.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. DR Thrasher and **Oleske DA**. *A Case of Necrotizing Pneumonia from Marijuana Water Pipe*. Poster presented at: 71st Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, February 2019. (Emerging Young Scientist Award Finalist)
2. DR Thrasher, Walterscheid J, **Oleske DA**. *An Excipient Induced Oxycodone Fatality*. Poster presented at: 71st Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, February 2019.
3. **DA Oleske**, Salicru, M, Hunter, RL. Glucagonoma Found at Autopsy in Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis. Poster presented at: Texas Society of Pathologists; Austin, TX. January 2013.
4. **DA Oleske**, Huang RSP, Dasgupta A, Nguyen A, Wahed A. Higher sensitivity of capillary electrophoresis in detecting hemoglobin A2'. Poster presented at: American Society of Clinical Pathology; Boston, MA. February 2012.
5. Huang RSP, **DA Oleske**, Dasgupta A, Nguyen A, Wahed A. Increased Rate of False Positivity for Monoclonal Gammopathy Using Capillary Electrophoreses. Poster presented at: American Society of Clinical Pathology; Boston, MA. February 2012.
6. **DA Oleske**, Chang M, Schafer S, Bissig D, Grandianu M, Roberts R, Berkowitz BA. Quantitative Mapping of Ion Channel Regulation by Visual Cycle Activity in Rodent Photoreceptors In Vivo: Part II: Modulation with RPE65. Poster presented at: WSU Medical Research Symposium; Detroit, MI. January 2009.
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Brain after Dioxin Exposure and 670nm Light Treatment.. Poster presented at: Society of Toxicology National Conference; Charlotte, NC. April 2007.

8. **DA Oleske**, Lim J, Yeager YL, Sanders RA, Eells JT, Henshel DS, and Watkins III JB. Near infrared light therapy attenuates TCDD-induced hepatotoxicity. Poster presented at: Midwest Regional Conference - Society of Toxicology; Lincolnshire, IL. September 2006.

LECTURES

1. **DA Oleske**. Case Review: Trauma Morbidity and Mortality Conference. Presented at: St. Johns County Fire Rescue, St. Augustine, FL. October 2019.
2. **DA Oleske**. Case Review: Trauma Morbidity and Mortality Conference. Presented at: St. Johns County Fire Rescue, St. Augustine, FL. July 2019.
3. **DA Oleske**. A Primer on Forensic Pathology. Introduction to Forensics Class. Presented at: St. Johns River State College, St. Augustine, FL. March 2018.
4. **DA Oleske**. Medicolegal Death Investigation Involving Hospital Deaths. Nursing Grand Rounds. Presented at: Flagler Hospital, St. Augustine, FL. November 2017.
5. **DA Oleske**. So Your Patient Died: Now What? Nursing Grand Rounds. Presented at: Flagler Hospital, St. Augustine, FL. August 2017.
6. **DA Oleske**. Autopsy Service, Jurisdiction in Texas, and Death Certification. Oral Presentation presented at: UT Emergency Medicine Department, Houston, TX. May 2015.
7. **DA Oleske**. Autopsy Service, Jurisdiction in Texas, and Death Certification. Lecture presented at UT Internal Medicine Department, Houston, TX. June 2015
8. **DA Oleske**. Toxic Effects of Gasoline and Gasoline Derivatives. CME Lecture presented at Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, TX. November 2013.
9. **DA Oleske**. Aggressive Digital Papillary Adenocarcinoma and Eccrine Tumors. CME Lecture presented at University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX. May 2013.
10. Maqbool, MM, **Oleske DA**. NMDAR-antibody encephalitis in a teenage boy. Oral Presentation presented at: DMC Neurology Grand Rounds; Detroit, MI. January 2011.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- ◆ Suicidality and chronic pain with opioid dependence
- ◆ Ballistics of modern ammunition

- ◆ Public health and epidemiology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ◆ National Association of Medical Examiners
- ◆ American Academy of Forensic Sciences
- ◆ Florida Association of Medical Examiners

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- ◆ Statistics
- ◆ Cardiovascular Pathology
- ◆ Ballistics and Firearms
- ◆ Accreditation (ACGME and NAME)
- ◆ Recruitment and Education
- ◆ Home Remodeling

REFERENCES

References are available on request.

DISTRICT 1 REAPPOINTMENT - DEANNA OLESKE, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office, 1st Judicial Circuit			X	
State Attorney's Office, 1st Judicial Circuit	X			
Escambia Board of County Commissioners	X			
Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners	X			
Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners	X			
Walton Board of County Commissioners				X
Escambia County Sheriff's Office	X			
Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office	X			
Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office	X			
Walton County Sheriff's Office	X			
Pensacola Police Department	X			
Crestview Police Department				X
Fort Walton Beach Police Department	X			
Niceville Police Department	X			
Shalimar Police Department			X	
Valparaiso Police Department			X	
Gulf Breeze Police Department	X			
Milton Police Department				X
Defuniak Springs Police Department	X			
TRAHAN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME				X
PENSACOLA MEMORIAL GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME INC		X		
JACKSON-MCMURRAY FUNERAL SERVICES				X
EASTERN GATE MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME				X
PENSACOLA MORTUARY SHIPPING				X
OAK LAWN FUNERAL HOME				X
BAYVIEW FISHER-POU CHAPEL				X
HARPER-MORRIS MEMORIAL CHAPEL	X			
TRACY MORTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL LLC				X
CHRISTIAN FAMILY FUNERAL				X
FAITH CHAPEL FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY		X		
WATERS & HIBBERT FUNERAL HOME LLC	X			
BENBOE FUNERAL HOME	X			
JOE MORRIS & SON FUNERAL HOME INC				X
FAMILY-FUNERAL & CREMATION	X			
FAITH CHAPEL FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY				X
DIGNITY MEMORIAL FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES				X
HERITAGE GARDENS	X			
MCKINNIE FUNERAL HOME	X			
WHITEHURST-POWELL FUNERAL HOME			X	
DAVIS WATKINS FUNERAL HOME				X
BRACKNEY FUNERAL SERVICE				X
EMERALD COAST FUNERAL HOME & RECEPTION CENTER	X			
MCLAUGHLIN MORTUARY		X		
MCLAUGHLIN TWIN CITIES FUNERAL HOME				X
DAVIS-WATKINS CRESTVIEW MEMORIAL				X
JAY FUNERAL CHAPEL INC				X
ROSE LAWN FUNERAL HOME	X			
NATIONAL CREMATION & BURIAL SOCIETY				X
LEWIS FUNERAL HOME INC - MILTON				X
LEWIS FUNERAL HOME - NAVARRE				X
LEWIS FUNERAL HOME PACE CHAPEL				X
TRAHAN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME OF MILTON INC				X

DAVIS-WATKINS CREMATION CENTER AND FUNERAL SERVICE				X
PARK FUNERAL HOME				X
CLARY-GLENN FUNERAL HOME				X
CLARY-GLENN FREEPORT CHAPEL FUNERAL HOME				X
DAVIS WATKINS FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY				X
Medical Society				X
LifeQuest	X			

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response. I have had zero interaction with Dr. Oleske & have no basis to draw an opinion. However - I would state that the process to fill the vacancy seemed to be one that could be easily manipulated by the

Completed by: State Attorney - Chair,

Signature: Bruce A. Miller Date: 7-21-2021

Name: Bruce A. Miller

Agency Name: Public Defender First Circuit

Agency Address: 190 Governmental Center, Pensacola FL 32502

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Marked improvement from her predecessor. Pleased with the changes

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: *[Signature]* Date: 5/19/20

Name: MICHAEL ADKINSON

Agency Name: WALTON CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

We are a small agency and have had few contacts with the new M.E. office over the last 3 months since taking over. M.E. office has always in past done a satisfactory job.

Signature: Joseph C. Hart

Date: May 17, 2021

Name: JOSEPH C. HART

Agency Name: VALPARAISO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 465 VALPARAISO PKWY VALPARAISO FL

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

WE HAVE HAD NO ISSUES OR COMPLAINTS ABOUT HER OR OFFICE STAFF
SINCE SHE TOOK OVER.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 5-17-21

Name: RICHARD HAWTHORNS

Agency Name: GULF BREEZE POLICE DEPT

Agency Address: 311 FAIRPOINT DR GULF BREEZE FL 32563

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☒

Please give reasons for negative response.

The Present Medical Examiner does not seem to have the concern or precision of the previous Medical examiner when it comes to performing an autopsy.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Juan S. Mitchell Date: 5-18-21

Name: GERARD S. MITCHELL

Agency Name: Pensacola Memorial Hospital

Agency Address: 7433 PINE FOREST ROAD, Pensacola, FL 32526

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

We have had very few problems with the Medical Examiners office here in District 1. The one problem that we have has, with completion of death certificates due to investigators not following up on their part. We've been told for days they were waiting for info, however info they end up putting is very generic.

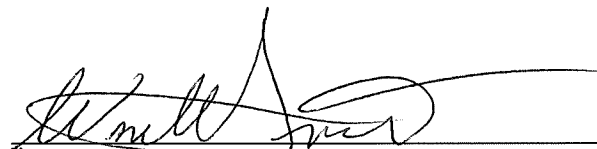
Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 05/18/2021

Name: Wm. W. Smith

Agency Name: HARPER-MORRIS Memorial Chapel

Agency Address: 2276 Airport Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32504

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☒

Please give reasons for negative response.

Carless autopsy Skills are making restoration +
Embalming difficult.

The new "Scheduling Policy" for funeral homes to pick up bodies
No Opinion ☐ at the ME's office has created difficulties for
Please explain your response. Meeting funeral deadlines.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

4/3/2021

Name:

Michael S. Atwood

Agency Name:

Faith Chapel Funeral Homes

Agency Address:

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

In spite of the Pandemic - ME's office has been on top w. re the deaths of Unattended Doctors, Accidents etc.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Loyce Webster-Phillips Date: 5-21-21
Name: Loyce Webster-Phillips
Agency Name: Bentley Funeral Home
Agency Address: 414 W. Wright St. Pensacola, FL 32501

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Our experiences with the ME office has been positive. Any issues are quickly resolved.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Adrienne McKinzie Date: 05-27-2021

Name: Adrienne McKinzie

Agency Name: McKinzie Funeral Home

Agency Address: 398 Martin Luther King Jr Ave Crestview, FL
32536

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response. At times it was impossible to get through to an investigator @ the office. Sometimes multiple attempts w/ leaving messages w/ different investigators went more than 3 days w/o a return phone call. Things did improve & Dee & Diane were amazing.
Completed by: Hopefully improvements continue.

Signature: Ami Batson Date: 5-18-2021

Name: Ami Batson

Agency Name: Whitchurst-Powell Funeral Home

Agency Address: 436 W James Lee Blvd. Crestview FL

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.*

Favorable ☒ For the 3 location I manage in Fort Walton Beach and Niceville, Florida.

Since my recommendation for reappointment dated May 17, 2021, I have seen a vast improvement in the District 1 Interim Medical Examiner's Office, now headed by Deanna Oleske, M.D. Death Certificates and Cremation Approvals are now being sent in an acceptable time period, as well as getting releases from the Medical Examiner's Office and lines of communications have opened up.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: July 22, 2021

Name: James Bass, FDIC Emerald Coast Funeral Home, McLaughlin Mortuary & McLaughlin Twin Cities Funeral Home

Agency Name: Carriage Services, Inc. Houston, Texas

Agency Address: 161 Racetrack Road, N.W. Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☒

Please give reasons for negative response.

SEE ATTACHED

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Dwight C Johnson Date: 19 MAY 2021
Name: DWIGHT C JOHNSON Funeral Director FO45033
Agency Name: McLAUGHLIN Mortuary & Carriage Services
Agency Address: 17 CHESTNUT ^{Ave} SE Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

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May 19, 2021

Mr. Brett Kirkland, Ph. D. Bureau Chief

In Response to Dr. Deanna A. Oleske, M.D , being appointed to the position of District 1 Medical Examiner, McLaughlin Mortuary would like some of the issues and management of the office be addressed in the following areas.

1. Initial ME Calls: Currently when the ME office is notified of a residence call they sometimes release the Deceased to a funeral home with the stipulation they are on (ME Hold). Why are they released to a funeral home to make the removal instead of their own removal service if they are on ME Hold? They still have jurisdiction but Release the Deceased?
2. Currently we have received release from ME Office meaning they have declined Jurisdiction saying a specific Doctor will sign the Death Certificate when in fact the Doctor Has not even been contacted. And eventually case is returned to ME for finalization sometime after the loved one is already had services and buried. Medical Examiner's office should NOT give Doctor Name to sign if not contacted, and Deceased should remain in custody of ME office until a Doctor that has been contacted is confirmed.
3. Return of calls. Investigators handling cases are left messages from funeral directors and most often times NEVER returned. Makes it impossible to answer families' questions.
4. Ms. Dee is often called concerning cases that I feel the assigned Medical Examiners Investigator should have called the Funeral Home with specific information.
5. Should the Medical Examiner's office notify the family of the final results being recorded on the Death Certificates and to then contact the funeral home? Or as it is currently being accomplished the Funeral home finds out through EDRS that it is complete and orders the appropriate Death Certificate. I feel the Medical Examiner' office as a courtesy should notify the family of the completion of the Death Certificate that they had Jurisdiction of.

6. Cremation Authorizations often are not often returned timely unless funeral home calls and asks what the status is. After calling seems to then move forward with the authorization and permit number. Seems to ask the question what is the system for the approval?

Sincerely,



Dwight Johnson
Funeral Director
McLaughlin Mortuary
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Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548
Phone (850) 244-5163
Fax (850) 664-2719
dwright.johnson@carriageservices.com

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

SPEED OF CREMATION CLEARANCE IS SLOW.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 5-17-21

Name: ETHEL SHEPHERD

Agency Name: ROSS LAW FUNERAL HOME

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**OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER
DISTRICT ONE, FLORIDA**

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July 27, 2021

Via email delivery to: StephenNelson@polk-county.net

Dr. Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P.
Chairman - Medical Examiner's Commission
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
PO Box 1489
Tallahassee, FL 32302

RE: Reappointment Ballots for District One

Dear Dr. Nelson,

Thank you for forwarding the ballot responses and allowing us a chance to respond. As we continue to grow and improve at the District One Medical Examiner's office, we welcome all feedback to help guide our efforts. Evaluation of the comments has revealed four main areas of concern, which are discussed below:

- I. Delayed cremation approval/completion of death certificates:** Concerns were raised about turnaround times for cremation requests and death certificate completions. We are already seeing improvement in these areas, due to the following changes:
 - a. Additional staffing: At the time the ballots were completed, the Investigations Department was short-handed due to the departure of key personnel, including two supervisors. Since then an investigator was promoted to a supervisory position, and an additional full-time investigator as well as part-time investigative administrator were hired. Specifically, the investigative administrator's function is to increase the efficiency of case/file completion which includes cremation requests and the timely processing of death certificates. Additionally, staff members from other departments have also cross-trained in the management of cremation approvals and death certificates.
 - b. Revised office policies: Office policies are being revisited in this area. One change that has already taken place, encourages proactive gathering of information via direct conversation via direct conversation with the decedent's medical provider when possible. This allows for faster completion of cremation approvals and death certificates instead of waiting for the arrival of medical records. Another policy that is in revision will implement mandatory reduced turnaround times on MLIs (death certificate only cases). If necessary, and under recent guidance from Dr. Nelson, death certificates may also be returned to the decedent's primary care physician for amendment.
- II. Investigator response time to requests:** Ballots mentioned difficulty in reaching investigators with questions and slow responses to phone calls/messages. Improvements are

already in place and are described below:

- a. Additional staffing: Please see above. The hiring of additional investigative staff has been critical to improving response times for the department.
- b. Restructuring of department scheduling: Changes were made to the way that investigators are scheduled, allowing for consistent availability of investigators and cross-coverage of cases and responsibilities.
- c. Supervisor availability: The Senior Forensic Investigator and Deputy Chief Medical Examiner have both reached out to funeral homes as points of contact for any concerns.

III. Body pickup: Concerns were raised about the scheduling of decedent pickups by the funeral homes. Additional procedures have been put into place since the ballots were received and early responses have been largely positive. Front office staff now contact funeral homes to schedule specific pickup times once bodies are ready to be released. This allows for staggered pickups and time for morgue staff to prepare the decedents in advance, which in turn, reduces the time it takes to release a decedent while adhering to a rigorous custodial transfer process.

IV. Office policies/techniques: A few comments appear to be due to lack of clarification regarding office policies and procedures. Plans are being considered for possible educational seminars that might assist in interagency communication and understanding. Specific comments are addressed below:

- a. Hold versus accepting jurisdiction: One comment had questions about ME holds and storage of bodies, with apparent confusion that the placement of a hold constitutes jurisdiction, or “ownership/responsibility” of the case and the decedent. A hold does not indicate that the ME’s office has accepted jurisdiction; it means that jurisdiction is being investigated and will be determined in less than 72 hours. The body remains with the funeral home until such time as the investigation determines that jurisdiction and responsibility lie with the ME’s office. The ME’s office is not a storage facility, and limited cooler capacity must be reserved for cases that have been determined to fall under ME jurisdiction.
- b. Generic death certificate information: A mention was made that death certificate information is too general. Death certificates are completed in concordance with National Association of Medical Examiner guidelines.
- c. Requests for the ME’s office to contact doctors who need to sign death certificates: Florida Statute 382 states that it is the funeral home’s responsibility to contact the signing physician for non-medical examiner cases. However, if a funeral home director needs further assistance in locating a physician, our office is always willing to help.
- d. Requests for the ME’s office to contact families when the death certificate is completed: This is not a current office policy, but such a courtesy will be revisited in the near future once we have adequate administrative staffing in place.
- e. Concerns about autopsy technique: Without specific examples, it is difficult to respond to these comments. Certain cases (usually homicides) occasionally require advanced dissection techniques that can look quite invasive. As much care as possible is taken to ensure that dissection does not interfere with embalming procedures. Funeral homes are encouraged to contact the office with any concerns.

Beginning mid-May the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Ami Murphy, reached out by phone to all the funeral homes in District One. (At the time we were unaware that the MEC had already sent the ballots out to the funeral homes.) Due to the recent loss of our Director of Operations, Dr. Murphy wanted to ensure that the funeral homes had access to a senior point of contact within the office who would be able to quickly and effectively address any questions or concerns that might arise. Notably, not a single funeral home mentioned any of the issues cited in the ballots during these discussions.

During this process Dr. Murphy explained the change of personnel and the new decedent pickup scheduling procedure. She also provided her contact information and encouraged funeral homes to let her know of any concerns. A letter followed up that conversation, repeating the information. At the time of these follow-ups, a few funeral homes asked for assistance with specific issues, which were resolved within 48 hours of receipt. Requests have slowed since that time.

In the past month, the only funeral home request that Dr. Murphy has received was for assistance in handling a challenging death certificate issue that was outside of the medical examiner's jurisdiction. Despite that fact, full assistance was given for that request. We will continue to assist funeral homes in any way that we can.

Upon a recent meeting with Mr. James Bass the Director and Managing Partner of Emerald Coast Funeral Home, I learned that it was unclear to the funeral homes who exactly they were evaluating for reappointment. Since the prior term's reappointment ballots were sent out, District One has had no less than three (3) interim District Medical Examiners. When the reappointment ballots were sent out in May 2021, I was in this role as the interim District One Medical Examiner for less than six months, and the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner had just started employment.

Many of these issues developed or were developing before my arrival and occurred at a time when the office was staffed with only one full-time physician and was in a state of constant upheaval.

Positive change takes time and is already beginning. With open communication and the implementation of new procedures, our office is certain that interagency satisfaction will continue to improve. I welcome all feedback and we are always looking for new ways to improve. The members of the District One Medical Examiner's Office are dedicated to serving the citizens of the first judicial district with compassion, integrity, and transparency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Deanna A. Oleske M.D.".

Deanna A. Oleske, M.D.
Interim District Medical Examiner - District One
Pensacola, FL

on February 23, 2021. Award packages were e-mailed to participating districts on 03/01/2021 and MOUs were mailed out the week of 03/22/2021. Districts are authorized to begin spending, but reimbursements cannot be completed until signed memorandums of understanding (MOUs) have been received by the grant manager. To date, only three reimbursement requests had been received and there is one pending Budget Amendment Request. Mr. Lucas also informed the Commission that on 05/11/2021 the Medical Examiner allotment for the 2021 Coverdell Grant was announced. The 16 participating Districts will be splitting \$51,440.

- **Postmortem Toxicology Lab Director's Meeting Update:** Mr. Kirkland informed the Commission that representatives from the University of Florida, Axis Forensics, NMS Labs, Broward County, Pinellas County, Steward Reference Lab, and the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office met virtually on July 7, 2021. Dr. Goldberger thanked Mr. Kirkland for organizing the meeting and said that it really helped the lab directors get on the same page about what they are doing and what they should be doing in the future regarding emerging drugs. It was decided that the directors would meet quarterly, a few weeks before each MEC Meeting, to discuss trends so that Dr. Goldberger could give a more real-time overview of emerging drugs to the Commission. All of the labs are expecting to have a designee attend the meetings as well, which should bring meeting attendance to at least 20 people quarterly. Mr. Kirkland also noted that in the future there will also be other representatives present at the meeting, including some from the Statewide Prosecutor's Office and Office of Statewide Intelligence. They had planned to participate in the first meeting, but had to cancel at the last minute due to Tropical Storm Elsa. The meetings are open to any Medical Examiner who is interested, as well as law enforcement, someone from the Attorney General's Office, etc.

ISSUE NUMBER 2: REAPPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT 1

The Commission reviewed the constituent surveys for the reappointment of the District Medical Examiner in District 1 (Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton Counties). Surveys were not originally sent out to constituents in District 1 in January because Dr. Oleske was appointed District 1 Interim Medical Examiner at the beginning of November 2020.

Mr. Nick Cox commented that he found the letter Dr. Oleske sent in response to the negative comments received was very helpful to him. He felt it was important that the Commission realize that positive change can take a little bit of time. Mr. Charlie Cofer agreed with and thought the letter was very responsive to some of the comments she received and showed positive steps on her part to address issues that were stemming from a troubled office prior to her appointment. The constituents of this district overwhelmingly responded with approval to the incumbent medical examiner. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to recommend Deanna Oleske, M.D., to the Governor for reappointment as the District 1 Medical Examiner.

