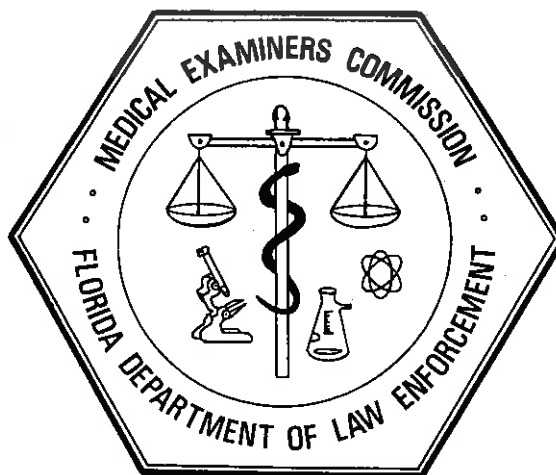




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June 5, 2014

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Dixie \*8

Hamilton \*4  
Lafayette \*2  
Madison \*2  
Suwannee \*2

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Hernando  
Lake  
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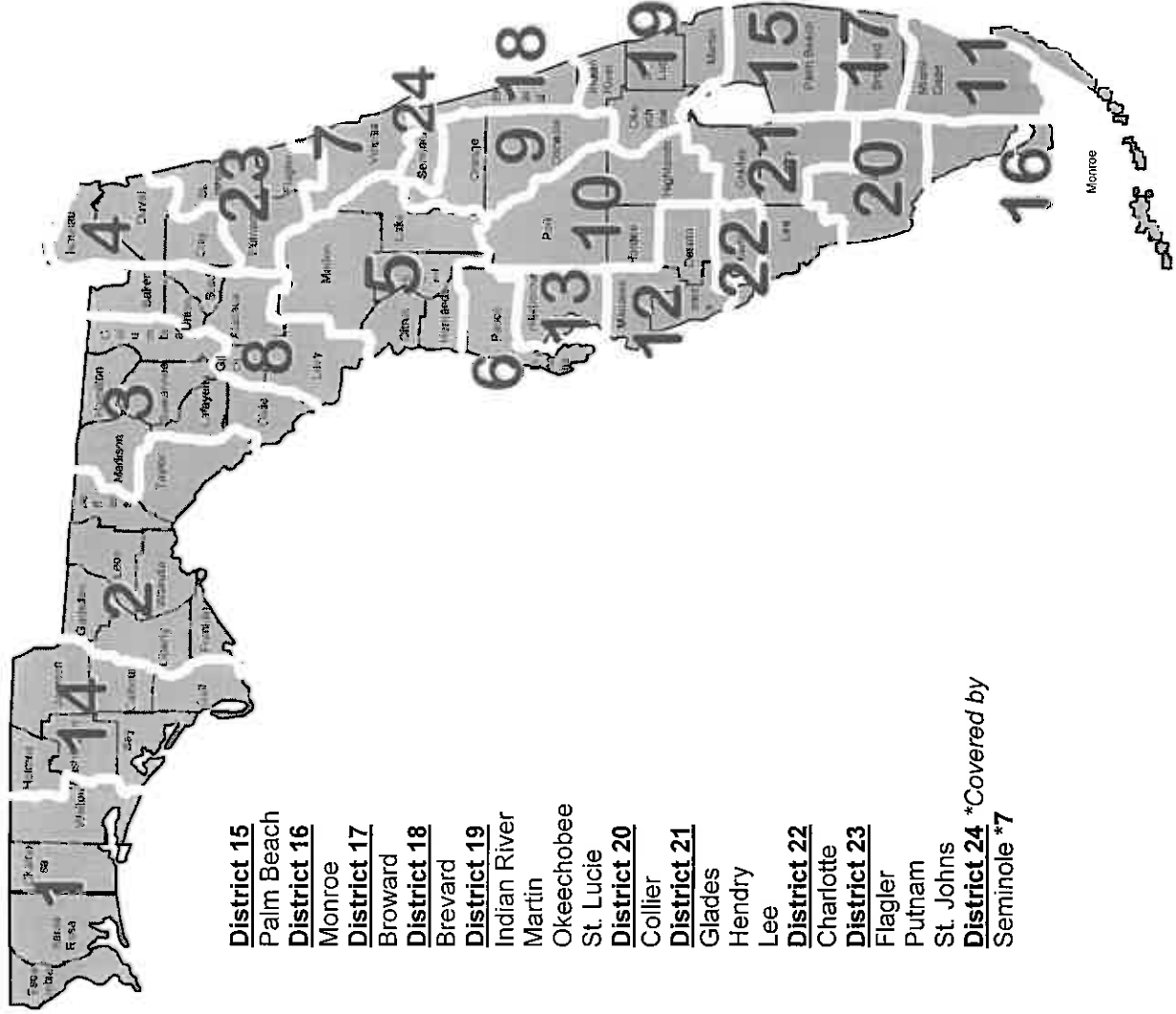
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June 5, 2014  
10:00 AM

Opening Remarks

Election of Commission Chairman

Introduction of Commission Members and Staff

Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes from previous Commission Meeting of February 18, 2014      TAB A

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## **MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING**

Sawgrass Marriott  
1000 PGA Tour Boulevard  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida  
February 18, 2014  
10:00 AM

Acting Chairman Robert J. Krauss called the meeting of the Medical Examiners Commission to order at **10:00 AM** at Sawgrass Marriott, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Commission members, staff, and audience members to introduce themselves.