ISSUE NUMBER 3: VA GRANT: PTSD & CHRONIC TRAUMATIC ENCEPHALOPATHY

Deborah C. Mash, Ph.D., made a presentation to the Commission regarding a new grant through the Department of Veterans Affairs for genomic research related to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in veterans. The presentation gave a brief overview of how the Florida node of the Department of Veterans Affairs Biorepository Brain Bank (VABBB) will operate as a cooperative network to promote collaboration and coordination among the biobank and project within the VABBB, as well as any research entities in the state that have similar goals. Important to the mission are the donor tissue and eye banks in Florida. The Florida coordinating sites located at the University of Miami and Nova Southeastern University will accession and process the brain and tissues according to standard



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July 10, 2019

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RE: INTERIM CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

Dear Dr. Nelson:

I write to inform you of my decision to appoint Dr. Robert Pietak as the Interim Chief Medical Examiner pursuant to section 406.15, F.S. effective July 15, 2019, for the counties in my Circuit served by District Four, Hamilton and Columbia. As you recall, the Fourth District Medical Examiner Search Committee recommended Dr. Pietak in May to the Medical Examiners Commission to become Chief Medical Examiner.

Sincerely,

JEFFERY A. SIEGMEISTER
State Attorney

JAS/mkr

DISTRICT 3 ASSESSMENT - B. ROBERT PIETAK, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office, 3rd Judicial Circuit	X			
State Attorney's Office, 3rd Judicial Circuit				X
Columbia County Board of County Commissioners				X
Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners				X
Columbia County Sheriff's Office	X			
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office	X			
Lake City Police Department	X			
Jasper Police Department				X
Jennings Police Department				X
White Springs Police Department	X			
GATEWAY - FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY INC	X			
COOPER FUNERAL HOME				X
MIZELL FUNERAL HOME	X			
GUERRY FUNERAL HOME				X
ICS CREMATION & FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
IVEY FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
HARRY T REID FUNERAL HOME	X			
ERIC A BROWN & SON FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
LifeQuest	X			

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Assessment of Medical Examiner Services

District 3 Interim Medical Examiner
B. Robert Pietak, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Treated us great. Quick approvals for cremation given.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Amy B. Guerry

Date: 1/11/2021

Name: AMY B. GUERRY

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Assessment of Medical Examiner Services

District 3 Interim Medical Examiner
B. Robert Pietak, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.*

Favorable ☒

Dr. Pietak and his office are a pleasure to work with and supportive of organ donation.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 03/29/2021

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From: Nelson, Stephen
To: ["Siegel, Stephen"](#)
Cc: [Koenig, Vickie](#); [Lucas, Steven](#); [McNeil, Beth](#); [Martin, James](#)
Subject: District 4 Medical Examiner
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2019 3:43:19 PM

At yesterday's Medical Examiners Commission meeting in Gainesville the Commission unanimously voted in favor of B. Robert Pietak, M.D. as the new District 4 Medical Examiner.

The next step in the process is for Dr. Pietak's gubernatorial appointment's package to be forwarded to the Governor's Appointments Office for the Governor's consideration.

However, his gubernatorial appointment's package will not be forwarded to the Governor from the Medical Examiners Commission until such time as Dr. Pietak has obtained his full unrestricted Florida medical license.

Please keep me posted on this process as you hear of it from city administration.

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April 9, 2019

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RE: District Four Medical Examiner Search

Dear Dr. Nelson:

The District Four Medical Examiner Search Committee concluded its interviews last week. The Committee forwards to the State Medical Examiner Commission for consideration:

Dr. Boguslaw Robert Pietak

In accordance with Florida Administrative Code 11G-5.004, I am submitting on behalf of the Committee:

- (1) Pertinent correspondence
- (2) Background inquiry
- (3) Letters of reference
- (4) A release

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen W. Siegel".

Stephen W. Siegel
First Assistant State Attorney

Encl.



MELISSA NELSON
STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

January 19, 2021

Victoria G. Koenig, Deputy Director
Medical Examiners Commission Staff
PO Box 1489
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RE: District 4 Medical Examiner

Dear Dep. Director Koenig:

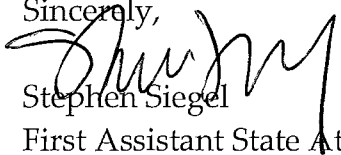
I received your memorandum dated January 8, 2021, regarding the expiration of the interim medical examiner's term in District 4. I enclose an executed Recommendation for Reappointment for Dr. B. Robert Pietak, MD.

When Dr. Rao announced her resignation, State Attorney Nelson tasked me with coordinating the District 4 Medical Examiner Search Committee. I recall Dr. Pietak's application and interviews. At that time, the Committee ranked him as the most qualified applicant and sent its recommendation to the Medical Examiners Commission. His tenure proves the Committee was correct.

After receiving your memorandum, I spoke to a few of the attorneys in my office who prosecute homicide cases, and each gave positive reviews and made favorable comments about Dr. Pietak.

Thank you for the opportunity to recommend Dr. Pietak to the Medical Examiners Commission.

Sincerely,


Stephen Siegel
First Assistant State Attorney

B. Robert Pietak, M.D.

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Education and Training

Forensic Pathology Fellowship, Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office
Philadelphia, PA
1998 – 1999

Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Residency, Allegheny University Hospital
Philadelphia, PA
Senior Resident
1996 – 1998

Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Residency, Kansas University Medical Center
Kansas City, KS
1992 – 1996

M.D., Wroclaw Medical Academy
Wroclaw, Poland
1978 – 1984

Employment

Interim Chief Medical Examiner, Office of the Jackson County Medical Examiner
Kansas City, MO
2019 - Present

Deputy Medical Examiner, Office of the Jackson County Medical Examiner
Kansas City, MO
2011 – 2018

Assistant Medical Examiner, Wayne County Medical Examiner
Detroit, MI
1999 – 2011

Other Appointments

Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pathology and Lab Medicine
University of Kansas Medical Center
2012 – Present

Other Appointments

Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pathology
University of Missouri – Kansas City
2011 – Present

Other Positions and Employment

Pathology Assistant Supervisor
McMaster University Medical Center
Hamilton, Ontario Canada
1984 – 1992

Certification and Licensure

Diplomate, Anatomic Pathology
2000
Subspecialty Certification, Diplomate, Forensic Pathology
2000

Missouri License – 2011 to Present
Michigan License – 1999 to 2011
Kansas License – 1995 to Present

Professional Memberships and Activities

Member of Michigan Child Death Review Team
Member of Missouri Child Death Review Team
Member of National Association of Medical Examiners
Member American Association of Forensic Sciences
Member Missouri Coroners and Medical Examiners Association
Member KCRMORG
Medical Director for DMORT 7

Teaching, Publications and Presentations

Truman Pathology Resident Forensic Lectures 2011-Present
Annual Lecture on Sharp Force Injury at Wayne Co. Medical Examiner's Office 1999 -2011
Pathology Lectures to 2nd year medical students, KU Medical Center 1995 -1996

Pietak, BR, Importance of Pacemaker Analysis in Decomposed Remains. Presented at 47th Annual NAME Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, Oct. 2013

Savasman CM, Peterson DC, Pietak BR, Dudley MH, Frazee CC III, Garg U. Two Fatalities Due to Use of Synthetic Cannabinoids Alone. Presented at the 2014 AAFS 66th Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA

Garg M, Peterson DC, Garg U, Pietak BR, Dudley MH, A death involving hydrogen Sulfide exposure from A domestic sink drain. Society of Forensic Toxicologists, Tox Talk 2013 Sept; 37(3): 17-20

Frazee CC III, Garg U, Peterson DC, Pietak BR, Dudley MH, Bath Salts: Observations And Results from Eight Cases. Presented at the Society of Forensic Toxicologists Annual Meeting, Boston MA, July 2012

Rambo B, Frazee CC III, Garg U, Peterson DC, Pietak BR, Dudley MH, Observations, and Results from A Zolpidem Related Fatality. Presented at the Society of Forensic Toxicologists Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL October 2013

Rambo B, Frazee CC III, Garg U, Peterson DC, Pietak BR, Dudley MH, Observations And Results from Three Synthetic Cannabinoids Related Fatalities. Presented at the Society of Forensic Toxicologists Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL October 2013

O'Boynick P, Green KD, Batnitzky S, Kepes JJ, Pietak, R. Aneurysm of the left middle cerebral artery Caused by myxoid degeneration. Stroke, 1994 May;25(5): 1068-1070

Public Records (HB 1201 Jacobs) – This bill adds autopsy reports and related written records that personally identify the deceased to materials that are to be exempt and confidential from public record until 10-days after the medical examiner has completed the report. This exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will be repealed on October 2, 2024 unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature. This exemption has retroactive application. Additionally, this bill adds legal guardian and siblings to the succession list of individuals who are authorized to view copy or listen to the materials exempted in this section of statute. *(NOTE: This bill did not pass.)*

ISSUE NUMBER 2: NOMINATION FOR DISTRICT 4 MEDICAL EXAMINER

Dr. Nelson informed the Commission that the District 4 Medical Examiner Search Committee met in early April and forwarded Boguslaw Robert Pietak, M.D., of Missouri to the Medical Examiners Commission for consideration for the position of District 4 Medical Examiner. Dr. Pietak does not currently possess a Florida medical license.

MS. WHITMORE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF DR. BOGUSLAW ROBERT PIETAK AS THE DISTRICT 4 MEDICAL EXAMINER UPON THE CONDITION OF HIM RECEIVING A FLORIDA MEDICAL LICENSE AND DR. WOLF SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT DR. BOGUSLAW ROBERT PIETAK BE NOMINATED AS THE DISTRICT 4 MEDICAL EXAMINER ONCE HE OBTAINS A FLORIDA MEDICAL LICENSE.

ISSUE NUMBER 3: REAPPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICTS 8, 10, 12, AND 14, AND ASSESSMENTS FOR DISTRICTS 9, 11, 13, AND 25

The Commission reviewed the constituent surveys for the reappointments of district medical examiners in District 8 (Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, and Union counties), District 10 (Hardee, Highlands, and Polk counties), District 12 (DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties), and District 14 (Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, and Washington counties).

The Commission also reviewed the survey assessments for District 3 (Dixie County), District 9 (Orange County), District 11 (Miami-Dade County), District 13 (Hillsborough County), and District 25 (Osceola County). District 3 (Dixie County) receives medical examiners services through contractual agreement with District 8. Districts 9, 11, 13, and 25 are home rule districts.

With the constituents overwhelmingly responding with approval for the district medical examiners in districts 8, 10, 12, and 14, the Commission held a lump vote for the districts up for reappointment. Dr. Nelson recused himself from the vote for District 10 medical examiner.

WITH NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, MR. COFER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF INCUMBENT MEDICAL EXAMINERS IN DISTRICT 8, 10, 12, AND 14 AND DR. WOLF SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE REAPPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF DISTRICT 8, 10, 12, AND 14 MEDICAL EXAMINERS BE FORWARDED TO THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS OFFICE.

Dr. Nelson recused himself from the vote for District 10. No other names were submitted for consideration in any of the districts.

DISTRICT 4 REAPPOINTMENT - B. ROBERT PIETAK, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office, 4th Judicial Circuit	X			
State Attorney's Office, 4th Judicial Circuit	X			
Clay Board of County Commissioners			X	
Duval Board of County Commissioners	X			
Nassau Board of County Commissioners	X			
Clay County Sheriff's Office	X			
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office	X			
Nassau County Sheriff's Office	X			
Green Cove Springs Police Department	X			
Orange Park Police Department	X			
Atlantic Beach Police Department	X			
Jacksonville Beach Police Department	X			
Neptune Beach Police Department	X			
Fernandina Beach Police Department	X			
BROADUS-RAINES FUNERAL HOME				X
JACKSONVILLE MEMORY GARDENS				X
HARDAGE-GIDDENS RIVERMEAD FUNERAL HOME			X	
HARDAGE-GIDDENS HOLLY HILL FUNERAL HOME			X	
JONES-GALLAGHER FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
AABLE DEVELOPMENT INC				X
RUSSELL HAVEN OF REST CEMETERY INC				X
HELM-GALLAGHER FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES LLC				X
FINAL WATERS LLC				X
WARREN FAMILY FUNERAL SERVICES LLC	X			
SARAH L CARTER'S FUNERAL HOME INC				X
PATTERSON CREMATION AND FUNERAL SERVICE INC				X
THE FLORIDA UNDERTAKER LLC				X
FLORIDA COLONIAL HOLDINGS INC				X
HARRY BROWN FUNERAL DIRECTORS & CREMATION SERVICE INC			X	
HARRIS MORTUARY INC				X
PHILLIPS MORTUARY	X			
ETERNITY FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY OF JACKSONVILLE LLC				X
A B COLEMAN MORTUARY INC				X
THE FRALIN GROUP INC				X
SARAH L CARTER'S FUNERAL HOME INC				X
HARDAGE-GIDDENS CHAPEL HILLS FUNERAL HOME				X
HOLMES-GLOVER-SOLOMON FUNERAL DIRECTORS INC				X
SCI FUNERAL SERVICES OF FLORIDA LLC				X
GEORGE H HEWELL AND SON FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
GEORGE H HEWELL AND SON FUNERAL HOME INC				X
SCI FUNERAL SERVICES OF FLORIDA LLC				X
PEEPLER'S FAMILY FUNERAL HOME	X			
BEACHES CHAPEL BY HARDAGE-GIDDENS				X
SCI FUNERAL SERVICES OF FLORIDA LLC				X
HARDAGE-GIDDENS	X			
HARDAGE-GIDDENS MANDARIN CHAPEL	X			
QUINN-SHALZ A FAMILY FUNERAL HOME				X
COREY-KERLIN FUNERAL HOME PA	X			

DISTRICT 4 REAPPOINTMENT - B. ROBERT PIETAK, M.D.

	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
COREY-KERLIN FUNERAL HOME PA				X
WESTON'S MORTUARY				X
CARTHAGE CHAPEL FUNERAL HOME INC				X
JAMES GRAHAM MORTUARY				X
THE WARDEN GROUP LLC				X
Q L DOUGLAS FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
STONEMOR FLORIDA SUBSIDIARY LLC				X
INTEGRITY FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATIONS INC				X
BUGGS-BELLAMY FUNERAL SERVICES INC				X
OAKLAWN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION				X
ROBERT M NAUGLE MORTUARIES INC				X
CEDAR BAY ENTERPRISES LLC				X
EVERGREEN FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
NAUGLE SCHNAUSS FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES LLC	X			
D M BAKER MORTUARY LLC				X
Q L DOUGLAS FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
NEPTUNE MANAGEMENT CORP				X
BEACHES MEMORIAL SERVICES LLC				X
REGINALD R MCKINNEY				X
SCI FUNERAL SERVICES OF FLORIDA LLC				X
THE WARDEN GROUP LLC				X
CALLAHAN PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC				X
OXLEY-HEARD FUNERAL DIRECTORS INC	X			
GREEN PINE FUNERAL HOME	X			
AARON & BURNEY BIVENS FUNERAL HOME	X			
Clay County Medical Society				X
Duval County Medical Society			X	
LifeQuest	X			

MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION

Recommendation for Reappointment

District 4 Interim Medical Examiner
B. Robert Pietak, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐


Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

The Clay County Board of County Commissioners has very limited contact with the Medical Examiner.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date:

1/29/2021

Name:

Howard Wana-maker, County Manager

Agency Name:

Clay County Board of County Commissioners

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 4 Interim Medical Examiner
B. Robert Pietak, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

WE ARE VERY SATISFIED WITH THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Derek Asdot

Date:

1-11-21

Name:

DEREK ASDOT

Agency Name:

GREEN COVE SPRINGS POLICE DEPT

Agency Address:

1001 IDLEWILD AVE GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

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Lucas, Steven

From: Michael Key <michaelkey@nbfl.us>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 3:42 PM
To: Lucas, Steven
Subject: FW: Medical Examiner Reappointment Ballot
Attachments: ME Office Letter 2021.pdf

Importance: High

Sir,

Please see attached. The missing check mark was simply an oversight.

As a side note to be considered before the Commission,
On behalf of the NBPD and as the commanding officer of our Investigations Unit, we would like to say how extremely pleased we are with Dr. Pietak and his staff. The professionalism, cooperation and cohesion with the Medical Examiners Office, under his direction, have been superb.

Sincerely,

COMMANDER M.J. KEY
INVESTIGATIONS / SUPPORT SERVICES / INTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEPTUNE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
200 LEMON ST.
NEPTUNE BEACH, FL 32266
WORK (904) 242-3435
CELL (904) 222-1372
FBI NA #268
CO-CHAIRMAN SE LInX



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From: Richard Pike <cop@nbfl.us>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 8:21 AM
To: Michael Key <michaelkey@nbfl.us>
Subject: FW: Medical Examiner Reappointment Ballot

Would you complete the attached form.

RICHARD J PIKE, CHIEF OF POLICE
NEPTUNE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
200 LEMON ST.

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 4 Interim Medical Examiner
B. Robert Pietak, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

I have heard only positive comments regarding Dr. Pietak and M.E.'s office.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: January 13, 2021

Name: James T. Hurley

Agency Name: Fernandian Beach Police Department

Agency Address: 1525 Lime Street, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

Do not know him to have an opinion

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

Do not know him to have an opinion

Completed by:

Signature: *M. DeLuna*

Date: *1/13/2021*

Name: *Mary Adenard*

Agency Name: *HG Holly Hill FFD*

Agency Address: *3201 Old Seminoles Rd, Middleburg, FL 32068*

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

Have not met this doctor to know who he is yet.

Completed by:

Signature:

Harry A. Brown

Date:

2/1/21

Name:

Harry A. Brown

Agency Name:

Harry Brown Funeral Directors

Agency Address:

2719 W. Edgewood Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32209

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Given the monumental task of 2020 they have performed well

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1-13-2021

Name: Brent R Perry

Agency Name: Hardage-Giddens Mandarin Chapel

Agency Address: 11801 SAN JOSE Blvd, Jacksonville 32223

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

I know they're slammed. These are tough times. Likely doing the best they can.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

Completed by: Though some of our physician members voiced that cases they feel were appropriate for ME evaluation are often refused

Signature: M. Saftner Date: 4/15/2021

Name: Marissa Saftner

Agency Name: Duval County Medical Society

Agency Address: PO Box 551538, Jacksonville, FL 32255

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SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Dennis W. Ward
State Attorney

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Tavernier, Florida 33070

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Fax(305) 852-7349

May 18, 2017

Mr. Paul Culbertson
FDLE

Re: **District 16 Interim Medical Examiner**
Dr. Michael Steckbauer

Dear Mr. Culbertson,

This is to notify you that as of 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2017 the Interim Medical Examiner will step in to fill the position Dr. Thomas Beaver vacated. Dr. Michael Steckbauer will be the Interim Medical Examiner.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. W. Ward", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Dennis W. Ward
State Attorney



**OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

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Florida Department of Law Enforcement
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**Medical Examiners
Commission**

Re: *District 16 Medical Examiner Position*

Dear Mr. Culbertson,

Attached please find our candidates for the District 16 Medical Examiner Position here in Monroe County, Florida.

Per the committee's direction, their first choice is Dr. Cameron F. Snider and their second choice is Dr. Michael Robert Steckbauer.

We have enclosed their entire packages for your review. Please advise if you need anything further.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis W. Ward
State Attorney

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November 7, 2017

Honorable Rick Scott
Governor of Florida
The Capitol, Plaza Level 05
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

Pursuant to Florida Administrative Code, the District 16 (Monroe County) Medical Examiner Search Committee completed its duties to fill the vacancy of the District 16 Medical Examiner position and sent a nominee to the Medical Examiners Commission for its consideration.

At its August 25, 2017 meeting, the Medical Examiners Commission formally accepted the Search Committee's recommended candidate and unanimously approved the motion to forward the nomination of Michael R. Steckbauer, M.D. for your consideration for appointment to the position of District 16 Medical Examiner. There were no other candidates forwarded to the Medical Examiners Commission for its consideration.

Dr. Steckbauer has forwarded his electronic Questionnaire for Gubernatorial Appointments to your Appointments Office. If you have any questions or need any further information on Dr. Steckbauer, please contact me at my Winter Haven office (863-298-4600), or staff member Doug Culbertson at FDLE in Tallahassee at 850-410-8600.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P.
Chairman
Medical Examiners Commission

SJN: dc

Enclosure

cc: Commissioner Rick Swearingen



State of Florida Medical Examiners Commission

P.O. Box 1489 | Tallahassee, FL 32302-1489 | (850) 410-8600

September 17, 2020

Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
Plaza Level 05, The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis:

On August 14, 2020, the Medical Examiners Commission recommended that the incumbent District Medical Examiners from Districts 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 be reappointed for additional three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2020. No additional candidates were submitted to the Commission for consideration from any of these districts. The incumbent District Medical Examiners recommended for reappointment are:

District 18	Sajid S. Qaiser, M.D.	District 22	Riazul H. Imami, M.D.
District 20	Marta U. Coburn, M.D.	District 23	Predrag Bulic, M.D.
District 21	Rebecca A. Hamilton, M.D.	District 24	Barbara C. Wolf, M.D.

District 15 (Palm Beach County) and District 17 (Broward County) have exercised the option to appoint a District Medical Examiner under Home Rule authority; therefore, no candidates are being submitted for these medical examiner districts.

In November 2017, the Medical Examiners Commission submitted a recommendation to appoint Michael Steckbauer, M.D., to fill the vacant District 16 Medical Examiner position for Monroe County. Surveys indicated that the Monroe County constituents are pleased with Dr. Steckbauer's performance over the past 3 years.

In March 2020, the Medical Examiners Commission submitted a recommendation to you to appoint Patricia A. Aronica, M.D., to fill the vacant District 19 Medical Examiner position for Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties.

The Commission recommends that Dr. Steckbauer and Dr. Aronica be appointed for full 3-year terms ending on June 30, 2023, along with the other District Medical Examiners named in paragraph one, above.

All candidates have submitted the *Questionnaire for Gubernatorial Appointments* electronically, as requested by your Appointments Office. If you have any questions, please contact me at (863) 298-4600 or the Medical Examiners Commission staff director, Mrs. Vickie Koenig, at (850) 410-8600.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Stephen J. Nelson, written in a cursive style.

Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P.
Chairman, Medical Examiners Commission

Michael Robert Steckbauer MD



Education

2010-2011	Forensic Pathology Fellowship Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office	Miami, Florida
2008	Army Flight Surgeons Primary Course	Fort Rucker, Alabama
2006-2010	Ball Memorial Hospital Pathology Residency	Muncie, Indiana
2002-2006	University of Nevada School of Medicine M.D.	Reno/Las Vegas, Nevada
1994-2000	University of Nevada Las Vegas B.S. Biology(Major), Chemistry(Minor) Dean's List 1998-1999	Las Vegas, Nevada

Licensure/Certifications

2011	Forensic Pathology Board Certification
2011	Florida Medical Doctor License
2010	Anatomic Pathology Board Certification
2009	Indiana Physicians License
USMLE	Step 1, 2, and 3: Passed

Professional/Work Experience

1991-1997	Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, Nellis Airforce Base Veterinary Treatment Facility U.S. Army	Las Vegas, Nevada
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1997-2007	Medic, Nevada Army National Guard	Reno/Las Vegas, Nevada
1999-2000	University of Nevada Las Vegas Research Assistant Mentor: Lloyd R. Stark, PhD, UNLV Biology Department Analyzed sexual vs. unisexual reproduction in the desert moss <i>Syntrichia Caninervis</i>	Las Vegas, Nevada
1999-2000	University of Nevada Reno Research Assistant Mentor: Bob Nowak, PhD, UNR Biology Department Free Air Carbon Dioxide Exchange, We studied the ability of desert Plants, at the Nevada Nuclear Test Site, to act as sinks for increased carbon dioxide levels.	Reno, Nevada
1999-2000	University of Nevada Reno Research Assistant Mentor: Dale Devitt, PhD, UNR Biology Department We studied the effects of re-use water vs. fresh water in turf management.	Reno, Nevada
2000	Instructor, Human Biology 100 Laboratory, University of Nevada Las Vegas	Las Vegas, Nevada
2001-2002	Instructor Biology 190 Laboratory, University of Nevada Las Vegas	Las Vegas, Nevada
2001-2002	Instructor Biology 191 Laboratory, University of Nevada Las Vegas	Las Vegas, Nevada
2007-present	Major, United States Army National Guard	
2006-2010	East Central Indiana Pathology/Pathology Associates/Deleware County Coroner	Muncie, Indiana
2010-2011	Associate Medical Examiner District XI Medical Examiner's Office	Miami, Florida
2011-2013	Associate Medical Examiner District III/IV Medical Examiner's Office	Jacksonville, Florida

2013-2014	Associate Medical Examiner District 17 Medical Examiner's Office	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
2014	Director of Medical Education District 17 Medical Examiner's Office	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
2014-2016	Deputy Chief Medical Examiner District 17 Medical Examiner's Office	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
2014-present	Associate Medical Examiner District 16 Medical Examiner's Office	Marathon, Florida
2014-present	Medical Examiner M+M Forensics	Davie, Florida
2014-present	Medical Examiner Coroners Court	Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands
2015-present	Medical Examiner Coroners Court	Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands
2016-present	Associate Medical Examiner District 14 Medical Examiner's Office	Panama City, Florida

Professional Memberships/Committees

1998-present	Golden Key Club Honor Society
2002-present	American Medical Association
2007-present	National Association of Medical Examiners
2007-present	College of American Pathologists
2008-2010	Indiana Delegate to the College of American Pathologists Residents Forum
2007-present	American Society for Clinical Pathology
2007-2008	Ball Memorial Hospital Recruitment Committee
2009-2010	Ball Memorial Hospital Peer Review Committee
2010-present	Florida Association of Medical Examiners
2016-present	American Academy of Forensic Science

Publications/Abstracts

Steckbauer MR, Mellen PF, Wayne JM, Slater B., An Unusual Case of Fatal Attack by Multiple Pitt Bulls: A Case Report and Poster Presentation, Ball Memorial Hospitals Annual Research Symposium

Steckbauer MR, Mellen PF, Adenosquamous Carcinoma Arising in an Ileostomy Site: A Case Report

Wayne JM, Wu HH, Rose CL, Steckbauer MR., Lymph Nodes Retrieved From Colonic Fat: Correlation or Not? Poster Presentation Ball Memorial Hospitals 2010 Annual Research Symposium, First place winner for original research poster.

Languages

German Proficient in reading and conversational German.

Interests

Fishing, Hunting, Hiking, Backpacking, Travel, and Running

- 2016 Annual Workload Report – Ms. McNeil stated that the final data from the districts has been received and the Annual Workload report is currently being drafted. A September release date is anticipated.
- 2016 Coverdell Grant – Ms. McNeil announced that she is in contact with the 14 districts awarded funding. Four districts have received approved budget amendments, and 7 districts have submitted reimbursement requests. She will continue to monitor the spending of the remaining districts.

ISSUE NUMBER 2: NOMINATION FOR DISTRICT 16 MEDICAL EXAMINER

Dr. Nelson reported that the Search Committee in District 16 (Monroe County) met July 12, 2017, and chose two finalists. One candidate withdrew from consideration. The Search Committee submitted only Michael R. Steckbauer, M.D. as their finalist for consideration.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT MICHAEL R. STECKBAUER, M.D., BE RECOMMENDED TO THE GOVERNOR FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE DISTRICT 16 MEDICAL EXAMINER.

ISSUE NUMBER 3: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GRANT

Representatives from the Department of Health (DOH) addressed the Commission again regarding the status of their grant from the Centers for Disease Control for tracking fatal and nonfatal overdoses of opioids. DOH appeared before the Commission in May 2016 to discuss their interest in applying for the grant, and they were awarded the core grant for a 2-year period beginning September 1, 2017, rather than 3-years as was originally sought. While DOH was approved for 2 years under the core grant, they only have an approved amount of \$493,571.00 for the first budget period (Sept 1, 2017-August 31, 2018). DOH expects they would get a similar amount for the second year. DOH also requested a supplemental grant that could assist the district medical examiners with the cost of toxicology testing.

DOH is targeting 14 medical examiner districts covering 29 counties to provide reports for fatal overdoses that are medical examiner cases. DOH would extract 33 of the 175 data points required for the grant (only 3 of those data points – type of drug poisoning, height, and weight – are medical examiners data, the other 30 are from the toxicology analyses) and the grant should not cause additional work for the targeted medical examiner districts. The districts that are being targeted in the grant are District 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, and 24.

There was discussion among the medical examiners in attendance and the Commission. The DOH was asked to work with the doctors in attendance to determine the best manner in obtaining the desired data points from the medical examiners without duplicating efforts that already exist. DOH was also asked to notify Commission staff if the supplemental grant is awarded to assist in developing a distribution plan. *(NOTE: DOH was notified after the August 25th Tampa MEC meeting that the supplemental grant was awarded in the amount of \$197,428.00. While the \$197,428 is for the first year of the grant, the notice DOH received from the CDC mentioned that future year funding would be based on satisfactory programmatic progress and the availability of funds. It is unknown if the supplemental funds will be available for the second year.)*

DISTRICT 16 REAPPOINTMENT - MICHAEL STECKBAUER, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office 16th Judicial Circuit			X	
State Attorney's Office 16th Judicial Circuit	X			
Monroe Board of County Commissioners	X			
Monroe County Sheriff's Office	X			
Key Colony Beach Police Department	X			
Key West Police Department	X			
DEAN-LOPEZ FUNERAL HOME	X			
DEAN LOPEZ FUNERAL HOME BIG PINE				X
KEY WEST MORTUARY				X
ALLEN-BEYER FUNERAL HOME	X			
Life Alliance	X			

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District 16 Interim Medical Examiner
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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.*

Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

The office of the Public Defender, 16th Judicial Circuit, has had limited contact w/ Michael Steckbauer, MD and has no opinion regarding his reappointment.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/16/2020

Name: Robert Lockwood

Agency Name: Office of the Public Defender, 16th Circuit

Agency Address: 1111 12th St. Suite 311 Key West, FL 33040

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Steckbauer has performed admirably. He's Always Available + has a superb working relationship with law enforcement + prosecutors

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: L. W. Ward Date: 1-14-2020

Name: Dennis W. Ward

Agency Name: State Attorney's Office 16th Judicial Circuit

Agency Address: 530 Whitehead Street Key West

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Steckbauer is doing a great job. Great partner and works well with others. Would like Dr. Steckbauer to remain in his position.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Rich Ramsay

Date:

Jan. 09th 2020

Name:

RICK RAMSAY, SHERIFF

Agency Name:

MONROE CO. S.O.

Agency Address:

5525 Col. Rd. Key West, FL 33040

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Steckbauer is one of the best ME's we've worked with. Very professional, very knowledgeable, & helpful. Great asset to our community.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

_____ Date: 01/16/2020
Name: Anthony Allen
Agency Name: Allen - Beyere Funeral Home
Agency Address: 101640 Overseas Hwy Key Largo FL 33037

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	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office 16th Judicial Circuit	X			
State Attorney's Office 16th Judicial Circuit				X
Monroe Board of County Commissioners	X			
Monroe County Sheriff's Office	X			
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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

This office has a great working relationship with Dr. Steckbauer.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1/27/2023

Name: Robert Lockwood

Agency Name: Public Defender's Office, 16th Circuit

Agency Address: 1111 12th St. suite 311

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Ashley Williams via e-mail: ashleywilliams@fdle.state.fl.us

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: L Ballan Date: February 16, 2023

Name: Lindsey Ballan

Agency Name: Monroe County Board of County Commissioners

Agency Address: 1100 Simonson Street, Suite 205, Key West, FL 33040

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No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

2/22/2023

Name:

Kris DiGiorganni

Agency Name:

Key Colony Beach Police Dept

Agency Address:

600 West Ocean Dr
Key Colony Beach, FL 33051

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

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None he is doing a great job!!!

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Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P.
Chairman, Medical Examiners Commission
c/o Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Medical Examiners Commission
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Dear Dr. Nelson:

The District 19 Medical Examiner Selection Committee met yesterday and conducted interviews with finalists for the position of Medical Examiner. After full discussion and consideration the committee voted by an overwhelming majority to offer the position to Dr. Patricia A. Aronica, who has accepted the offer. Dr. Aronica was advised and understands that the offer is conditioned upon approval of the Medical Examiners Commission and the Governor. Enclosed is background information pertaining to Dr. Aronica, including her Curriculum Vitae, background check, and other information gathered during the selection process.

The Committee included representatives of the State Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, the President of Indian River State College, the District's four Sheriff's Offices and County Commissions. In addition there were representatives of the medical community, the undertakers, the municipal law enforcement agencies, and the Tissue Bank. Also serving on the Committee was our retiring Medical Examiner, Dr. Roger E. Mittleman, and of course you, representing the Medical Examiners Commission.

The selection process went smoothly and we were able to choose from several highly qualified applicants. As I told you at the end of our meeting yesterday I sincerely appreciate all of your help. Your guidance and advice was well received by the entire committee.

If the Commission desires any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce H. Colton".

Bruce H. Colton
State Attorney

cc: Dr. Patricia A. Aronica, M.D.



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February 19, 2020

Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
The Capitol, Plaza Level 05
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Pursuant to Florida Administrative Code, the District 19 Medical Examiner Search Committee (for Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties) completed its duties to fill the upcoming vacancy of the District 19 Medical Examiner position and sent a nominee to the Medical Examiners Commission for its consideration.

At its February 11, 2020 meeting, the Medical Examiners Commission formally accepted the Search Committee's recommended candidate and unanimously approved the motion to forward the nomination of Patricia Ann Aronica, M.D., for your consideration for appointment to the position of District 19 Medical Examiner. There were no other candidates forwarded to the Medical Examiners Commission for its consideration.

Dr. Aronica has submitted the Questionnaire for Gubernatorial Appointments electronically, as requested by your appointments office. If you have any questions or need any further information on Dr. Aronica, please contact me at my Winter Haven office (863-298-4600), or staff member Vickie Koenig at FDLE in Tallahassee at (850) 410-8600.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Nelson".

Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P.
Chairman, Medical Examiners Commission

SJN/scl

Curriculum Vitae

Patricia A. Aronica, M.D.
Assistant Medical Examiner, State of Maryland
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

Date October 15, 2019

Contact Information

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
900 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21223
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Education

1986-1990	University of Scranton Scranton, Pennsylvania	B.S. Biology
1990-1994	Jefferson Medical College Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	M.D.

Post Graduate Education and Training

1994-1999	Combined Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Residency University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
1997-1998	Chief Resident for Clinical Pathology
1998-1999	Chief Resident for Anatomic Pathology
1999-2000	Forensic Pathology Fellowship Office of the Medical Investigator University of New Mexico Albuquerque, New Mexico

Certification

October 1999	Diplomate of the American Board of Pathology: Anatomic and Clinical Pathology
September 2000	Diplomate of the American Board of Pathology: Forensic Pathology
May 2003	HAZWOPER Hazardous Materials Technician and Waste Site Worker

Licenses

1996-present	MD License in Pennsylvania (active)
2002-present	MD License in Maryland (active)

Employment History

Academic Appointments

Fall 2001	Adjunct Faculty Behavioral Science Department York College York, Pennsylvania
July 2002-present	Clinical Instructor Department of Pathology University of Maryland School of Medicine Baltimore, Maryland
Fall 2010-2016	Adjunct Faculty Forensic Sciences/Chemistry Department Towson University Towson, Maryland

Current Employment

July 2002-present	Assistant Medical Examiner Department of Health and Mental Hygiene State of Maryland Office of the Chief Medical Examiner 111 Penn Street and 900 West Baltimore Street Baltimore, Maryland
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Professional Society Memberships

1994-2010	Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society
1994-2010	College of American Pathologists
2010-2011	Pennsylvania Medical Society and York County Medical Society
1997-present	American Academy of Forensic Sciences
1999-present	National Association of Medical Examiners

Honors and Awards

Undergraduate

- Magna cum laude graduate
- Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Honor Society

Medical School

- Cum laude graduate
- Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
- 1994 honorable mention recipient of the S. Mae Cuen Memorial Prize for outstanding performance in otology

Pathology Residency

- 1995 recipient of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Junior Resident Autopsy Award
- Fall 1996 to Spring 1998 – Pennsylvania Representative to the College of American Pathologists Residents Forum
- 1997 recipient of the Gordon Vawter Pathologist in Training Award presented by the Society for Pediatric Pathology March 1997 Orlando, Florida

Administrative Services

Local and National Service

2004-2012 Ad hoc reviewer for ASCP Check Sample Cases

State of Maryland Appointments

2013-present Committee to review petitions to the regulation that baby bumper pads are hazardous materials and may not be shipped to or sold in Maryland COMAR 10.11.07.02(A).

2013-present Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Mortality and Quality Review Committee

Teaching Service

1997-1999 Hematopathology Pathology Lab, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

1998 Endocrine and Cardiovascular Pathology Lab, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

1999-2000 Supervising and teaching of 2 to 3 medical students/month forensic pathology at the Office of the Medical Investigator, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Fall 2001 Forensic Pathology for criminal justice majors, 3 credit course, York College, York, Pennsylvania

2002-2012 Small group instructor, Department of Pathology, Death Certification Lab, University of Maryland School of Medicine

2002-present Supervising and teaching of 3 to 5 fellows/year forensic pathology at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Baltimore, Maryland

2002-present Supervising and teaching of 2 to 3 pathology residents/month forensic pathology at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Baltimore, Maryland

2002-present Supervising and teaching of 2 to 3 medical students and pathology assistant students/month forensic pathology at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Baltimore, Maryland

2010-2016 Death Analysis for forensic science graduate and undergraduate students, 3 credit course, Towson University, Towson Maryland

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Aronica PA, Ahdab-Barmada M, Rozin L, and Wecht C. Sudden death in an adolescent boy due to a colloid cyst of the third ventricle. Am J Forensic Med Pathol. 1998 Jun;19(2):119-22.

Nichols L, Aronica PA, and Babe C. Are autopsies obsolete? Am J Clin Pathol 1998;110(2):210-8.

Aronica PA, Pirrotta VT, Yunis EJ, and Penchansky L. Detection of neuroblastoma in the bone marrow: biopsy versus aspiration. J Pediatr Hematol Oncol 1998 Jul-Aug;20(4):330-4.

Horn KD, Wax P, Schneider SM, Martin TG, Nine JS, Moraca MA, Virgi MA, Aronica PA, and Rao KN. Biomarkers of liver regeneration allow early prediction of hepatic recovery after acute necrosis. Am J Clin Pathol 1999 Sep;112(3):351-7.

Aronica-Pollak PA, Stefan VH, and McLemore J. Coronal cleft vertebra initially suspected as an abusive fracture in an infant. J Forensic Sci. 2003 Jul;48(4):836-8.

Levine B, Moore KA, Aronica-Pollak PA, and Fowler DF. Oxycodone intoxication in an infant: Accidental or intentional exposure? J Forensic Sci, Nov 2004;49(6):1358-1360.

Riudavets MA, Aronica-Pollak PA, and Troncoso JC. Pseudolaminar necrosis in cyanide intoxication: A neuropathology case report. Am J Clin Pathol 2005;26: 189-191.

Sklerov JH, Levine, B, Ingwersen KW, Aronica-Pollak PA, and Fowler D. Two cases of fatal amlodipine overdose. J. Anal. Toxicol 2006;30: 346-50.

Platform Presentation

Aronica-Pollak PA, Sharfstein JM, and Fowler DF. The Role of the Medical Examiner's Office in the Development of Regulations to Ban the Sale of Crib Bumpers in the State Of Maryland. To be presented at the National Association of Medical Examiners meeting in Baltimore, Maryland October 2012.

Abstracts and/or Proceedings

Aronica PA, Babe C and Nichols L. Undiagnosed Causes Death Uncovered at Autopsy. Presented USCAP meeting in Washington, DC March 1996.

Aronica PA, Kim J, and Nichols L. Can Radiologists Learn from Autopsies? Presented USCAP meeting in Orlando, Florida March 1997.

Aronica PA, Pirrotta V, Yunis E, and Penchansky L. Detection of Neuroblastoma in the Bone Marrow: Biopsies Versus Aspirates. Presented at the Society of Pediatric Pathology meeting held in conjunction with the USCAP meeting in Orlando, Florida March 1997. Gordon Vawter Award.

Horn KD, Aronica PA, Rao K, Virji M, Moraca M, Schneider S, Nine J, and Martin T. Biomarkers of Liver Regeneration Allow Early Prediction of Recovery Following Acute Hepatic Necrosis. Presented at the USCP/CAP meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania September 1997.

Aronica-Pollak PA, Silva RS and Zumwalt RE. Pediatric Motor Vehicle Passenger Fatalities: Restraint Use, Injury Types, and Fatality Trends. Presented at the National Association of Medical Examiners meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana September 2000.

Aronica-Pollak PA, Stephan VH, McLemore J and Stazzone M. Notochord Regression Failure Initially Suspected as an Abusive Fracture in an Infant. Presented at the AAFS meeting in Atlanta, Georgia February 2003.

Aronica-Pollak PA, Titus JM, Kutys RJ, Burke AP and Fowler DR. Sudden Death Following Recreational Activity in Marfan's Syndrome. Presented at the National Association of Medical Examiners meeting in San Jose, California September 2003.

Aronica-Pollak PA, Titus JM, Kutys RJ, Burke AP and Fowler DR. Anomalous Coronary Arteries and Sudden Death in Athletes. Presented at the National Association of Medical Examiners meeting in San Jose, California September 2003.

Aronica-Pollak PA, Mont EK, Fowler DR and Burke AP. Cardiovascular Pathology in Sudden Death Among Anabolic Steroid Users. Presented at the National Association of Medical Examiners meeting in San Jose, California September 2003.

Aronica-Pollak PA, Titus JM, and Fowler DR. Autopsy Findings in Hypothermia: A Five-Year Retrospective Study. Presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana February 2005.

Aronica-Pollak PA, Titus JM, and Fowler DR. Non-Traumatic Homicide Following Assault: 16 Cases - A Review of Investigation, Pathology, Toxicology, and Judicial Outcome. Presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting in San Antonio, Texas February 2007.

Aronica-Pollak PA, Titus JM, and Fowler DR. Two Fatal Pediatric Cases of Bowel Obstruction due to Fecal Impaction (One Due to a Mixed Trichobezoar). Presented at the National Association of Medical Examiners meeting in San Francisco, California September 2009.

Aronica-Pollak PA, Ripple MG, Troncoso JC and Fowler DR. Two Suicidal Deaths from Head Injuries Caused by Unusual Sharp Force Instruments and Review of the Literature. Presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting in Chicago, Illinois February 2011.

Phipps RJ, Ehrlinger E, Moore J, Abraham T, Levine B, Aronica P and Fowler D. Case Report: Cross-Reactivity of Mesalazine with Salicylate Immunoassay and Trinder's Reagent. Presented at Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan October 2014.

Zhang X, Phipps RF, Levine BS, Aronica P, Brassell MA, Warren WS, Ripple MG and Fowler DR. Postmortem Distribution of Acetyl Fentanyl. Presented at the Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting in Orlando, Florida February 2015.

Aronica PA, Titus JM and Fowler DR. Deaths due to Carbon Monoxide Intoxication involving Burning Charcoal Briquettes in Enclosed Spaces. Presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada February 2016.

Major Invited Speeches

April 1996 - Jimson Weed Intoxication at the Pittsburgh Pathology Society Meeting

May 1997 - Death Involving Neonates, Infants and Children at the Allegheny County Coroner's Office for the continuing education of investigators

January 1998 - Paraganglioma of the Urinary Bladder associated with Thrombocytosis at the Pittsburgh Pathology Society Meeting

May 1998 - Death Involving Neonates, Infants and Children at the Allegheny County Coroner's Office for the continuing education of investigators

September 1999 - Blunt Force Trauma and Motor Vehicle Accidents at the 26th Medicolegal Forensic Science Seminar sponsored by the Office of the Medical Investigator, Albuquerque, New Mexico

September 1999 - Drug Related Deaths Workshop at the 26th Medicolegal Forensic Science Seminar sponsored by the Office of the Medical Investigator, Albuquerque, New Mexico

May 2000 - What is Forensic Pathology? (How does the forensic pathologist help fight crime?) Taylor Middle School in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Summer 2001 and 2002 - Body Works Summer Camp at the Susan P. Byrnes Health Education Center assisting in the dissection of various animal organs for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders

June 2002 to July 2004 - Certification of Death, Internal Medicine Grand Rounds York Hospital, York, Pennsylvania; Franklin Square Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland; and St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland

November 2002 - Case Studies in Forensic Pathology: Radiologic Aspects for the Maryland Society of Radiologic Technologists, Ocean City, Maryland

April 2003 - Forensic Pathology and Death Investigation for the Howard County Police Department

Summer 2003 to 2008 - Who done it? Summer camp at the Susan P. Byrnes Health Education Center the role of the forensic pathologist in crime investigation

October 2004 - Sudden Unexpected Natural Death for Grand Rounds Department of Internal Medicine, York Hospital, York, PA

July 2005 - Guidelines for Obtaining Autopsies for Grand Rounds Department of Family Medicine, York Hospital, York, PA

October 2006 - Drug Related Deaths, Basic Techniques in Forensic Pathology and Forensic Science – Presented by the Medical-Legal Research and Education Association in cooperation with Harvard Associates in Police Science

March 2012 - Death Investigation of Vehicular Accidents - at the Biomechanics for Accident Reconstruction Class given in Prince George's County Maryland

October 2002, May 2004, October 2007, May and October 2010, September 2011, May 2012, April 2013, April 2014, April 2015, October 2015, April 2016 - Gunshot and Shotgun Wounds, Medical-Legal Death Investigation, Basic Techniques in Forensic Pathology and Forensic Science – Presented by the Medical-Legal Research and Education Association in cooperation with Harvard Associates in Police Science

July 2016 – Paradoxical Undressing- Presented at the Harvard Associates in Police Science 65th Annual Conference Advance Program, “Current Issues and Mass Death Investigations”

PRACTICAL FORENSIC EXPERIENCE

September 1994 - Volunteer at the crash site of Flight 427 outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

August 2001- Member of the scientific team at the exhumation of Carl Williams, Sr., York, Pennsylvania

October 2001 - Member of the scientific team at the exhumation of the presumed Boston Strangler, Albert DeSalvo, York, Pennsylvania

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Cc: "Bruce H. Colton" <BColton@sao19.org>, Tiauna Wood <TWood@SAO19.org>, G Wilson <GWilson@stluciesheriff.com>

Good Afternoon Ms. Koenig,

A FDLE Criminal History Background Check was performed by the SLCSO and it was clean/favorable as per Chief Deputy, Gary Wilson.

Douglas G. Baber, SHRM-CP

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Mr. Barber,

We've had an opportunity to review the appointment paperwork recommending Dr. Aronica. Was a criminal history check conducted? If so, can you please just let us know via email that it was favorable. If one was not completed, could the State Attorney's Office complete one and advise. An email will suffice.

Thank you,
Vickie

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Subject: District 19 Appointment

Importance: High

Ms. Koenig

Please see the attached on behalf of District 19 CME appointment. Please let me know if you need anything further.

Doug

Douglas G. Baber, SHRM-CP | Human Resources Director

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the procurement of eye, cornea, eye tissue, or corneal tissue and exempts licensed hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and district medical examiners.

Organ Donation (HB 1187, SB 1516) – These bills would prohibit health insurance policies from limiting or excluding coverage solely on the basis that the insured is an organ donor. It revises provisions relating to anatomical gifts, prohibits organ transplantation facilities from charging certain persons for specified services, requires ACHA to establish an Organ Transplant Technical Advisory Council, revises duties the Organ and Tissue Procurement and Transplantation Advisory Board, and provides duties of AHCA relating to organ donation.

Death with Dignity (SB 1800) – This bill would create the “Death with Dignity Act” and would provide criteria for qualified patients. It would require qualified patients to make oral and written requests for medication, require waiting periods before such requests may be made and such medication may be prescribed, specify requirements for attending physicians, and authorize the attending physician to sign the qualified patient’s death certificate.

ISSUE NUMBER 2: Nomination for District 19 Medical Examiner

Dr. Nelson began by thanking Dr. Jon R. Thogmartin (District 6) for his help with the Search Committee. Before his help, there were a very limited number of applicants, but after Dr. Thogmartin’s involvement, there were 14 applicants. Of those applicants, several were chosen to interview for the District 19 Medical Examiner, and on January 28, 2020, the Selection Committee selected Dr. Patricia Aronica for the position. Dr. Aronica is currently an associate medical examiner in Baltimore, Maryland. As of this past weekend, she has received her full unrestricted Florida medical license.

MS. WHITMORE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF PATRICIA A. ARONICA, M.D., AS THE DISTRICT 19 MEDICAL EXAMINER AND WAS SECONDED BY MS. SHEPPARD. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT DR. ARONICA BE RECOMMENDED TO THE GOVERNOR FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE DISTRICT 19 MEDICAL EXAMINER.

ISSUE NUMBER 3: Organ Procurement Organization 2019 Annual Report

Ms. Liz Lehr of LifeLink presented the 2019 Annual Report for Florida’s organ procurement organizations. Ms. Lehr reported that there were again zero transplant denials reported last year and thanked the medical examiners for the outstanding relationship they have with the organ procurement organizations in Florida. Ms. Lehr introduced Mrs. Gretchen Fowler, a donor mother, who spoke to the Commission about the importance of organ donation from the prospective of an organ donor’s family and thanked the Commission for their work.

ISSUE NUMBER 4: Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants – 2020 Proposals

Mr. Lucas informed the Commission that MEC Staff sent an e-mail to all districts on January 9, 2020, soliciting proposals for the 2020 Paul Coverdell Grant. Proposals from interested districts were due on January 24, 2020. Seventeen (17) districts submitted proposals with a total of \$49,092.01 in requested funds. As of February 6, 2020, the National Institute of Justice has not yet listed the 2020 grant solicitation, and it also was not listed as a forthcoming funding opportunity. At this time, it is unknown what amount of the grant will be allotted to medical examiners. If funds are granted, staff

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM MEDICAL EXAMINER

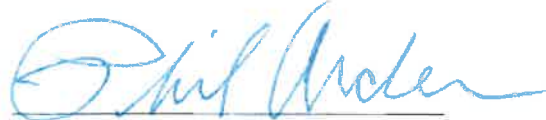
DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER, DISTRICT 24,

SEMINOLE COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA

I, PHIL ARCHER, State Attorney of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, Brevard and Seminole Counties, State of Florida, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the said State, do hereby appoint Barbara Wolf, M.D., to be Interim Medical Examiner of the 24th District to serve beginning on September 30, 2018, until further directed by the State Attorney, Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, or by order of the Governor of the State of Florida.

Said appointment authorizes BARBARA WOLF, M.D. to have, hold and exercise the said office and all the powers appertaining thereto, and to fulfill the duties thereof, and to receive the privileges and emoluments thereof in accordance with the requirements of law.

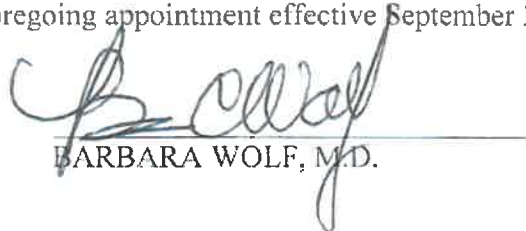
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I do hereunto affirm said appointment this 11th day of September, 2018, in Sanford, Seminole County, Florida.



PHIL ARCHER
STATE ATTORNEY
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF FLORIDA

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

I, BARBARA WOLF, M.D., certify that I am duly qualified to hold said office under the laws of the State of Florida and do accept the foregoing appointment effective September 30, 2018


BARBARA WOLF, M.D.

OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY

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September 28, 2018

Stephen J. Nelson, M.D.
Chairman of Medical Examiner's Commission
1021 Jim Keene Blvd.
Winter Haven, FL 22880

Dear Dr. Nelson:

I hereby name Barbara Wolf, M. D. as Interim Medical Examiner for Seminole County, District 24.

Sincerely,

PHIL ARCHER
STATE ATTORNEY



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September 17, 2020

Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
Plaza Level 05, The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis:

On August 14, 2020, the Medical Examiners Commission recommended that the incumbent District Medical Examiners from Districts 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 be reappointed for additional three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2020. No additional candidates were submitted to the Commission for consideration from any of these districts. The incumbent District Medical Examiners recommended for reappointment are:

District 18 Sajid S. Qaiser, M.D.
District 20 Marta U. Coburn, M.D.
District 21 Rebecca A. Hamilton, M.D.

District 22 Riazul H. Imami, M.D.
District 23 Predrag Bulic, M.D.
District 24 Barbara C. Wolf, M.D.

District 15 (Palm Beach County) and District 17 (Broward County) have exercised the option to appoint a District Medical Examiner under Home Rule authority; therefore, no candidates are being submitted for these medical examiner districts.

In November 2017, the Medical Examiners Commission submitted a recommendation to appoint Michael Steckbauer, M.D., to fill the vacant District 16 Medical Examiner position for Monroe County. Surveys indicated that the Monroe County constituents are pleased with Dr. Steckbauer's performance over the past 3 years.

In March 2020, the Medical Examiners Commission submitted a recommendation to you to appoint Patricia A. Aronica, M.D., to fill the vacant District 19 Medical Examiner position for Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties.

The Commission recommends that Dr. Steckbauer and Dr. Aronica be appointed for full 3-year terms ending on June 30, 2023, along with the other District Medical Examiners named in paragraph one, above.

All candidates have submitted the *Questionnaire for Gubernatorial Appointments* electronically, as requested by your Appointments Office. If you have any questions, please contact me at (863) 298-4600 or the Medical Examiners Commission staff director, Mrs. Vickie Koenig, at (850) 410-8600.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P.
Chairman, Medical Examiners Commission

DISTRICT 24 REAPPOINTMENT - BARBARA C. WOLF, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office 18th Judicial Circuit				X
State Attorney's Office 18th Judicial Circuit	X			
Seminole Board of County Commissioners	X			
Seminole County Sheriff's Office	X			
Altamonte Springs Police Department	X			
Casselberry Police Department	X			
Lake Mary Police Department	X			
Longwood Police Department	X			
Oviedo Police Department				X
Sanford Police Department	X			
Winter Springs Police Department				X
HIGHLAND FUNERAL HOME				X
TRI-COUNTY CREMATION AND FUNERAL HOME				X
AMERICAN FAMILY FUNERALS & CREMATIONS				X
BALDWIN-FAIRCHILD FUNERAL HOME				X
BALDWIN-FAIRCHILD FUNERAL HOME				X
BALDWIN-FAIRCHILD OAKLAWN PARK CEMETERY & FUNERAL HOME				X
BALDWIN-FAIRCHILD FUNERAL HOME				X
BALDWIN FAIRCHILD ALTERNATIVES AT ALL FAITHS				X
NEWCOMER CREMATIONS, FUNERALS & RECEPTIONS				X
DEGUSIPE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY				X
DEGUSIPE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY				X
GRAMKOW FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY INC				X
COLLISON FAMILY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY HOWELL BRANCH CHAPEL				X
BANFIELD FUNERAL HOME				X
WILSON-EICHELBERGER MORTUARY				X
SUNRISE FUNERAL HOME				X
NATIONAL CREMATION AND BURIAL SOCIETY				X
PEOPLES FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
TRINITY MEMORIAL CHAPEL INC				X
WALDON PROFESSIONAL FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES				X
HAYES BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME				X
Seminole County Medical Society				X
TransLife				

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.*

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Wolf has provided outstanding service and I urge reappointment.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: *Phil Archer* Date: 1/19/2023

Name: Phil Archer - State Attorney

Agency Name: SAD - 18th Circuit

Agency Address: 2725 Judge Fran Jamison Way, Viera, FL 32940

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Capt. C. Love Date: 1-17-2023

Name: Carey Love

Agency Name: Seminole County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 100 Eslinger Way, Sanford, FL 32773

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Amy Lockhart Date: 1/24/23

Name: AMY LOCKHART

Agency Name: SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD of County Commissioners

Agency Address: 1101 E. FIRST ST, SANFORD, FL 32771

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

No need for improvement - Dr. Wolf has always been very knowledgeable in her field and approachable/helpful.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/12/23
Name: Crime Scene Unit Manager Courtney Steffy
Agency Name: Altamonte Springs Police Dept
Agency Address: 175 Newburyport Ave, Altamonte Springs FL 32701

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Michael L. Biles Date: 1-23-23

Name: Michael L. Biles

Agency Name: Lake Mary Police Dept.

Agency Address: 165 E Crystal Lake Avenue
Lake Mary, FL 32746

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No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

[Handwritten Signature]

Date:

11/17/2023

Name:

CHIEF LARRY D. KRAWTZ

Agency Name:

CASSABERRY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address:

*4195 S. US HIGHWAY 17-92
CASSABERRY, FL 32707*

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POLICE CHIEF'S OFFICE

January 6, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Police Chiefs

From: Brett Kirkland, Ph.D., Bureau Chief
Medical Examiners Commission Staff

Subject: Gubernatorial Appointment of District 24 Medical Examiner

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NONE TO NOTE.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1/12/23

Name: DAVID P. DOWDA; Police Chief

Agency Name: LONGWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 235 W. CHURCH AVE. LONGWOOD, FL 32750

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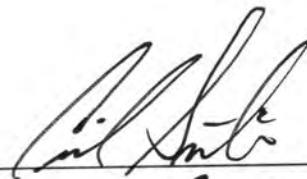
Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 01/27/23

Name: CECIL G. SMITH

Agency Name: SANFORD POLICE DEPT.

Agency Address: 815 GOLDSBORO BLVD SANFORD FL. 32771

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	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office, 5th Judicial Circuit	X			
State Attorney's Office, 5th Judicial Circuit	X			
Citrus Board of County Commissioners	X			
Hernando Board of County Commissioners	X			
Lake Board of County Commissioners	X			
Marion Board of County Commissioners	X			
Sumter Board of County Commissioners	X			
Citrus County Sheriff's Office	X			
Hernando County Sheriff's Office	X			
Lake County Sheriff's Office	X			
Marion County Sheriff's Office	X			
Sumter County Sheriff's Office	X			
Astatula Police Department	X			
Clermont Police Department	X			
Eustis Police Department	X			
Fruitland Park Police Department	X			
Groveland Police Department	X			
Howey-In-The-Hills Police Department	X			
Lady Lake Police Department	X			
Leesburg Police Department	X			
Mascotte Police Department	X			
Mount Dora Police Department	X			
Tavares Police Department	X			
Umatilla Police Department				X
Bellevue Police Department				X
Dunnellon Police Department	X			
Ocala Police Department	X			
Center Hill Police Department				X
Wildwood Police Department				X
HEINZ FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION INC				X
MCGAN CREMATION SERVICE LLC				X
STRICKLAND FUNERAL HOME				X
FERO FUNERAL HOME WITH CREMATORY				X
BROWN FUNERAL HOME				X
WILDER FUNERAL HOME	X			
CHARLES E DAVIS FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
HOOPER FUNERAL HOMES INC				X
HOOPER FUNERAL HOMES INC				X
HOOPER FUNERAL HOMES INC				X
DOWNING FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC				X
SELLERS FUNERAL HOME INC				X
JT CAMPBELL FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES				X
MACEDONIA CHAPEL LLC				X
FAMILY OWNED SERVICE COMPANY INC				X
FAMILY OWNED SERVICE COMPANY INC				X
FAMILY OWNED SERVICE COMPANY INC				X
DOWNING FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICE INC				X
MERRITT FUNERAL HOME INC-SPRING HILL CHAPEL				X
JACOBS FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
PINECREST MARINER BOULEVARD INC	X			
SE FUNERAL HOMES OF FLORIDA LLC				X
BALDWIN BROTHERS - SPANISH SPRINGS	X			
HARDEN-PAULI FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
BEYERS FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
BECKER FUNERAL HOME				X
FAMILY OWNED SERVICE COMPANY INC				X

FAMILY OWNED SERVICE COMPANY INC				X
EASTSIDE FUNERAL HOME INC				X
BEYERS FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
HAMLIN & HILBISH FUNERAL DIRECTORS				X
PAGE-THEUS FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES - LEESBURG	X			
STEVERSON HAMLIN & HILBISH FUNERALS AND CREMATIONS				X
BEYERS FUNERAL HOME INC				X
BEYERS FUNERAL HOME INC				X
HAYES BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME	X			
NUR-JAIRAM FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
ROCKER-CUSACK MORTUARY				X
STONEMOR FLORIDA SUBSIDIARY LLC				X
BALDWIN BROTHERS - BURLEIGH	X			
FLOYD'S FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
BECKER FUNERAL HOME INC				X
HADLEY-BROWN FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
BALDWIN BROTHERS - WILDWOOD	X			
ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME OF DUNNELLON LLC	X			
GRATITUDE AND COMPASSION LLC				X
GRATITUDE AND COMPASSION LLC				X
BROWN MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE LLC				X
SNOW'S FUNERAL MINISTRY AND CREMATION SERVICES				X
FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME	X			
SUMMERS FUNERAL HOME				X
SELLERS FUNERAL HOME INC				X
FOUNDATION PARTNERS OF FLORIDA LLC				X
D&L REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS LLC				X
STONEMOR FLORIDA SUBSIDIARY LLC				X
NEPTUNE MANAGEMENT CORP				X
FOUNDATION PARTNERS OF FLORIDA LLC				X
HIERS-BAXLEY FUNERAL SERVICES	X			
BALDWIN BROTHERS MEMORIAL CARE SERVICES INC				X
STONEMOR FLORIDA SUBSIDIARY LLC				X
COUNTRYSIDE FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
PURCELL CHAPEL	X			
FOUNDATION PARTNERS OF FLORIDA LLC				X
NCS MARKETING SERVICES LLC				X
BANKS PAGE-THEUS FUNERAL HOME WILDWOOD	X			
ANDERSON-HENCE FUNERAL HOME				X
BALDWIN BROTHERS MEMORIAL CARE SERVICES INC				X
FOUNDATION PARTNERS OF FLORIDA LLC				X
Lake-Sumter Medical Society	X			
Marion Medical Society				X
LifeQuest	X			
OurLegacy	X			
LifeLink	X			

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 5 Medical Examiner
Barbara C. Wolf, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

NONE NOTED, EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION AND RESPONSIVE TO AGENCY.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/25/2021

Name: MAJOR KENNETH HAYDEN

Agency Name: HERNANDO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Agency Address: 18900 COTER BLVD, BROWNSVILLE FL 34601

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

To continue to provide the professional level of service that your office is known for.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: April 8, 2021

Name: Kenneth D. Birkhofer

Agency Name: Eustis Police Department

Agency Address: 51 East Norton Avenue, Eustis, FL 32726

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We have no complaints in reference to the performance of Dr. Wolf.

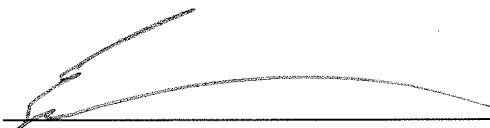
Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 01/14/21

Name: Erik D. Luce Chief of Police

Agency Name: Fruitland Park Police Dept.

Agency Address: 506 W. Berckman St Fruitland Park FL 34731

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

As a Detective with the Lee County Sheriff's Office, I worked with Dr. Wolf for many years. In 2017, when I became the Chief of the Groveland Police Department in Lake County, I was surprised, and pleased to learn that Dr. Wolf was the District 5 Medical Examiner. Dr. Wolf is very thorough, and very good at her job; she has my full confidence and continued support as the District 5 Medical Examiner.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Chief Shawn Ramsey Date: 01/14/2021

Name: Chief Shawn Ramsey

Agency Name: Groveland Police Department

Agency Address: 408 W. Orange Street, Groveland, FL 34736

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Results always timely, accurate and complete.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Mary Edmundson Date: 3-18-21

Name: Mary Edmundson

Agency Name: Dunnellon Police Dept.

Agency Address: 12014 S Williams St. Dunnellon FL

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DR. WOLF IS AN OUTSTANDING ASSET !

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 01/13/21

Name: MICHAEL BALKEN

Agency Name: OCAIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 402 S. PINE AVE. OCAIA, FL 34471

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I SINCERELY CANNOT THINK OF EVEN ONE IMPROVEMENT.

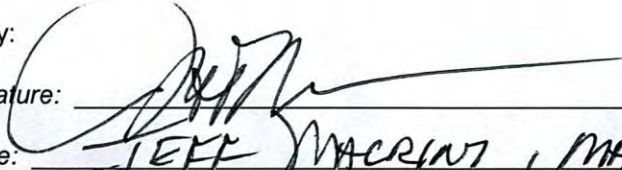
Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1/12/21

Name: JEFF MACRIN, MANAGING FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Agency Name: WILSON FUNERAL HOME

Agency Address: 4890 S. SUNCOAST BLVD. HOMOSASSA FL 34446

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The office staff is the most helpful to us FUNERAL HOMES
As it has ever been in my 30 yrs here!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

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THEY ARE PROFESSIONAL IN EVERY ASPECT.
HELPFUL, TIMELY WOULDNT CHANGE A
THING.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 02/25/2021

Name: DAVID ROSENBAUM

Agency Name: BEYERS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY

Agency Address: 1123 W. MAIN ST; LEESBURG, FL

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Please see attached.

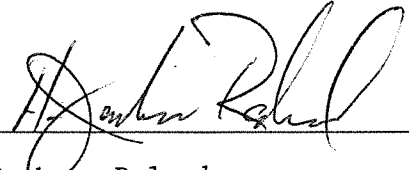
Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1/20/2021

Name: H. Jackson Roland

Agency Name: Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon

Agency Address: 19939 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Dunnellon, FL 34432

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January 20, 2021

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Re: District 5 Medical Examiner
Barbara C. Wolf, M.D.

To Whom It May Concern:

My office recently received a Recommendation for Reappointment for Barbara C. Wolf, M.D. as the District 5 Medical Examiner.

It is with great respect that I recommend Dr. Wolf to be reappointed to this position. In my career as a funeral director I have dealt with many medical examiners, but never have I had the privilege of dealing with one so professional, competent, and willing to work with both funeral homes and the public as Dr. Wolf. We in Florida are fortunate to have her and I strongly recommend that she be retained as the District 5 Medical Examiner.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Jackson Roland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

H. Jackson Roland
General Manager, Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 5 Medical Examiner
Barbara C. Wolf, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

STAFF IS VERY HELPFUL TO FURNISH THEM STAPLES
AND CLIENT FAMILIES

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1-18-2021

Name: William C. Lucas, Jr.

Agency Name: BANKS, PNC-Texas Funeral Home

Agency Address: 410 North Webster Street, Wilton, NC 28785

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District 5 Medical Examiner
Barbara C. Wolf, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

We appreciate Dr. Wolf's support

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: HAM. Bride Date: 3/28/2021

Name: Ginny McBride

Agency Name: Our Legacy

Agency Address: 601 S. Lake Destiny Rd Suite 400
Maitland, FL 32751

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DISTRICT 6 REAPPOINTMENT - JON R. THOGMARTIN, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office, 6th Judicial Circuit	X			
State Attorney's Office, 6th Judicial Circuit	X			
Pasco Board of County Commissioners	X			
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners	X			
Pasco County Sheriff's Office	X			
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office	X			
Dade City Police Department	X			
New Port Richey Police Department	X			
Port Richey Police Department			X	
Zephyrhills Police Department				X
Belleair Beach Marshals Office			X	
Belleair Police Department				X
Clearwater Police Department	X			
Gulfport Police Department	X			
Indian Shores Police Department	X			
Kenneth City Police Department	X			
Largo Police Department				X
Pinellas Park Police Department	X			
St. Petersburg Police Department				X
Tarpon Springs Police Department	X			
Treasure Island Police Department	X			
PREVATT FUNERAL HOME	X			
INTERNATIONAL CREMATION SERVICES	X			
COASTAL CREMATIONS - NEW PORT RICHEY	X			
FOUNDATION PARTNERS OF FLORIDA LLC				X
DIGNITY FUNERAL SERVICES INC				X
DIGNITY FUNERAL SERVICES INC				X
SEVEN SPRINGS - TRINITY CHAPEL INC				X
THOMAS B DOBIES FUNERAL HOME				X
HUDSON CHAPEL CREMATORY INC				X
TRINITY MEMORIAL GARDENS				X
NATIONAL CREMATION AND BURIAL SOCIETY				X
COASTAL CREMATIONS - LUTZ	X			
DOBIES FUNERAL HOME				X
MICHELS & LUNDQUIST FH	X			
NORTHSTAR FUNERAL SERVICES OF FLORIDA LLC				X
MORGAN FUNERAL HOME	X			
HODGES FAMILY FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
HODGES FAMILY FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
MILTON FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
FAUPEL FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
TR DALLAS FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES LLC				X
SCI FUNERAL SERVICES OF FLORIDA LLC				X
FOUNDATION PARTNERS OF FLORIDA LLC				X
FOUNDATION PARTNERS OF FLORIDA LLC				X
FOUNDATION PARTNERS OF FLORIDA LLC				X
FOUNDATION PARTNERS OF FLORIDA LLC				X
FOUNDATION PARTNERS OF FLORIDA LLC				X
SANCHEZ REHOBOTH MORTUARY LLC	X			
BEST CARE CREMATION LLC				X
NEPTUNE MANAGEMENT CORP				X
FOUNDATION PARTNERS OF FLORIDA LLC				X
THOMAS J BRETT FUNERAL HOME INC				X
DOBIES FUNERAL HOME				X
GARDEN SANCTUARY FUNERAL HOME	X			
RHODES FUNERAL DIRECTORS INC				X

ROYAL PALM NORTH FUNERAL CHAPEL				X
SMITH-YOUNG'S FUNERAL HOME INC				X
VETERANS FUNERAL CARE INC				X
SERENITY FUNERAL HOME	X			
SMITH FUNERAL HOME INC				X
CURLEW HILLS FUNERAL HOME	X			
ABBAY AFFORDABLE CREMATION & FUNERAL SERVICE				X
R LEE WILLIAMS & SON FH INC	X			
SCI FUNERAL SERVICES OF FLORIDA LLC				X
WOODY'S FUNERAL HOME INC				X
THOMAS J BRETT FUNERAL HOME INC				X
VINSON FUNERAL HOME INC				X
NORTHSTAR FUNERAL SERVICES OF FLORIDA LLC				X
PETE GRASSO JR				X
MOHN FUNERAL HOME	X			
SUNSET POINT CREMATION	X			
SE COMBINED SERVICES OF FLORIDA LLC				X
FAMILY OWNED SERVICE COMPANY INC				X
LAWSON FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC				X
SORENSEN FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
SE COMBINED SERVICES OF FLORIDA LLC				X
MOSS FEASTER FUNERAL HOME - CLEARWATER	X			
NORTHSTAR FUNERAL SERVICES OF FLORIDA LLC				X
DAVIS AND DAVIS FUNERAL SERVICES LLC				X
MCRAE FUNERAL SERVICES LLC	X			
HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
COASTAL CREMATIONS - ZEPHYRHILLS	X			
Pasco Medical Society				X
Pinellas Medical Society				X
LifeLink	X			

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 6 Medical Examiner
John R. Thogmartin, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

everything is fine - his office does an excellent job!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: *B.L. Bartlett* Date: 1-11-2021
Name: Bruce L Bartlett
Agency Name: State Attorney Office 6th Judicial Circuit
Agency Address: P.O. BOX 5028 CLW FL 33758

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

None. Dr. Thogmartin is exceptional!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Karen Williams Seel Date: 1/11/2021

Name: Karen Williams Seel

Agency Name: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

Agency Address: 315 Court Street, 5th Floor, Clearwater, FL 33756

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Favorable ☒

(EXCELLENT)

Please give suggestions for improvement.

HE IS ALWAYS ACCESSIBLE, RESPONSIVE,
INFORMATIVE AND ALWAYS MAKES HIS
PRESENTATIONS CONCISE AND WITH A HIGH

Unfavorable ☐

DEGREE OF PROFESSIONALISM. ALONG
WITH A BIT OF HUMOR

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Dave Eggers

Date:

1/15/2021

Name:

DAVE EGGERS

Agency Name:

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Thogmartin's office delivers unmatched service. His staff and their professionalism are extraordinary, and turnaround times for information and data are incredibly fast.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: January 25, 2021

Name: Commissioner Kathleen Peters

Agency Name: Pinellas Board of County Commissioners

Agency Address: 315 Court St., Ste. 516 - A, Clearwater, FL 33756

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

None needed. Does a Great Job!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 4/1/21

Name: JOE GUANTIERI

Agency Name: Tallahassee County Sheriff

Agency Address: 10750 U.S. 90, Largo, FL 33779

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

None. We receive excellent service.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Kim S. Bogart Date: 1/12/21

Name: Kim BOGART

Agency Name: NEW PORT RICHEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 6739 ADAMS ST. NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34652

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

NO DIRECT INTERACTION W/ DR. THOGMARTIN.
ALL INTERACTION WITH HIS DEPT + STAFF HAS ALWAYS
BEEN PROFESSIONAL AND COOPERATIVE

Completed by:

Signature: Capt. Michael Koch Date: 04/14/2021

Name: CAPT. MICHAEL KOCH

Agency Name: PORT RICHEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 6333 RIDGE ROAD PORT RICHEY, FL 34668

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

NO KNOWLEDGE MEDICAL EXAMINER

Completed by:

Signature: *[Signature]* Date: 1-11-21

Name: Lynn Rives

Agency Name: City of Belleair Beach FL

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

- WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN ~~DECREASE~~ IN TIME IT TAKES TO RECEIVE COMPLETED AUTOPSY REPORTS.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/11/20

Name: SGT. M. Lynch

Agency Name: PINELLAS PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 7700 59TH ST. N. PINELLAS PARK, FL 33781

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District 6 Medical Examiner
John R. Thogmartin, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

The PCME staff is wonderful and much friendlier & more helpful to Funeral Homes & families than other counties' ME offices. The only suggestion we have, if possible, would be for more detailed info on death certificates of drug overdoses (or, more detailed

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

info provided privately to the family if it can't be documented on the DC). Specifically, in terms of "Multi-Drug Toxicity" cases, as we field a lot of questions from families on these cases who feel they don't get complete answers from the ME. Special thanks to Lisa, Cherie, Dustin, & Mel who are all absolutely amazing.

Completed by:

Signature: Cheyenne Moore Date: 01/12/2021

Name: Cheyenne Moore

Agency Name: International Cremation Services

Agency Address: 4957 Marine Parkway, New Port Richey, FL

34652

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.*

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

definitely

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Pen Craven

Date: 1/26/2021

Name: PEN CRAVEN

Agency Name: GARDEN SAVORING TOWN HALL

Agency Address: 7950 131st St N SEMINOLE FL 33776

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District 6 Medical Examiner
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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Quicker time frame for cremation permits, please.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: BSJ Date: 1/11/21

Name: Brittney Taylor

Agency Name: Serenity Funeral Home

Agency Address: 13401 Indian Rocks Rd. Largo, FL

33774

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District 6 Medical Examiner
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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement. — NONE

Detached and well organized office. Staff is meticulous and very professional

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: *[Signature]* Date: 1/19/2021

Name: KEENAN KNOCKE

Agency Name: CURLEW HILLS MEMORY GARDENS

Agency Address: 1750 CURLEW ROAD, PALM HARBOR
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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one
option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

They are always very helpful and Professional

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

[Handwritten Signature]

Date:

1-12-21

Name:

Robin L. Williams

Agency Name:

R. Lee Williams & Son Funeral Home

Agency Address:

3530 49th St NW St Petersburg FL 33714

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District 10 Reappointment - Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Courts				
State Attorney's Office 10th Judicial Circuit	X			
Public Defender's Office 10th Judicial Circuit	X			
Sheriff's Offices				
Hardee County Sheriff's Office	X			
Highlands County Sheriff's Office	X			
Polk County Sheriff's Office	X			
Commissioners				
Hardee Board of County Commissioners	X			
Highlands County Administrator	X			
Polk Board of County Commissioners	X			
Police Departments				
Bowling Green Police Department	X			
Wauchula Police Department	X			
Lake Placid Police Department	X			
Sebring Police Department	X			
Auburndale Police Department	X			
Bartow Police Department	X			
Davenport Police Department	X			
Haines City Police Department	X			
Lake Alfred Police Department	X			
Lake Hamilton Police Department	X			
Lake Wales Police Department	X			
Lakeland Police Department	X			
Winter Haven Police Department	X			
Funeral Homes				
ROBARTS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME INC				X
PONGER-KAYS-GRADY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES				X
MICHAEL A BROCHETTI FUNERAL HOME INC				X
DOWDEN FUNERAL HOME	X			
SEAN A BANKS MORTUARY & CREMATION CENTER LLC				X
MORRIS FUNERAL CHAPEL				X
FOUNTAIN FUNERAL HOME	X			
STEPHENSON-NELSON FUNERAL HOME OF AVON PARK				X
SCOTT SEAWINDS FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY	X			
SWANN'S MORTUARY				X
STEPHENSON-NELSON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY	X			
OAK RIDGE FUNERAL CARE				X
OTT-LAUGHLIN FUNERAL HOME				X
HANCOCK FUNERAL HOME INC				X
HOLMES FUNERAL DIRECTORS				X
WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME IN BARTOW LLC				X
LAKELAND FUNERAL HOME				X
H W OLDHAM FUNERAL HOME				X
CHARLES A LEWIS FUNERAL HOME				X
LANIER FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES				X
RICHARD FUNERAL SERVICES INC				X
CONEY FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
STEELE'S FAMILY FUNERAL SERVICES	X			
EPPS MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME	X			
CANNON FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
HEATH FUNERAL CHAPEL INC	X			
KERSEY FUNERAL HOME				X
FAITH FUNERAL SERVICES	X			

GAUSE FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
DAVID-RUSSELL FUNERAL HOME				X
MARION NELSON FUNERAL HOME INC				X
MCLEAN FUNERAL HOME				X
OAK RIDGE FUNERAL CARE	X			
WHIDDEN-MCLEAN FUNERAL HOME INC				X
MARION NELSON FUNERAL HOME				X
OTT-LAUGHLIN FUNERAL HOME				X
JOHNELL CAVER YOUR HOME FOR FUNERALS INC	X			
ALEXANDER FUNERAL HOME INC				X
JOHNSON-NELSON-GILL FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
JAMES C BOYD FUNERAL HOME				X
CENTRAL FLORIDA CASKET STORE & FUNERAL CHAPEL	X			
A M SEIGLER FUNERAL HOME	X			
GENTRY MORRISON FUNERAL HOME - SOUTHSIDE	X			
GENTRY MORRISON FUNERAL HOME	X			
Medical Societies				
Highlands County Medical Society				X
Polk County Medical Association				X
LifeLink	X			

MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION

Recommendation for Reappointment

District 10 Medical Examiner
Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

No improvements needed. The Hardee County Sheriff's Office has a wonderful working relationship with Dr. Nelson and staff.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 01/00/2022

Name: Colonel James Roberts

Agency Name: Hardee County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 900 E. Summit St. Wauchula, Florida 33873

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 10 Medical Examiner
Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Frustration in length of time to get CABS
From the vendors - so cases can be closed -
Quicker Turn Around! - Steve + His team do
A Great Job!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 18 JAN 22

Name: GRADY JUD

Agency Name: POCK SHERIFF

Agency Address: 1891 Jim Keene Blvd Winter Haven FL

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 10 Medical Examiner
Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.*

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

No statement or suggestions for improvement. Dr. Nelson and his staff have always provided courteous and professional services to our investigators and are always willing to assist in any manner necessary.

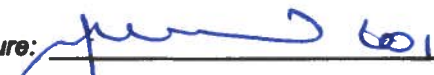
Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  X Date: 1/11/2021
Name: John M. Eason, Chief of Police
Agency Name: Wauchula Police Department
Agency Address: 128 S 7th Ave., Wauchula, FL 33873

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 10 Medical Examiner
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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.*

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Excellent communications between our office and Dr Nelson. He and his staff are always helpful and professional

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: James Fansler

Agency Name: Lake Placid Police Department

8 N Oak Ave Lake Placid FL 33852
Agency Address: _____

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.*

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

None noted. Dr. Nelson works great with all aspects of investigations.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Chief William A. Bodenheimer Date: _____

Name: Chief William A. Bodenheimer

Agency Name: Lake Alfred Police Dept.

Agency Address: 190 N. Seminole Ave. Lake Alfred, FL 33850

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

N/A - DR. NELSON PROVIDES A SUPERIOR LEVEL OF SERVICE.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

01/11/22

Name:

CHRIS VELASQUEZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

Agency Name:

LAKE WALES POLICE DEPT.

Agency Address:

133 E. TILMAN AVE. LAKE WALES, FL. 33853

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

DR. NELSON WORKS WELL WITH OUR AGENCY AND IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: David Brannan Date: 01/11/22

Name: DAVID BRANNAN CHIEF OF POLICE

Agency Name: WINTER HAVEN POLICE DEPT.

Agency Address: 125 NORTH LAKE SILVER DRIVE NW WINTER HAVEN, FL 33881

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

I have had the pleasure working with Mr. Nelson on several projects. His office is very professional.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Chad Lucas Date: 04.14.2022

Name: Steven J. Lucas

Agency Name: Scott Funeral Home (Formerly Miami-Dade ME Dept)

Agency Address: 504 W. 7th Ave. Suite 100 Miami, FL 33132

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

LEAVE ARTERIES FOR EMBALMING,
MORE VISIBLE FOR ACCESSABILITY

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature



Date:

1-10-2022

Name:

LAWRENCE J. EPPS, JR.

Agency Name:

EPPS MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

Agency Address:

445 SOUTH 4TH STREET, LAKE WALES, FL 33853

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	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Courts				
State Attorney's Office 12th Judicial Circuit	X			
Public Defender's Office 12th Judicial Circuit				X
Sheriff's Offices				
DeSoto County Sheriff's Office	X			
Manatee County Sheriff's Office	X			
Sarasota County Sheriff's Office				X
Commissioners				
DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners	X			
Manatee County Board of County Commissioners	X			
Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners	X			
Police Departments				
Arcadia Police Department	X			
Bradenton Beach Police Department				X
Bradenton Police Department				X
Holmes Beach Police Department	X			
Longboat Key Police Department	X			
Palmetto Police Department	X			
North Port Police Department				X
Sarasota Police Department	X			
Venice Police Department	X			
Funeral Homes				
PONGER-KAYS-GRADY FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES	X			
HICKSON FUNERAL HOME				X
COVELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES				X
WESTSIDE FUNERAL HOME INC				X
GRIFFITH-CLINE FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES INC				X
TOALE BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME SOUTH				X
AM CREMATION & FUNERAL CARE				X
BALDWIN BROTHERS	X			
ABUNDANT FAVOR MORTUARY INC				X
BRASOTA SERVICES INC	X			
SKYWAY MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES	X			
APOSTLE I FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
GROOVER FUNERAL HOME AT MANSION MEMORIAL PARK				X
ROBERT TOALE AND SONS FUNERAL HOME AT MANASOTA MEMORIAL PARK				X
BROWN AND SONS FUNERAL HOME				X
GULF COAST CREMATION & FUNERAL SERVICES				X
SHANNON FUNERAL HOMES PA				X
D ALAN MOORE LICENSED FUNERAL DIRECTOR				X
BROWN & SONS FUNERAL HOME				X
NATIONAL CREMATION AND BURIAL SOCIETY	X			
ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME INC				X
ROBERT TOALE AND SONS FUNERAL HOME AT PALMS MEMORIAL PARK	X			
TOALE BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME GULF GATE				X
TOALE BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME COLONIAL CHAPEL				X
JENNINGS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY				X
LEMON BAY FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES				X
KAYS-PONGER & USELTON FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATION				X
FARLEY FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY	X			
BALDWIN BROTHERS MEMORIAL CARE SERVICES INC				X
ALL VETERANS - ALL FAMILIES FUNERALS & CREMATIONS LLC				X
MALONEY FUNERAL HOME LLC	X			
JONES FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
GENDRON FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES INC	X			
SOUND CHOICE CREMATION	X			
FARLEY FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY				X
FARLEY FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY				X
ROBERT TOALE AND SONS FUNERAL HOME - WIEGAND CHAPEL	X			

District 12 Reappointment - Russell S. Vega, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
GENDRON FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES INC				X
YOUR TRADITIONS CREMATION & FUNERAL CHAPEL	X			
CHANDLER'S FUNERAL HOME	X			
TOALE BROTHERS INC				X
LifeLink	X			

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 12 Medical Examiner
Russell S. Vega, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement. - None

I strongly recommend Dr. Vega's reappointment as our District 12 Medical Examiner. He has our full support.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Ed Brodsky

Date:

1/12/2022

Name:

Ed Brodsky

Agency Name:

State Attorney's Office, 12th Circuit

Agency Address:

2071 Ringling Blvd Sarasota, FL

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 12 Medical Examiner
Russell S. Vega, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

I value Dr. Vega's expertise regarding death investigations. He is committed to ensuring that Law Enforcement agencies receive the assistance needed during complex investigations.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Charles R. Wells Date: 1-10-22

Name: Charles R. Wells

Agency Name: Mauwake County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 600 301 Blvd. West, Bradenton, FL 34205

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Vega's experience and capabilities are very much appreciated in our community.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Charles Thorpe Date: 1/12/2022

Name: Charles Thorpe, Police Chief

Agency Name: Venice Police Dept.

Agency Address: 1575 E. Venice Ave Venice, FL 34292

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.*

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Great Medical Examiner.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: CL Hays Date: _____

Name: Charles Hays

Agency Name: Grasoft Services Inc

Agency Address: 1410 Commerce Blvd Unit R Sarasota FL 34243

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

THEY ARE ALWAYS VERY HELPFUL.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____ Date: 1/10/2008

Name: KAREN TAYLOR

Agency Name: NATIONAL CREMATION SOCIETY

Agency Address: 1990 BEE RIDGE ROAD

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District 12 Medical Examiner
Russell S. Vega, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

They do a great job!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/10/22
Name: SCOTT E. KINNE, L.F.O., F.O.I.C.
Agency Name: YOUR TRADITIONS
Agency Address: 2118 CONSTITUTION BLVD, SEQ
34231

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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

SARASOTA ^{office} is great to work with!
The menatee employees really needs house Trainings
they are really rude to the funeral home staff.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 1/10/22

Name: Clyde L. Chandler III LFD & F

Agency Name: Chandler's Funeral Home

Agency Address: 1425 N. W. K. J. way Sarasota, FL,

34234

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District 14 Reappointment - Jay Radtke, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Courts				
State Attorney's Office 14th Judicial Circuit	X			
Public Defender's Office 14th Judicial Circuit	X			
Sheriff's Offices				
Bay County Sheriff's Office	X			
Calhoun County Sheriff's Office	X			
Gulf County Sheriff's Office	X			
Holmes County Sheriff's Office	X			
Jackson County Sheriff's Office	X			
Washington County Sheriff's Office	X			
Commissioners				
Bay Board of County Commissioners	X			
Calhoun Board of County Commissioners	X			
Gulf Board of County Commissioners				X
Holmes Board of County Commissioners	X			
Jackson Board of County Commissioners	X			
Washington Board of County Commissioners	X			
Police Departments				
Lynn Haven Police Department	X			
Panama City Beach Police Department	X			
Panama City Police Department	X			
Parker Police Department	X			
Springfield Police Department	X			
Altha Police Department	X			
Blountstown Police Department	X			
Port St. Joe Police Department	X			
Bonifay Police Department	X			
Cottondale Police Department				X
Graceville Police Department	X			
Marianna Police Department	X			
Sneads Police Department	X			
Chipley Police Department	X			
Funeral Homes				
WILSON FUNERAL HOME	X			
HERITAGE FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES LLC	X			
SOUTHERLAND FAMILY FUNERAL HOME	X			
AFFORDABLE FUNERAL CARE BY YORKSHIRE				X
KENT FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME				X
BATTLE MORTUARY				X
THE RICHARDSON GROUP FUNERALS & CREMATIONS INC				X
RUSSELL ALLEN WRIGHT SR MORTUARY	X			
HERITAGE SHORES FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CENTRE	X			
EMERALD SHORES CREMATION CENTRE	X			
PASCO GAINER SR FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
ADAMS FUNERAL HOMES INC	X			
PEAVY FUNERAL HOME				X
COMFORTER FUNERAL HOME	X			
SIMS FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
PEEL FUNERAL HOME	X			
PEOPLES FUNERAL HOME				X
MCKINNIE FUNERAL HOME	X			
MARIANNA CHAPEL FUNERAL HOME	X			
JAMES & SIKES FUNERAL HOME MADDOX CHAPEL	X			
VANN'S FUNERAL HOME	X			
JAMES & LIPFORD FUNERAL HOME	X			
MCALPIN FUNERAL HOME	X			
CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL				X
WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME				X
BROWN FUNERAL HOME				X
COOPER FUNERAL HOME	X			
SHANE OBERT FUNERAL HOME INC				X
PEEL FUNERAL HOME VERNON CHAPEL	X			
Medical Societies				
Emerald Coast Medical Association	X			
LifeQuest				
LifeQuest	X			

MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION

Recommendation for Reappointment

District 14 Medical Examiner
Jay Radtke, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

OUR SENIOR ASA ALL HAD POSITIVE COMMENTS ABOUT DR. RADTKE. HE TAKES TIME TO THOROUGHLY EXPLAIN HIS FINDINGS AND OPINIONS. HE HAS BECOME A VERY CREDIBLE AND EFFECTIVE EXPERT WITNESS. HE HAS RECENTLY ADDED ANOTHER PATHOLOGIST TO HIS STAFF WHO HAS ALSO EXHIBITED SOME OF THE NECESSARY QUALITIES TO BE A CREDIBLE EXPERT.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Larry Bradford Date: 2/22/22

Name: Larry Bradford

Agency Name: 14TH CIRCUIT STATE ATTORNEY

Agency Address: P.O. BOX 1040, PANAMA CITY, FL 32402

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 14 Medical Examiner
Jay Radtke, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Radtke is very knowledgeable of all matters within his field. He is accessible and a pleasure to work with.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Mike Harrison Date: 1-10-22

Name: MIKE HARRISON

Agency Name: GULF COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Agency Address: 418 CECIL G. COSTIN SR. BLVD, PORT ST. JOE, FL
32456

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District 14 Medical Examiner
Jay Radtke, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.*

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

NONE, DOES A GREAT JOB!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

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Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

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District 14 Medical Examiner
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How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

My staff and I are very happy with the service we receive.

Unfavorable ☐

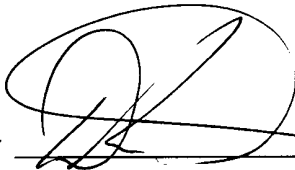
Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date: 02-11-2022

Name:

Chief Dennes Hutto

Agency Name:

Parker Police Department

Agency Address:

1001 W Park St, Parker, FL 32404

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District 14 Medical Examiner
Jay Radtke, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.*

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

NO ISSUES WITH DR. RADTKE


Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1-20-22

Name: CHRIS WELLS

Agency Name: BONIFAY PD

Agency Address: 809 S. WALKESHA ST., BONIFAY, FL 32425

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Jay Radtke, M.D.

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

WE FEEL THE OFFICE DECLINES TOO MANY CASES THAT THE DECEASED IS NOT UNDER DOCTORS CARE AND DEATH (CAUSE) IS QUESTIONABLE!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: *Suzanne S. Way* Date: 1-10-2022

Name: SUZANNE S. WAY

Agency Name: SOUTHERLAND FAMILY FUNERAL HOME

Agency Address: 100 E. 19TH ST., PANAMA CITY, FL 32405

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To: [Lucas, Steven](#)
Cc: [Kirkland, Brett](#)
Subject: RE: Fwd:
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 12:13:50 PM

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Hello Gentlemen,

We have concluded our review of our initial decline in this case and have been unable to find any information that would warrant further intervention by our office.

We obtained the medical records from the primary care provider as well as an inpatient stay at a local hospital. Based on Dr. Radtke's review, the decedent's condition was terminal and he had been non-compliant with his medical regimen. We obtained copies of the Springfield Police Department's report and MEO form that agency completed. Both document the lack of suspicion or foul play and attribute the death to natural causes.

Based on the lack of any scene evidence of suspicion and the PCP practice certifying the death as natural, this does not appear to meet Medical Examiner jurisdiction as described in 406.11. We will also proceed with approving the cremation request from Southerland Funeral Home.

Please let me know if you need anything else from us.

Whit

Whit Majors B.S. D-ABMDI

Director of Operations
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From: Lucas, Steven <StevenChadLucas@fdle.state.fl.us>
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 9:56 AM
To: Whit Majors <wmajors@baycountyfl.gov>
Cc: Kirkland, Brett <BrettKirkland@fdle.state.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Fwd:

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Thanks for the update, Whit! If you don't mind, please provide an update once you have addressed everything with the funeral home. That way any questions that may be asked can be answered.

Steven "Chad" Lucas

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From: Whit Majors <wmajors@baycountyfl.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 10:41 AM
To: Lucas, Steven <StevenChadLucas@fdle.state.fl.us>
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Hello all,

I just wanted to give you an update on this case. Yesterday, January 13, 2022, the medical director for the primary care clinic signed the death certificate. Dr. Deruiter certified the death as Cardiovascular Disease and Liver Cancer. He selected Natural for the manner of death. I can provide a copy if needed.

I have obtained records from the primary care clinic, I'm just waiting for more records from the Springfield Police Department. Once we have all the information needed, we can address the funeral home's request for cremation authorization and provide your office with another update.

If you have any other questions or need anything in the meantime, please let me know.
Whit

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From: Lucas, Steven <StevenChadLucas@fdle.state.fl.us>
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 2:17 PM
To: Whit Majors <wmajors@baycountyfl.gov>
Cc: Kirkland, Brett <BrettKirkland@fdle.state.fl.us>
Subject: FW: Fwd:

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Whit,

Per our phone conversation.

Thanks,

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From: STACEY SOUTHERLAND <staceysoutherlandfamily@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 2:26 PM
To: Lucas, Steven <StevenChadLucas@fdle.state.fl.us>
Subject: Re: Fwd:

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First let me say that we have a good relationship with the ME and his staff. They are great. But we do have cases on a regular basis that more investigation should be going into. A lot of it is law enforcement on scene's fault. The problem cases we have are unattended deaths. Meaning the person wasn't under home health care or hospice.

Here is a case I am working on right now.

1) Deceased male, DOB 7/2/68 (53 yrs. old) found dead 12/26/21.

The case was called in by Springfield police dept. TOD was called in to us as "last two hours", which is not a time of death.

The doctor on the MEO report was never contacted to make sure he would sign the DC. The ME declined the case. I am not sure how they based their decision to decline it if a doctor was not called. From what I am told, the landlord was on scene and may have told them info on the deceased.

Upon calling the doctor's office (which is a cancer doctor) to verify he would sign, we were told he would not sign as he did not pronounce the person and he had only seen him one time. I then asked them if they could give me a primary care name and they did. Upon calling the primary care, I was told by the nurse that the doctor would not sign. The deceased had only been seen one time and was seeking pain meds. She said the deceased was addicted to oxycodone and probably overdosed. She also said he was referred to a cancer doctor (which was the first doctor that declined)

I let the ME's office know all of this and they found a doctor that had seen the deceased in Gainesville. I called that doctor and he said he would not sign. Only saw the patient once. I again let the ME's office know that we still don't have a doctor. So they called the second doctor (the primary care) and tried to get them to sign it. I was told to send it back to the primary care (Friday Jan. 7th) and that the nurse was going to try to talk the doctor into signing it. As of today, we still do not have the DC signed. The doctor and nurse are both gone until Tuesday, January 18th so I cannot ask them what was decided.

The deceased's family is no help either. The daughter just got out of jail and all she wanted was his personal effects and keys to his truck. She is MIA. His wife is estranged from him too. At this time he is being considered as an unclaimed indigent case.

It is not the funeral homes job to have to go to this extent to find a doctor to sign a death certificate. When you have this much trouble that should be a red flag.

We feel that more effort should be put into securing a doctor before they are ever released from the scene. This is just one example of the issues with unattended deaths.

I have attached the paperwork regarding this case. If you notice on the second page there is no narrative or explanation of the scene. This person should have never been released to a funeral home.

Thanks,

Suzanne Southerland Way, LFD
Southerland Family Funeral Home

On Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 12:14 PM Lucas, Steven <StevenChadLucas@fdle.state.fl.us> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Can you provide any specifics of cases related to the comments made on the ballot?

Thank you,

Steven “Chad” Lucas

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From: STACEY SOUTHERLAND <staceysoutherlandfamily@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 4:40 PM

To: Lucas, Steven <StevenChadLucas@fdle.state.fl.us>

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 14 Medical Examiner
Jay Radtke, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.*

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

*M/E Tries in my opinion to bring closure to families
as efficient as possible.*

Completed by:

Signature: Alex B. McKinnis Date: 1/31/22

Name: Alex B. McKinnis

Agency Name: McKinnis Funeral Home

Agency Address: 5304 Bowden Hill Rd Campbellton, FL 32426

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Very favorable

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Chris R. Sikes LFD

Date:

2-15-2022

Name:

Chris R. Sikes LFD

Agency Name:

James + Sikes Funeral Home Manassas

Agency Address:

James + Sikes Funeral Home - Manassas

PO Box 328 Manassas, FL / PO Box 595 Graceville FL 32440

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

We are very happy with the job you are doing.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Charles B. Vann Date: 2/11/2022

Name: Charles B. Vann

Agency Name: Vann Funeral Home

Agency Address: 4265 Saint Andrews Street Marianna, FL 32448

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Appreciate their quick responses to questions by us or to families!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 2/1/2022

Name: Steven L. Padgett, LFD

Agency Name: James - L. Pford

Agency Address: POB 595 / 5390 Cotton St.

Graceville, FL
32440

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DISTRICT 15 ASSESSMENT - WENDOLYN SNEED, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office 15th Judicial Circuit				X
State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit	X			
Palm Beach Board of County Commissioners				X
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office	X			
Atlantis Police Department	X			
Boca Raton Police Services Department				X
Boynton Beach Police Department				X
Delray Beach Police Department				X
Gulf Stream Police Department	X			
Highland Beach Police Department				X
Juno Beach Police Department	X			
Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department				X
Jupiter Police Department	X			
Lake Clarke Shores Police Department	X			
Lantana Police Department	X			
Manalapan Police Department				X
North Palm Beach Police Department				X
Ocean Ridge Police Department	X			
Palm Beach Gardens Police Department				X
Palm Beach Police Department				X
Palm Beach Shores Public Safety Department				X
Palm Springs Public Safety Department				X
Riviera Beach Police Department				X
Tequesta Police Department				X
West Palm Beach Police Department				X
JOHNSON'S MEMORIAL CHAPEL INC				X
BROWN & BUSSEY FUNERAL SERVICES LLC				X
SHULER & PENDER FUNERAL SERVICE INC				X
KRONISH FUNERAL SERVICES				X
BOYNTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL LTD				X
STEVENS BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME				X
GUTTERMAN WARHEIT MEMORIAL CHAPEL				X
BABIONE-KRAEER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION CENTER				X
PALMS WEST FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY				X
SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC				X
TILLMAN FUNERAL HOME	X			
BABIONE FUNERAL HOME				X
I J MORRIS AT STAR OF DAVID OF THE PALM BEACHES				X
CAMEL FUNERAL HOME				X
QUATTLEBAUM FUNERAL, CREMATION AND EVENT CENTER				X
PALM BEACH MEMORIAL PARK FUNERAL HOME & CEMETERY	X			
LORNE AND SONS FUNERAL HOME				X
ALL COUNTY				X
GARY PANOCCH FUNERAL HOME & CREMATIONS OF BOCA RATON				X
EMMANUEL FUNERAL HOMES INC				X
RUBIN MEMORIAL CHAPEL				X
STRAGHN & SON TRI-CITY				X
NATIONAL CREMATION AND BURIAL SOCIETY	X			
DORSEY-E EARL SMITH MEMORY GARDENS FUNERAL HM				X
QUATTLEBAUM FUNERAL, CREMATION AND EVENT CENTER				X
HOWARD-QUATTLEBAUM FUNERAL, CREMATION AND EVENT CENTER				X
NORTHWOOD FUNERAL HOME				X
FUNERARIA DEL LAGO				X
AYCOCK-RIVERSIDE FUNERAL AND CREMATION CENTER				X
TORRES SANCHEZ FUNERAL HOMES				X
PREMIER FUNERAL SERVICES AND CREMATIONS INC				X
RIVERSIDE - IJ MORRIS AT STAR OF DAVID CEMETERY	X			
RIVERSIDE - STANETSKY MEMORIAL CHAPELS	X			

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	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
TAYLOR & MODEEN FUNERAL HOME				X
SCOBEE-COMBS-BOWDEN FUNERAL HOME	X			
GLICK FAMILY FUNERAL HOME				
MCWHITE'S FUNERAL HOME				
BELL & CLARK FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
BUTTS MEMORIAL CHAPEL				X
BETH ISRAEL MEMORIAL CHAPEL				X
NATIONAL CREMATION SOCIETY	X			
GLICK FAMILY FUNERAL HOME				X
SIDERS FUNERAL HOME INC				X
JEWISH DIRECT BURIAL AND CREMATION SERVICE				X
LAKESIDE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE	X			
ROYAL PALM MEMORIAL GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME				X
BETH ISRAEL MEMORIAL CHAPEL				X
BOCA RATON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICE				X
SHAWN JOHNSON FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES				X
PALM BEACH NATIONAL CHAPEL	X			
PAX VILLA FUNERAL HOMES				X
BROWN'S FUNERAL HOME				X
GLADES FUNERAL CHAPEL				X
TIMOTHY E KITCHENS FUNERAL HOME INC				X
Palm Beach County Medical Society				X
Life Alliance				X

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Assessment of Medical Examiner Services

District 15 Medical Examiner
Wendolyn Sneed, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

The biggest issue we have is the backlog of autopsies remaining from the COVID-19 and the delay in receiving reports and photographs

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 4/11/2023

Name: Reed P. Scott

Agency Name: Office of the State Attorney - 15th Circuit

Agency Address: 401 North Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Sneed is the consummate professional. No suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Capt. Lawrence F. Poston 4619 Date: 01/27/2023

Name: Lawrence Poston

Agency Name: Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 3228 Gun Club Rd. WPB FL 33406

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

I would like to see death cases from the Town be emailed to us automatically

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: *Paul Fertig* Date: *1-24-23*

Name: *Paul Fertig*

Agency Name: *Town of Juno Beach PD*

Agency Address: *340 Ocean Dr Juno Beach FL 33408*

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Cheryl Smith

Date: 1-19-23

Name: Wes Smith

Agency Name: Lake Clarke Shores Police Department

Agency Address: 1701 Barbados Rd, Lake Clarke Shores, FL

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1/17/23

Name: DEPUTY CHIEF MICHAEL BARBERA

Agency Name: JUPITER POLICE DEPT

Agency Address: 196 N. MILITARY TRAIL JUPITER, FL 33458

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.


Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1/12/23
Name: SEAN SCHELLER
Agency Name: LANTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Agency Address: 901 N. 8TH ST. LANTANA, FL 33462

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Richard Jones Date: 1/24/23

Name: Richard Jones, Chief of Police

Agency Name: Ocean Ridge Police Dept

Agency Address: 6450 N. Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge, FL 33435

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Pamela Jackson

Date: 1/13/23

Name: Pamela Jackson

Agency Name: Palm Beach Memorial Park

Agency Address: 3691 N Seacrest Blvd, Lantana FL 33462

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

3. Investigators are excellent
4. Cremation permit billing
Needs improvement

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

1. Morgue techs could
cut Carotid arteries
lower

2. Receptionist(s)
could exhibit more
assistance without
attitude

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: B. Zahn

Date: 1-12-2023

Name: B. Zahn

Agency Name: Tillman Funeral Home + Crematory

Agency Address: 2170 S. Military Trail

West Palm Beach, Florida 33415

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

If medically incomplete COD could be done faster, that would be great!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: M Russell Date: 1-13-2022

Name: MIRANDA RUSSELL

Agency Name: National Cremation Society

Agency Address: 814 Northlake Blvd, North Palm Beach,
FL 33408

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Chris Davern Date: 1-24-2023

Name: CHRIS DAVERN

Agency Name: IJ Morris at Stas of David

Agency Address: 9321 Memorial Park Rd Palm Beach Gardens,
FL 33480

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

No suggestions. The whole office and staff are very helpful and cooperative! and friendly!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Timothy W. Hensley

Date:

Jan. 14, 2023

Name:

Timothy W. Hensley

Agency Name:

Scobee-Combs-Bowden F.H.

Agency Address:

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33435

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District 15 Medical Examiner
Wendolyn Sneed, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

(When cases turn into M.E cases via medical records, families never know why & ask the funeral home. Many times the FH does not know. Families appreciate the heads up.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

1/17/2023

Name:

Amanda Achermann

Agency Name:

Riverside Stanetony Memorial

Agency Address:

7205 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach
FL, 33446

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

- Better Communication with the FHs
- Return phone calls when MSQs are left
- Receiving cremation approvals sooner.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1/12/2023

Name: S. Hoden

Agency Name: LAKESIDE FUNERAL HOME

Agency Address: 11347 Okeechobee Blvd, RPB, FL 33411

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Approve cremations especially those seen by M.E. Foster

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1-17-23

Name: Kari Hyatt

Agency Name: Palm Beach National Chapel

Agency Address: 10055 Heritage Farms Rd
Lake Worth FL 33449

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	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office 17th Judicial Circuit				X
State Attorney's Office 17th Judicial Circuit	X			
Broward Board of County Commissioners				X
Broward County Sheriff's Office	X			
Coconut Creek Police Department				X
Coral Springs Police Department	X			
Davie Police Department				X
Fort Lauderdale Police Department	X			
Hallandale Beach Police Department				X
Hillsboro Beach Police Department				X
Hollywood Police Department				X
Lauderhill Police Department				X
Lighthouse Point Police Department	X			
Margate Police Department				X
Miramar Police Department	X			
Pembroke Pines Police Department	X			
Plantation Police Department	X			
Sea Ranch Lakes Police Department				X
Seminole Police Department	X			
Sunrise Police Department	X			
Wilton Manors Police Department				X
EDEN FUNERAL SERVICES LLC	X			
A MORTUARY SERVICE LLC	X			
GARFIELD FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES				X
MATHEWS SERENITY FUNERAL HOME, INC				X
SCURRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES LLC				X
GENESIS FUNERAL HOME AND 495 CREMATION CENTER INC				X
CHERFILS FUNERAL HOME				X
MCCORMICK FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES LLC				X
PARADISE FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
L.C. POITIER FUNERAL HOME, LLC				X
AARON'S LOW COST			X	
BARBARA FALOWSKI FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES INC				X
KALIS-MCINTEE FUNERAL & CREMATION CENTER				X
FRED HUNTER				X
FRED HUNTER				X
FRED HUNTER				X
ST FORT				X
PAX-VILLA USA FUNERAL HOME INC				X
FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME SOUTH				X
EDWARDS CREMATION & FUNERAL SERVICES				X
STAR OF DAVID MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETERY AND FUNERAL CHAPEL				X
NAKIA INGRAHAM FUNERAL HOME INC				X
TRI-COUNTY FUNERAL SERVICES INC				X
PREMIER FUNERAL SERVICES AND CREMATIONS INC				X
BAILEY MEMORIAL				X
BELL'S FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES				X
BROOKS CREMATION AND FUNERAL SERVICE	X			
MCWHITES FUNERAL HOME				X
KRAEER-BECKER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION CENTER				X
KRAEER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION CENTER	X			
KRAEER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION CENTER	X			

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	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
TM RALPH FUNERAL HOME				X
FREEMAN FUNERAL HOME				X
KRAEER FUNERAL HOME				X
T M RALPH PLANTATION FH				X
KRAEER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION CENTER				X
MENORAH GARDENS AND FUNERAL CHAPELS	X			
ROY MIZELL AND KURTZ FUNERAL HOME INC				X
BROWARD BURIAL AND CREMATION	X			
JOSEPH A SCARANO PINES MEMORIAL CHAPEL				
KRAEER-FAIRCHILD FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION CENTER				X
LEVITT-WEINSTEIN MEMORIAL CHAPEL	X			
ALEXANDER-LEVITT FUNERAL AND CREMATIONS				X
SERENITY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION LLC				X
JOSEPH A SCARANO PRESIDENTIAL CIRCLE MEMORIAL CHAPEL				X
GRACE FUNERAL CHAPELS				X
ERIC GEORGE FUNERAL HOME				X
A GOOD SHEPHERD'S FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES LLC				X
AGAPE FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES LLC				X
ERIC L WILSON FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES PA				X
BROWARD FUNERAL CHOICES INC	X			
WILCOX FAMILY FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
CORAL SPRINGS FUNERAL HOME				X
JOHN HANKS MEMORIAL SERVICES	X			
RAHMING - POITIER FUNERAL DIRECTORS CORP				X
JAMES C BOYD FUNERAL HOME INC				X
FULLER BROTHER				X
CLARK & NORRIS HOME OF FUNERALS LLC				X
SAVINO-WEISSMAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES				X
GUIDING LIGHT FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
JOSEPH A SCARANO FUNERAL HOME INC				X
BELL				X
A J MANUEL FUNERAL HOME INC				X
LANDMARK FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
PLENITUD FUNERAL HOMES INC				X
EDEN FUNERAL SERVICES LLC	X			
NEPTUNE SOCIETY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION				X
WADE FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
NESHAMA JFS LLC				X
HORIZON FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES OF FLORIDA LLC				X
PANCIERA MEMORIAL HOME CHAPEL				X
BOYD FAMILY FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL				X
JOSEPH A SCARANO STIRLING MEMORIAL CHAPEL				X
BAIRD-CASE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE				X
BAIRD-CASE JORDAN-FANNIN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION	X			
NAKIA INGRAHAM FUNERAL HOME INC				X
Broward County Medical Association	X			
Life Alliance				X

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. MacDougall has been and continues to be an excellent Medical Examiner and runs the office as efficiently and professionally as possible given the budgetary restrictions and excessive case load she manages in Broward County. She is a pleasure to work with.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: January 24, 2023

Name: Stephen J. Zaccor, Esq.

Agency Name: State Attorney's Ofc. - 17th Circuit

Agency Address: 201 S.E. 6th St., Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33301

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Favorable ☒

Since appointment of Dr. Rebecca MacDougall as the 17th District Medical Examiner, the Broward Sheriff's Office has enjoyed an excellent working relationship with Dr. MacDougall, the associate doctors, and the entire investigative staff. As the ME's largest public safety partner in Broward County, our agency personnel and investigators work seamlessly with the doctor and her staff on medicolegal aspects of death investigations.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.



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Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: Colonel John Hale #9337

Agency Name: Broward Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 2601 W. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale FL 33312

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

FLPD HAS A SOLID WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OFFICE.
IN PART W/ MEDICAL-LEGAL INVESTIGATORS JOHN DELLAGHERIA
AND ORLANDO PORTILLO.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/18/2023

Name: SERGEANT TAREK BAZZI

Agency Name: FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 1300 W. BROWARD BLVD. FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33312

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

N/A

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Scott Myers Date: 1/23/23

Name: Captain Scott Myers

Agency Name: Coral Springs Police

Agency Address: 2801 Coral Springs Dr, Coral Springs, FL 33065

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

We experienced an issue in which blood was not eligible for testing by the ME. We were directed to the FDLE who then advised that Broward ME is responsible for the blood test. We ended up in a pass the buck loop for several days, contacting the ME, FDLE, and SAO before we were directed to UofM to arrange for testing. Turns out, Broward and the FDLE are in disagreement regarding some budget issues and who is responsible for what testing. I would suggest that the ME and FDLE come to an agreement in reference to testing. Other than that, the ME and their investigators always to a great job for us.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: David J. Dyess Date: 01/27/2023

Name: Administrative Sergeant David J. Dyess

Agency Name: Lighthouse Point Police Department

Agency Address: 3701 NE 22 Ave Lighthouse Point, FL. 33064

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Favorable ☒ *Great Working Relationship.*
Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐
Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐
Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: *[Signature]* Date: 1-25-23
Name: Acting Chief Jose Vargas
Agency Name: Miramar Police Dept
Agency Address: 11265 City Hall Promenade Miramar, FL 33025

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Overall our agency's experience has been favorable. The suggestions would be, when possible, to decrease the turnaround time for toxicological/cause of death reports. Another suggestion is to improve the response time of the body removal service.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: W. Howard Harrison Date: 1-20-2023
Name: W. HOWARD HARRISON, Chief of Police
Agency Name: Plantation Police Department
Agency Address: 451 NW 70th Terrace, Plantation, FL 33317

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

ME. in Broward has been very Responsive!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: DAVID HOWARD

Date: 1/14/2023

Name: DAVID HOWARD

Agency Name: Pembroke Park PD.

Agency Address: 3150 SW 52ND AVE Pembroke Park
FL. 33023

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

OUR AGENCIES WORK GREAT TOGETHER, HAVING M.E.
INVESTIGATORS ABLE TO RESPOND TO ADDITIONAL
DEATH SCENES

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Brad Hyatt Date: 1-25-23

Name: DET. BRAD HYATT

Agency Name: PEMBROKE PINES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 9500 PINES BLVD, PEMBROKE PINES
FL 33024

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

INCREASE OVERALL STAFFING. VERY CAPABLE AND
ACCOMODATING STAFF PERFORMING QUALITY WORK.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: John G. Auer Date: 1/20/2023

Name: JOHN G. AUER

Agency Name: SEMINOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 3101 N. STATE RD 7, HOLLYWOOD, FL 33021

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

I personally have worked cases with Dr. MacDougall over the years and have always valued her expertise. Our homicide detectives present day echo the same sentiments. Dr. MacDougall is an asset to our community.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Sk J. V.

Date: 1/20/23

Name: Deputy Chief Sean Viscers

Agency Name: Sunrise Police Department

Agency Address: 10440 W. Oakland Park Blvd.
Sunrise, FL 33351

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

FASTER SERVICE WHEN ASSIGNED TO
FUNERAL HOME EDRS. SOME WORK

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

NEEDS TO BE DONE PERTAINING
TO CUSTOMER SERVICE
WITH THE CALLS IN
TO THE FACILITY.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Tarynne McCartney Date: 01/18/2023

Name: TARYNNE MCCARTNEY

Agency Name: A MORTUARY SERVICE

Agency Address: 1832 N.W 29TH STREET OAKLAND PARK FL 33311
2300 W. OAKLAND PARK BLVD, OAKLAND PARK FL 33311
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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.


Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1/13/23

Name: Sean R. WALDRON

Agency Name: 504 NE 13th Street, Fort Lauderdale

Agency Address: Arcons Low Cost Cremation & Funeral

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Always helpful and responsive

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/11/2023

Name: Lawrence M. Schul

Agency Name: Elav Rural Services

Agency Address: 2450 W. Sample Road, Suite 2
Pompano Beach, FL 33067

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Favorable ☒ XX

Please give suggestions for improvement.

MAKE THE RELEASE FORM SO THAT FOLKS CAN USE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES,
INSTEAD OF REQUIRING PEN & INK SIGNATURES, WOULD MAKE THE PROCESS
MUCH SMOOTHER AND EASIER FOR FAMILIES.

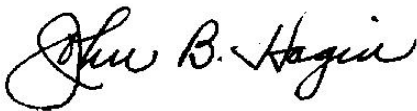
Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: January 24, 2023

Name: John B. "Jack" Hagin

Agency Name: Brooks Cremation & Funeral Service

Agency Address: 8250 W State Road 84, Davie, FL 33324-4620

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF WE CAN GET THE CREMATION APPROVALS QUICKER. I DO UNDERSTAND YOU ALL HAVE ALL OF BROWARD TO DEAL WITH. GET EVERYONE AT THE B.M.E. OFFICE ARE WONDERFUL & A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Joseph A. Consiglio-Hughes LAD Date: 1.15.2023

Name: JOSETTE A. CONSIGLIO-HUGHES

Agency Name: MEMORAH GARDENS

Agency Address: 21100 W. GRIFFIN RD., SW RANCHES, FL.
33332

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

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Signature:

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Name:

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WE LIKE THE ONLINE/EMAIL RELEASE
PROTOCOL. AS IT IS IMPROVED
SERVICE. WE WOULD ASK WHEN RESPONDING THAT
BODY IS RELEASED THE EMAIL WOULD CONFIRM DATE OF
DEATH + WEIGHT.

Unfavorable ☐

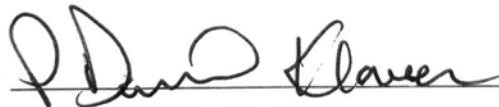
Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

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Name:

P. DANIEL KLAVER

Agency Name:

BROWARD BURIAL + CREMATION

Agency Address:

1801 E OAKLAND PARK BLVD, FT LAUDERDALE
33306.

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Assessment of Medical Examiner Services

District 17 Medical Examiner
Rebecca MacDougall, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.*

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Mark Ginsberg

Date: 1/12/23

Name: Mark Ginsberg

Agency Name: Levitt-Weinstein FH

Agency Address: 3201 N. 72nd Ave.
Hollywood FL 33024

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Broward Medical Examiner
does an excellent job

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

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Name: _____

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Thomas A Nicolette Date: 1-18-2023

Name: THOMAS A NICOLETTE

Agency Name: JOHN HAINES MEMORIAL SVCS

Agency Address: 2240 SW 70th AVE SUITE H1 DAVIE FL 33317

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Always helpful and responsive

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/11/2023

Name: Lawrence M. Schul

Agency Name: Elav Rural Services

Agency Address: 2450 W. Sample Road, Suite 2
Pompano Beach, FL 33067

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Everyone is very helpful & responsive

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1-15-23

Name: Joseph WATERWASH

Agency Name: Bird Case Jordan Fanning

Agency Address: 4343 N. Federal Hwy, Ft Lauderdale 33308

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

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Favorable ☒ XX

Please give suggestions for improvement.

MAKE THE RELEASE FORM SO THAT FOLKS CAN USE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES,
INSTEAD OF REQUIRING PEN & INK SIGNATURES, WOULD MAKE THE PROCESS
MUCH SMOOTHER AND EASIER FOR FAMILIES.

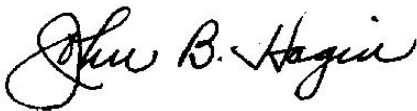
Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: January 24, 2023

Name: John B. "Jack" Hagin

Agency Name: Brooks Cremation & Funeral Service

Agency Address: 8250 W State Road 84, Davie, FL 33324-4620

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DISTRICT 18 REAPPOINTMENT - SAJID S. QAISER, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office 18th Judicial Circuit				X
State Attorney's Office 18th Judicial Circuit	X			
Brevard Board of County Commissioners	X			
Brevard County Sheriff's Office	X			
Cocoa Beach Police Department				X
Cocoa Police Department				X
Indianalantic Police Department	X			
Indian Harbour Beach Police Department				X
Melbourne Beach Police Department	X			
Melbourne Police Department				X
Melbourne Airport Police Department				X
Melbourne Village Police Department				X
Palm Bay Police Department	X			
Rockledge Police Department	X			
Satellite Beach Police Department				X
Titusville Police Department	X			
West Melbourne Police Department				X
BECKMAN-WILLIAMSON FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY	X			
BECKMAN-WILLIAMSON FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY				X
NORTH BREVARD FUNERAL HOME		X		
AMMEN FAMILY CREMATION AND FUNERAL CARE				X
LIFE EVENT CENTER AT FLORIDA MEMORIAL				X
AMMEN FAMILY CREMATION AND FUNERAL CARE				X
NEWCOMER CREMATIONS, FUNERALS & RECEPTIONS				X
AMERICAN BURIAL AND CREMATION				X
STONE FUNERAL HOME				X
AMMEN FAMILY CREMATION AND FUNERAL CARE				X
FOUNTAINHEAD FUNERAL HOME				X
DAVIS-SEAWINDS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY	X			
AMMEN FAMILY CREMATION AND FUNERAL CARE				X
STONE FUNERAL HOME				X
BEACH FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATION SERVICES	X			
BEACH FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATION SERVICES				X
ATLANTIC BURIAL & CREMATION SERVICE				X
BUGGS FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
LEWIS-RAY MORTUARY INC				X
BREVARD MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME				X
FUNERAL SOLUTIONS				X
WYLIE-BAXLEY FUNERAL HOME				X
BROWNLIE-MAXWELL FUNERAL HOME PA				X
ISLAND CREMATIONS LLC				X
Brevard County Medical Society				X
TransLife				X

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 18 Medical Examiner
Sajid S. Qaiser, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Qaiser is an outstanding M.E. and provides excellent service to the district. I highly recommend his re-appointment.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Phil Archer Date: 1/19/2023
Name: Phil Archer - State Attorney
Agency Name: SAO - 18th Circuit
Agency Address: 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940

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District 18 Medical Examiner
Sajid S. Qaiser, M.D.

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Frank Abbate Date: 1/18/23

Name: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Agency Name: Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

Agency Address: 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera FL 32940

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Gubernatorial Appointment of District 18 Medical Examiner – Comments:

- Dr. Sajid Qaiser leads a staff of 14, personally directing and/or performing an average of 38 autopsies per month
- Dr. Sajid Qaiser performs on average 461 autopsies per year
- Dr. Sajid Qaiser is Board Certified in AP, CP, FP and Canadian AP. He has had a full, unrestricted medical license in both Florida and Pennsylvania for over 25 years.

At this time, Brevard County supports Dr. Sajid Qaiser's reappointment as District 18 Medical Examiner.

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 18 Medical Examiner
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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Michael Gunnor Date: JANUARY 23, 2023
Name: MICHAEL GUNNOR, CHIEF OF POLICE
Agency Name: INDIALANTIC POLICE DEPARTMENT
Agency Address: 220 FIFTH AVENUE INDIALANTIC, FL 32903

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 18 Medical Examiner
Sajid S. Kaiser, M.D.

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Wayne Ivey

Date:

1/31/2023

Name:

SHERIFF WAYNE IVEY

Agency Name:

BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Agency Address:

700 PARK AVE, TITUSVILLE, FL. 32780

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 18 Medical Examiner
Sajid S. Qaiser, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

My Department has had no issues currently with our Medical Examiner. Continue doing a great job.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Melanie Griswold Date: 1-12-23

Name: Melanie Griswold

Agency Name: Melbourne Beach Police Department

Agency Address: 507 Ocean Ave, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 1/19/2023
Name: MARIANO AUGELLO
Agency Name: PALM BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Agency Address: 130 MALABAR RD. PALM BAY, FLA. 32907

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District 18 Medical Examiner
Sajid S. Qaiser, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

ON OCCASION, DR. QAISER CAN COME ACROSS CRASS TO OUR STAFF. HIS WORK IS FAVORABLE BUT HIS DEMEANOR CAN BE BETTER.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 01/26/2023

Name: JOHN LAU

Agency Name: TITUSVILLE P.D.

Agency Address: 1100 JOHN GLEN BLVD, TITUSVILLE FL 32780

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/12/2023

Name: J. LASATA

Agency Name: Rockledge Police Dept.

Agency Address: 1776 Jack Osles Blvd. Rockledge, FL 32955

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Sajid S. Qaiser, M.D.

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Faster Release of Pending DC's

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: *Joseph Smith* Date: 1-12-23

Name: Joseph Smith

Agency Name: Beckman Williamson FH

Agency Address: 5400 Village Drive Rockledge FL 32955

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☒

Please give reasons for negative response.

Brevard County is the only county we receive children with incisions on the face hands and arms leaving families with little options for viewing.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

The office is underfunded and always behind. Half-days before long holiday weekends create further delays and hurt our community. *See back

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

Courtney Charvet
North Brevard Funeral Home
1450 Norwood Avenue Titusville FL
32796

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Waived cases are often brought into our care only to be brought to the medical examiners often day and sometimes weeks delaying services and cremations, and doubling our transportation workload.

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

No Suggestions. The doctor has always provided timely + accurate paperwork for us.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Laura McCarthy Date: 1-12-2023

Name: Laura McCarthy

Agency Name: Davis-Seawinds Funeral Home

Agency Address: 560 Montreal Ave. Melbourne, FL 32935

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

I recommend the re-appointment of Dr. Qaiser as District 18 Medical Examiner. He is very professional & dedicated to his profession. Very Approachable!

Unfavorable ☐

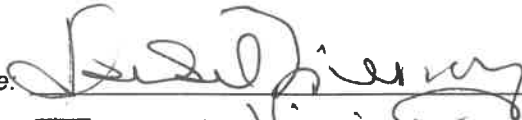
Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

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Name:

ISABEL VICTORIA

Agency Name:

Beach Funeral Home

Agency Address:

1689 S. Patrick Drive
Indian Harbour Beach, FL. 32937

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Bruce Buggs Date: 01-17-23

Name: BRUCE BUGGS

Agency Name: BUGGS F.H.

Agency Address: 2701 S. HARBOR CITY BLVD, MELBOURNE, FL

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DISTRICT 19 REAPPOINTMENT - PATRICIA A. ARONICA, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office 19th Judicial Circuit	X			
State Attorney's Office 19th Judicial Circuit	X			
Indian River County Board of County Commissioners	X			
Martin County Board of County Commissioners	X			
Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners	X			
St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners	X			
Indian River County Sheriff's Office	X			
Martin County Sheriff's Office	X			
Okeechobee Sheriff's Office	X			
St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office	X			
Fellsmere Police Department				X
Indian River Shores Police Department	X			
Sebastian Police Department				X
Indian Harbor Police Department				X
Ft. Pierce Police Department	X			
Vero Beach Police Department	X			
Stuart Police Department	X			
Okeechobee Police Department	X			
Jupiter Island Public Safety Department				X
Sewalls Point Police Department	X			
Strunk Funeral Home & Crematory Inc				X
Strunk Funeral Home & Crematory Inc				X
Cox-Gifford Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory				X
Seawinds Funeral Home	X			
Stone Brothers Funeral Chapel				X
Hortense & Miles Memorial Funeral Home Inc				X
Vero Beach Funeral Home Inc				X
Martin Funeral Home and Crematory Inc	X			
All County Funeral Home & Crematory				X
Thorne's Mortuary Inc				X
Forest Hills- Palm City Chapel				X
Aycock Funeral Home Young & Prill Chapel				X
Aycock Funeral and Cremation Center				X
Treasure Coast Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory				X
Aycock Funeral Home				X
Sarah's Memorial Chapel				X
Bell's Funeral Home & Cremation Services				X
Life Celebrations Mortuary Inc				X
Yates Funeral Home & Cremation Services				X
St Fort's Funeral Home Investment LLC				X
Aycock at Tradition				X
Haisley Funeral Home & Cremation Services	X			
Martin Funeral Home & Crematory St. Lucie Chapel	X			
Treasure Coast Cremation LLC				X
Buxton & Bass - Okeechobee Funeral Home & Crematory	X			
TransLife				X

MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION

Recommendation for Reappointment

District 19 Medical Examiner
Patricia A. Aronica, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Diamond R. Litty Date: Jun 18, 2023
Name: Diamond R. Litty
Agency Name: Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit
Agency Address: 216 S. 2nd St | Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 19 Medical Examiner
Patricia A. Aronica, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Increased funding. Otherwise she is doing an excellent job!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 11/13/23

Name: Thomas Bakke Dahl

Agency Name: State Attorney - 11th Circuit

Agency Address: 411 S. 2nd St., Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 19 Medical Examiner
Patricia A. Aronica, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.*

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 4/4/23

Name: Don G. Donaldson, County Administrator

Agency Name: Martin County

Agency Address: 2401 SE. Monterey Rd. Stuart, FL 34996

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 19 Medical Examiner
Patricia A. Aronica, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.*

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date: January 31, 2023

Name: Joseph R. Earman, Chairman

Agency Name: Indian River County Board of County Commis-

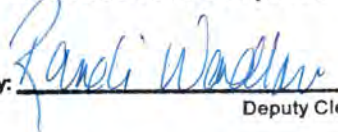
Agency Address: 1801 27th St. Vero Beach FL 32967 ^{Stoners}

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 2/10/23

Name: Eric Flowers

Agency Name: Indian River County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 4055 41st Ave, Vero Beach, FL 32960

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Deborah Manzo Date: 1/30/2023

Name: Deborah Manzo

Agency Name: Okeechobee County

Agency Address: 304 NW 2nd St, Okeechobee, FL 34972

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: January 12, 2023

Name: Christopher P. Dzadovsky

Agency Name: St. Lucie County Board of Commissioners

Agency Address: 2300 Virginia Ave, Fort Pierce FL 34982

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Favorable ☒

Patricia A. Aronica, M.D. has maintained a professional and positive relationship with the Martin County Sheriff's Office. She encourages and maintains open lines of communication with our administration and investigators. Dr. Aronica promotes high standards and values within the Medical Examiner's Office making the process clear for our investigators. We have developed a strong working relationship and favor her reappointment as District 19 Medical Examiner.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/19/23
Name: WILLIAM D. SNYDER, SHERIFF
Agency Name: MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Agency Address: 800 SE MONTEREY RD. STUART, FL 34994

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 1/18/13
Name: Det E. Stephen, Sheriff
Agency Name: Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
Agency Address: 504 NW 4th St Okla, Fla 34972

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

Jan 31, 2023

Name:

Ken J. Mascara

Agency Name:

St. Johns County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address:

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

MS
1/16/23
MARK Shaw
Indian River Shores Public Safety
6001 N. A1A Hwy Indian River Shores, FL 32963

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: David E. Curney Date: 1/13/2023

Name: David E. Curney - Chief of Police

Agency Name: Vero Beach PD.

Agency Address: 1055 20th Street Vero Beach, FL.

32960

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Sgt. [Signature] Date: 1-25-23

Name: Sgt. Charles R. Donnon

Agency Name: Ft. Pierce Police Dept.

Agency Address: 920 S US1 Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

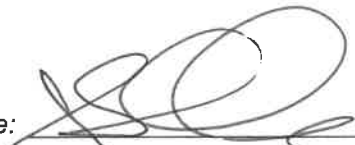
Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

1/17/23

Name:

CHIEF JOSEPH TUMMINELLI

Agency Name:

STUART Police DEPARTMENT

Agency Address:

830 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD, STUART FL 34994.

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 01/13/2023

Name: Tina Ciechanowski, Chief of Police

Agency Name: Sewall's Point Police Dept

Agency Address: 15. Sewall's Point Rd Sewall's Point FL 34956

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Our medical examiners office is very pleasant to work with, very accommodating.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 1/20/2023

Name: Susan King

VP + LFD + CO OWNER

Agency Name: Martin Funeral Home + Crematory

Agency Address: 714 SE Port St. Lucie Blvd, Port St. Lucie, FL.

34984

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Vito Hankins Date: 1-20-2023

Name: VICTOR HANKINS LFD FO44373

Agency Name: SEAWIND OKEECHUBEE

Agency Address: 3833 SE 18TH TERRACE OKEECHUBEE FL. 34974

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Excellent!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Date:

Name:

Agency Name:

Agency Address:

Ashley Williams
Date: *1/18-23*
Name: *Richard F. Haisley*
Agency Name: *Haisley Funeral Homes*
Agency Address: *3015 Okechobee Rd., Fort Pierce, FL 34947*

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1-12-23

Name: Matthew P. Buxton

Agency Name: Buxton + Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home

Agency Address: 400 North Parrott Ave. Okeechobee, FL 34972

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DISTRICT 20 REAPPOINTMENT - MARTA U. COBURN, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office 20th Judicial Circuit				X
State Attorney's Office 20th Judicial Circuit	X			
Collier Board of County Commissioners				X
Collier County Sheriff's Office	X			
Marco Island Police Department	X			
Naples Police Department	X			
ALL CREMATIONS OPTIONS	X			
BERGEN FUNERAL SERVICE INC				X
BRISTER FUNERAL HOME				X
NAPLES FUNERAL HOME INC				X
HODGES-JOSBERGER FUNERAL HOME				X
LEGACY OPTIONS LLC				X
GENDRON FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES INC				X
HODGES FUNERAL HOME AT NAPLES MEMORIAL GARDENS				X
FULLER CREMATION CENTER				X
MULLER-THOMPSON FUNERAL CHAPEL & CREMATION				X
FULLER FUNERAL HOME-CREMATION SERVICE	X			
FULLER FUNERAL HOME-CREMATION SERVICE	X			
Collier County Medical Society	X			
Life Alliance				X

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District 20 Medical Examiner
Marta U. Coburn, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

QD Jx

Date:

1/17/23

Name:

Amira D. Fox

Agency Name:

State Attorney

Agency Address:

P.O. Box 399, Fort Myers, FL 33902

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

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Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 3-30-23

Name: CHIEF TOM WESCHLER

Agency Name: NAPLES P.D.

Agency Address: 355 RIVERSIDE CIRCLE NAPLES, FL 34102

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: January 14, 2023

Name: Kim Baselli

Agency Name: All Cremation options

Agency Address: 501 Castello Dr. #3 Naples, FL 34103

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: January 14, 2023

Name:

Kim Borselli

Agency Name:

Fuller Funeral Home

Agency Address:

1625 Pine Ridge Rd. Naples, Florida 34109

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: R. Stollenberg Date: 1-17-23
Name: Richard Stollenberg
Agency Name: MARCO ISLAND PD
Agency Address: 51 BALD EAGLE DR. MARCO ISLAND FL. 34145

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Michelle Callahan Date: 1-13-2023

Name: Michelle Callahan

Agency Name: Fuller Funeral Home

Agency Address: 4735 Tamiami Trail East.
Naples, FL 34112

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Rebecca G. Smith Date: 2/28/23

Name: Rebecca G. Smith, M.D.

Agency Name: Collier County Medical Society

Agency Address: 88 12th St N Unit 200, Naples FL 34102

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DISTRICT 21 REAPPOINTMENT - REBECCA A. HAMILTON, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office 20th Judicial Circuit				X
State Attorney's Office 20th Judicial Circuit	X			
Glades Board of County Commissioners	X			
Hendry Board of County Commissioners	X			
Lee Board of County Commissioners	X			
Glades County Sheriff's Office				X
Hendry County Sheriff's Office				X
Lee County Sheriff's Office	X			
Clewiston Police Department				X
Cape Coral Police Department	X			
Fort Myers Police Department	X			
Sanibel Police Department	X			
CAMEL FUNERAL HOME INC				X
BRASOTA MORTUARY TRANSFER INC		X		
AKIN-DAVIS FUNERAL HOMES INC				X
AKIN-DAVIS FUNERAL HOMES INC				X
BALDWIN BROTHERS	X			
BALDWIN BROTHERS	X			
LEE COUNTY CREMATION SERVICES	X			
HODGES-KISER FUNERAL HOME				X
HARVEY-ENGELHARDT FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES	X			
HODGES FUNERAL HOME AT LEE MEMORIAL PARK	X			
FORT MYERS MEMORIAL GARDENS FUNERAL HOME	X			
NEPTUNE SOCIETY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION	X			
FULLER METZ CREMATION AND FUNERAL SERVICES			X	
MORTUARY SERVICES OF FLORIDA				X
CORAL RIDGE FUNERAL HOME & CEMETERY INC				X
HICKSON FUNERAL HOME INC	X			
NATIONAL CREMATION AND BURIAL SOCIETY				X
JAMES C BOYD FUNERAL HOME	X			
SHIKANY				X
AKIN-DAVIS FUNERAL HOMES INC				X
GENDRON FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES INC		X		X
BARRETT-MCKENZIE FUNERAL HOME INC				X
GENDRON FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES INC				X
MULLINS MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE				X
SHALOM FUNERAL CHAPEL LLC				X
A PEACEFUL GARDEN FUNERAL HOME INC				X
GALLAHER AMERICAN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
VALMARK MEMORIAL CREMATION WITH CARE	X			X
MULLINS MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE		X		
Anonymous Funeral Home				X
Lee County Medical Society	X			
Lifelink				X

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District 21 Medical Examiner
Rebecca A. Hamilton, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

1/17/23

Name:

Amira D. Fox, State Attorney

Agency Name:

State Attorney

Agency Address:

P.O. Box 399, Fort Myers, FL 33902

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 4-7-23

Name: CAPT Donald WEATHERS

Agency Name: HENDRY County Sheriff's OFFICE

Agency Address: 101 S. BRIDGE ST LA BELLE FL

33985

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 4/6/2023

Name: Timothy Stanley, Commission Chair

Agency Name: Glades County Board of County Commissioners

Agency Address: 500 Ave J SW Moore Haven, FL 33471

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Hamilton and her team have a long successful track record of working with law enforcement and for our community.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1/17/23

Name: Anthony Sizemore

Agency Name: Cape Coral Police Dept.

Agency Address: PO Box 150027 Cape Coral, FL 33915-0027

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement. *I HAVE NONE. HAS ALWAYS BEEN AVAILABLE AND EASY TO WORK WITH.*

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: *Brian Hamman* Date: *1/20/2023*
Name: *BRIAN HAMMAN*
Agency Name: *LEE CO BOCC*
Agency Address: *2120 MAIN ST. FORT MYERS, FL 33901*

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Fort Myers Police Department enjoys a good working relationship with Dr. Hamilton

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Randall Pepitone Date: 01/13/23
Name: Randall Pepitone, Acting Chief
Agency Name: Fort Myers Police Department
Agency Address: 2210 Widman Way, Fort Myers, FL 33901

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: William Dalton Date: 01-18-13

Name: WILLIAM DALTON

Agency Name: SANIBEL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 800 DUNLOP RD, SANIBEL FL 33957

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: DP Wilt Date: 1-17-23

Name: DEBRA L WILT

Agency Name: BALDWIN BROTHERS FUNERAL + CREMATION

Agency Address: 290 NICHOLAS PKWY, #19 CAPE CORAL FL 33991

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☒


Please give reasons for negative response.

Poorly run, Rude staff. Appointment System does not work. Families are waiting extended times for loved ones if we can not get appointment. Several conflicts of interest within the office. Families wait 6 plus hours for pick up because of. Some one needs to look into the County case calls. You will see a trend.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: _____

Name: Charles Hague

Agency Name: Brasota Mortuary Transfer

Agency Address: 1410 Commerce Blvd

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

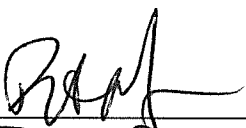
Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1/17/2023
Name: Bob Franklin General Manager
Agency Name: Baldern Brothers Mechanical Corp
Agency Address: 4320 Colonial Blvd, Ft Myers FL
33966

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Favorable ☒ - See Attached
Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐
Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐
Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/25/2023

Name: Kenneth Luff

Agency Name: Lee County Cremation Services

Agency Address: 1342 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 35907

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Our rating for the quality of The Lee County District 21 medical examiner is mostly favorable with a few suggestions for improvement. The personnel are always very professional to work with. We have limited interaction with Dr. Hamilton on a day to day basis but her staff are always amiable and knowledgeable. Some of the issues we have are with actual decedent pick up. The district 21 Medical Examiner's office schedules the release of loved ones by appointment. Only allowing one funeral home pick up per hour. This accompanied with the office closing daily for all employees to go to lunch at the same time, creates a bit of a scheduling problem. Most times same day transfer of decedents is not possible. Maybe this policy can be looked at and changed?

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☒

Please give reasons for negative response.

Please see attached letter.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1/25/2023

Name: Rachel Hauck

Agency Name: Harvey Engelhardt Funeral and Cremation Service

Agency Address: 1600 Colonial Blvd. Ft. Myers, FL 33907

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District 21 Medical Examiner

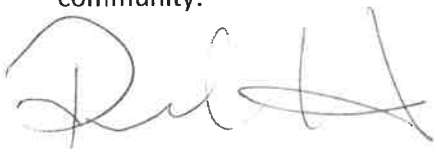
Rebecca A Hamilton, M. D.

Unfavorable:

My staff routinely has a difficult time getting cooperation from the District 21 Medical Examiner for release of decedents into our care. We are required to schedule appointment times, which alone is not an issue. The issue is that there are so few appointment times made available (1 per hour) that we are often told that pickups are not possible on any given day. The District 21 office is closed daily for lunch for an hour and a half (12pm to 1:30PM) and then they close again at 4pm. This creates a hardship for our families because it delays our ability to receive and prepare loved ones for viewing, identification by the next of kin and funeral services. Many families are trying to coordinate travel arrangements with multiple family members and only have a certain number of days that they are allowed to be away from work, school, etc. If a decedent is not released on a Friday because of a lack of appointment availability, the family has to wait the entire weekend before we can even get their loved one into our care, thus delaying any type of preparation for viewings and services.

The hours of operation are problematic with the Medical Examiner's Office, particularly surrounding holidays and weekends. While we appreciate that everyone needs their designated time off, we are all unfortunately working in a service that cannot be limited to a typical Monday through Friday 9 to 5 type of schedule. There have been several instances when Medical Examiner's office closes for multiple days around a three day weekend or over a holiday without allowing our staff to receive decedents or our administrators to receive cremation authorizations. This causes a major back up in our facilities regarding availability to embalm/prepare loved ones in a timely fashion and also to proceed with cremations. We have been told by the ME office that there is a shortage in staff over the weekends, but we also work with a limited staff at the funeral home on the weekends to make sure that essential tasks such as picking up decedents and performing cremations can be handled efficiently. We can't just completely shut down the care of the deceased just because it is a weekend or a holiday.

These are issues that could most likely be resolved with an open, constructive dialogue between the funeral homes and the District 21 Medical Examiner. I believe that many funeral homes share the same experiences and challenges which I have described. It may be helpful to have a meeting to allow the funeral homes to better explain their processes and how the policies of the District 21 Medical Examiner's Office affect our ability to care for the decedents and their grieving families expeditiously with professionalism and compassion. I appreciate the opportunity to share our point of view. Hopefully this will help to bring some insight into the cooperative function of our services to the community.



Rachel Hauck, LFD
Harvey Engelhardt Funeral Home

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

More care taken with autopsy incisions
More windows of time per day for pick ups.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Diane L Carr Date: 1/13/2023

Name: Diane L Carr

Agency Name: Hodges Funeral Home @ Lee Memorial Park

Agency Address: 12777 State Road 82 Fort Myers, FL 33913

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☒


Please give reasons for negative response.

Need to eliminate Apartments for picking up deceased. This stemmed from Covid. Covid practices are over.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 2/22/23

Name: Tim Haskell

Agency Name: Fort Myers Memorial Gardens

Agency Address: 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

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11/13/23
Neptune Society
6360 Residencial Ct Suite 1
FL Myers, FL 33919

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 2/2/23

Name: Brittany Hicks

Agency Name: Hicks Funeral Home, Inc

Agency Address: 3308 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd
Fl. Myers, FL 32916

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Properly train new team members in the proper care of the post mortem examination. Other than that, Dr. Hamilton and her team is doing an awesome job.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Erma T. Boyd-Dorsey

Date:

Jan 19, 2023

Name:

Erma T. Boyd-Dorsey

Agency Name:

James C. Boyd Funeral Home

Agency Address:

*2966 Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Blvd.
F/M 33916*

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☒

Please give reasons for negative response.

DR. HAMILTON IS THE WORST SELECTION FOR THIS POSITION. THIS IS THE
ABSOLUTE WORSE RUN MEDICAL EXAMINER OFFICE IN THE ENTIRE STATE OF FLORIDA
BOTH OPERATIONALLY AND ETHICALLY. WE ABSOLUTELY NEED A REPLACEMENT TO
BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

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Cell 239-340-6499

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1-12-23

Name: MARK DAVIS

Agency Name: CRIMINAL JUSTICE - WITH - CARE

Agency Address: 1635 COLUMBIA BLVD FT MYERS FL 33907

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☒

Please give reasons for negative response.

*Please see attached Letter

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature]

Date: FEB. 22, 2023

Name: Sheila Mullins

Agency Name: Mullins Memorial F.H. & Crem. Ser., INC.

Agency Address: 1050 NE 7th TER, Cape Coral, FL 33909

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(855) 242-0909 FAX
MullinsMemorial.com

February 22, 2023

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Attention: Ashley Williams
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To whom it may concern,

Please allow this letter to serve as my Unfavorable Opinion for Recommendation for Reappointment of District 21 Medical Examiner, Rebecca A. Hamilton, as the form provided did not allow enough space for my reasons.

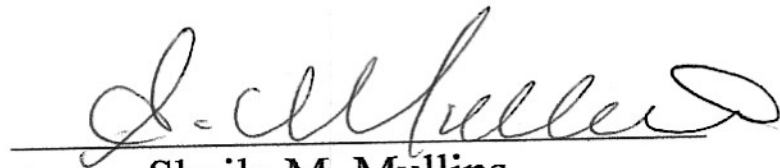
*This District is not community friendly; meaning, accommodating funeral homes and the citizens of this District come second to their own needs. Whether it is excessive days of being closed around holidays (5 days at one point where we could not pick up decedents or get cremation authorizations) or requiring scheduled pick-up appointments every single time, the office is run in a manner that sometimes delays grieving families plans because of the Medical Examiner's selfishness. It's not fair. Also, working around their one-and-a-half-hour lunch, every single day where they completely close, is self-serving and not a practical way to conduct business.

*The other thing that is not fair is the Medical Examiner has an agreement with a transport company and that agreement has been in place for over 15 years. It's ironclad. Suspicious if you will. In the process of this agreement the owner of the transport company, not a licensed funeral director or embalmer, buys a local funeral home and now solicits to grieving families on ME death scenes, for his funeral home. It is a HUGE conflict of interest and if the Commission does not agree that it is, then there really is no point in sending out these Recommendation Letters. Just go ahead re-appoint.

*I also understand the need and importance, for invasive postmortem examinations. However, some of the decedents look like they just came out of a gross anatomy lab. If the citizens of this District knew the extent of mutilation of their decedents by this ME, especially on infants, the Commission would have a much larger problem on their hands. It's awful and just not necessary.

Maybe these are not reasons to not reappoint. None-the-less, the Commission asked and I'm providing my honest opinion. And this opinion is not about me but rather the grieving families of District 21. And it's not a direct unfavorable opinion of Dr. Hamilton herself, but rather the manner in which she handles the very delicate business of the citizens of District 21.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Mullins', written over a horizontal line.

Sheila M. Mullins
Owner – Secretary

DISTRICT 22 REAPPOINTMENT - Russell S. Vega, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office 20th Judicial Circuit				
State Attorney's Office 20th Judicial Circuit	X			
Charlotte Board of County Commissioners				X
Charlotte County Sheriff's Office			X	
Punta Gorda Police Department				X
KAYS-PONGER & USELTON FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATION				X
CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME AND CEMETERY				X
JOHNSON-TAYLOR FUNERAL AND CREMATION				X
KAYS-PONGER & USELTON FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATION				X
SW FLORIDA FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES INC	X			
ROBERSON FUNERAL HOME-PUNTA GORDA CHAPEL	X			
ROBERSON FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY	X			
Charlotte County Medical Society				X
Lifelink				X

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Russell S. Vega, M.D.

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: ODJ Date: 3/27/23

Name: Amira D. Fox

Agency Name: State Attorney - 20th Circuit

Agency Address: P.O. Box 399, Fort Myers, FL 33902

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒ A committee has been formed to search for a M.E. for District 22 and a recommendation will be made to the Commission.
Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: W. Russell Date: 02/01/2023

Name: William Russell, Sheriff

Agency Name: Charlotte County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 7474 Utilities Rd. Punta Gorda, FL 33982

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Ross G. Schultz Date: Feb. 1, 2023

Name: Ross G. Schultz, Funeral Director in Charge

Agency Name: Roberson Funeral Home & Crematory -Punta Gorda Chapel

Agency Address: 215 Mary St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 22 Interim Medical Examiner
Russell S. Vega, M.D.

How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? Please select one option below and provide comments regarding your selection.

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

1/26/2023

Name:

Peter Chubenko

Agency Name:

SW Florida Funeral & Cremation

Agency Address:

2620 Highlands Rd. Punta Gorda FL 33983

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: Feb. 1, 2023

Name: Kenneth L. Roberson, Funeral Director in Charge

Agency Name: Roberson Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.

Agency Address: 2151 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

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DISTRICT 23 REAPPOINTMENT - PREDRAG BULIC, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender, Seventh Judicial Circuit	X			
State Attorney, Seventh Judicial Circuit	X			
Flagler County Administrator	X			
Putnam County Administrator	X			
St. Johns County Administrator	X			
Flagler County Sheriff's Office	X			
Putnam County Sheriff's Office	X			
St. Johns County Sheriff's Office	X			
Bunnell Police Department			X	
Flagler Beach Police Department	X			
Crescent City Police Department				X
Interlachen Police Department	X			
Palatka Police Department	X			
Welaka Police Department				X
St. Augustine Beach Police Department				X
St. Augustine Police Department				X
HERITAGE FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES				X
CRAIG FLAGLER PALMS FUNERAL HOME				X
HERITAGE FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICE				X
LOHMAN FUNERAL HOME PALM COAST				X
CLYMER CREMATIONS & FUNERAL HOME				X
CLAYTON FRANK & BIGGS FUNERAL HOME				X
TIMOTHY E KITCHENS FUNERAL HOME INC				X
PHILLIP & WILEY MORTUARY INC				X
WATTS FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION CENTER LLC				X
JOHNSON-OVERTURF FUNERAL HOME	X			
JOHNSON-OVERTURF FUNERAL HOME				X
KARL N FLAGG SERENITY MEMORIAL CHAPEL	X			
D A BOYD AND SONS FUNERAL HOME				X
PHILLIP & SONS THE FUNERAL HOME DIRECTORS INC	X			
LEO C. CHASE AND ASSOCIATES	X			
MASTERS FUNERAL HOME LLC				X
E W LAWSON & SON FUNERAL HOME				X
COLEMAN				X
PONTE VEDRA VALLEY INC				X
CRAIG FUNERAL HOME INC				X
ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY				X
Flagler County Medical Society				X
Putnam/St. Johns Counties Medical Society				X
LifeQuest Organ Recovery Services				X
TransLife				X

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

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Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Excellent services provided!


Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1-18-23

Name: RJ LAIZZA

Agency Name: STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 7TH CIRCUIT

Agency Address: 251 N RIDGEWOOD AV. DAYTONA BEACH FL 32114

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

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Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Hunter Conrad Date: 1/20/2023

Name: Hunter S. Conrad

Agency Name: St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Agency Address: 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine FL 32084

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 01/24/23

Name: Terry Turner, BOCC Chair

Agency Name: Putnam County BOCC

Agency Address: 2509 Crill Ave, Ste. 200 Palatka FL 32977

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Pleased with Dr. Thogmartin's service as Interim Medical Examiner and thoroughly pleased with Dr. Sneed's service since she was appointed.

Unfavorable ☐

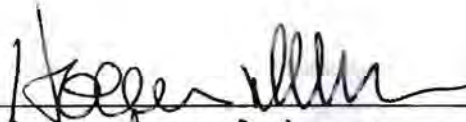
Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

3/28/23

Name:

H.D. "Gabe" DeLeach, III Sheriff

Agency Name:

Putnam County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address:

130 Orie Griffin Blvd, Palatka, FL 32177

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Rick Stacy Date: 1/19/22

Name: Rick Stacy, Sheriff

Agency Name: FLAARER COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

Agency Address: 61 SHERIFF EW JOHNSON, DR,
BUNNELL FL 32110

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AGENCY: 904.824.8304

EXAMINERS COMMISSION**Recommendation for Reappointment**23 Interim Medical Examiner
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Favorable ☒*Please give suggestions for improvement.***Unfavorable** ☐*Please give reasons for negative response.***No Opinion** ☐*Please explain your response.*

Completed by:

Signature: RAHDate: 1-13-2023Name: ROBERT A. HARDWICK, SHERIFFAgency Name: ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICEAgency Address: 4015 LEWIS SPEEDWAY, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL. 32084

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1-18-23
Name: Matthew P. Dargatzis
Agency Name: Flagler Beach Police Department
Agency Address: P.O. Box 36 Flagler Beach FL 32136

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: David Brannow Date: 01/13/23

Name: DAVID BRANNOU

Agency Name: BUNNELL PD

Agency Address: 1769 E. Moody Blvd, Bunnell, FL 32110

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Larry B. Wilburn

Date: 01-13-23

Name: LARRY B WILBURN

Agency Name: INTERLACHEN POLICE DEPT

Agency Address: 311 ATLANTIC AVE INTERLACHEN, FL

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THIS
INDIVIDUAL AS OF YET.

Completed by:

Signature: J. SLS Date: 1/20/2023

Name: JASON L. SHAW Sr

Agency Name: PALATKA POLICE DEPT.

Agency Address: 110 NORTH 11TH ST., PALATKA FL 32177

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Steve Overdorf Date: 1-12-2022

Name: Steve Overdorf

Agency Name: Johnson - Overdorf Funeral Home

Agency Address: 307 S. Palm Ave - Palatka, FL 32127

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

The District 23 Office provide Superior Services to Putnam, Flagler, + St. Johns County. They operate in the spirit of excellence and are very accommodating.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date: 01-12-2023

Name:

Karl N. Flagg

Agency Name:

Karl N. Flagg Serenity Memorial Chapel

Agency Address:

2400 Madison Street, Palatka, FL 32177

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: B. Phillip

Date: 1/12/23

Name: Bernard Phillip

Agency Name: Phillip & Sons The Funeral Directors Inc.

Agency Address: 310 State Road 26 Melrose, FL 32666

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Leo C. Chase, LFP

Date:

1/11/2023

Name:

Leo C. Chase, LFP

Agency Name:

Leo C Chase and Associates, Inc

Agency Address:

262 W. King Street

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