### **Commission members present:**

Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., District 10 Medical Examiner  
Robert J. Krauss, J.D., Chief Assistant Attorney General  
Hon. James S. Purdy, J.D., Public Defender, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Ken Jones, Deputy State Registrar, Department of Health  
Robin Giddens Sheppard, L.F.D., Vice President/Funeral Director  
Hon. Rick Beseler, Sheriff, Clay County  
Hon. Angela B. Corey, J.D., State Attorney, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

### **Commission members absent:**

Bruce A. Hyma, M.D., District 11 Medical Examiner  
Hon. Carol Whitmore, County Commissioner

### **Commission staff present:**

Margaret Edwards  
Danielle Santiago  
Debbie Turvaville

Doug Culbertson  
Jim Martin  
Vickie Gardner

### **District Medical Examiners present:**

Jon R. Thogmartin, M.D. (District 6)  
Marie A. Herrmann, M.D. (District 7 & 24)  
Barbara C. Wolf, M.D. (District 5)

Valerie J. Rao, M.D. (District 4)  
Russell S. Vega, M.D. (District 12)

### **Other District personnel present:**

Jeffrey Brokaw (District 4)  
Lindsey Crim (District 7 & 24)  
Jeff Martin (District 1)  
Lindsey Bayer (District 5)  
Curtney Sprah (District 23)

Aurelian Nicolaescu, M.D. (District 4)  
Cathy Weldon (District 8)  
Kelly Boulos (District 23)  
Bill Pellan (District 6)

**Guests present:**

Linda Sullivan  
DiAnn McCormack  
Mary Bontti  
Lorraine Kratz  
Kethleen Patton  
Chris Delcher  
Kimberly Owens  
Lasonia Stewart  
Chandler Brownlee  
Nick Waite  
Chris Chronister  
Jennifer C. Pritt

Rebecca Sayer  
Angie Utz  
Michelle Watterson  
Neia Castellon  
Ricardo Comacho  
Mildred Maldunado  
Chris Bronaugh  
Karin Frosio  
Laurie Ripp  
Bill Cassarly  
Lynetta Oxendine  
Larry Cochran

**A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2013, MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING.**

**ISSUE NUMBER 1: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Status Report: MEC Appointment: Mr. Krauss reported that Dr. Nelson was appointed by Gov on Feb 13, 2014 thru July 1, 2016. Mr. Krauss congratulated Dr. Nelson on his appointment, and welcomed him back to the Commission.
- Status Report: District 4 Search Committee: Ms. Corey reported that five applications were received and that all five names were currently being vetted. Due to an ongoing high profile criminal case, Ms. Corey said that she requested a 90-day extension, which was granted by MEC Chairman Dr. Hyma.
- Ms. Edwards reported that Surveys and assessments for districts 15 through 24 were sent to the constituents of those districts in January 2014, to obtain feedback on the quality of services provided by the medical examiners in those districts. The response rate to date is low, and reminders will be sent to the constituents that have not responded. The results will be presented to the MEC at its second meeting in 2014.
- 2013 Interim Drugs in Deceased Persons Report: Ms. Santiago reported that most of the districts have submitted their data for the 2013 Interim Drugs in Deceased Persons Report, and that the report should be released in April, 2014.

- **2013 Annual Workload Report:** Ms. Santiago reported that the 2013 Annual Workload report will be released later in the year, and to please submit data as soon as possible. Ms. Santiago reminded everyone to still submit data on the old form, and that the new form will be used beginning with the 2014 Annual Workload Report data.
- **Coverdell Grant:** Ms. Santiago reminded those in attendance that the funds for the 2013 Coverdell grant would be released soon, but districts should not begin spending money on requested items until the funds were released. She also informed everyone that solicitations will soon begin for the 2014 Coverdell Grant.
- **Bills Filed for the 2014 Legislative Session:** Mr. Martin reported House Bill 301, which is sponsored by Representative Spano and co-sponsored by Reps. Baxley and Roberson, was filed for consideration by the Florida Legislature in the 2014 session. The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the medical examiner, or their respective counties, from charging a member of the public or anyone licensed under chapter 497 a fee for an examination, investigation, or autopsy performed pursuant to s. 406.11. A companion bill, SB 584, has also been filed, and both bills are expected to pass.

## **ISSUE NUMBER 2: ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION ANNUAL REPORT 2013**

Mr. Larry Cochran of LifeQuest presented the Organ Procurement Report for 2013. Mr. Cochran reported that there were no denials for whole organ donors, but there was one denial for partial organ donation. Mr. Cochran noted that the cooperation with Florida's medical examiners was outstanding, and that all of the organ procurement organizations were pleased with their relationship with the districts.

## **ISSUE NUMBER 3: DATA QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

District 12 Medical Examiner Russell Vega, M.D., readdressed the reporting of morphine in heroin deaths when the decedent was not taking morphine independently. Similarly, reporting metabolites has been questioned unless they are taken independent of the parent drug. Dr. Vega presented several examples explaining the proper reporting of metabolites and their parent drugs.

## **ISSUE NUMBER 4: THE EFFECT OF FLORIDA'S PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM ON OXYCODONE-CAUSED MORTALITY**

Mr. Chris Delcher gave a presentation regarding current trends in Oxycodone deaths following the PDMP and the shutting down of pill mills in Florida. Mr. Delcher showed that deaths due to Oxycodone were down significantly in the past two years, which was not unexpected. When asked if his data was available to the districts, Mr. Delcher explained that this data was being compiled as part of his doctoral dissertation, and was not ready for release at this time.

#### **ISSUE NUMBER 5: UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED INITIATIVE**

Mr. Culbertson informed the Commission and those in attendance that one success story was reported during the past quarter. In early 2013, District 20 took possession of unidentified remains that were found in early stages of decomposition with insect activity and multiple large defects of skin, which made the underlying bones visible. The body was located in a mangrove area off of State Road 92 and discovered by a fisherman.

In April of 2013, District 20 received a letter from the University of North Texas providing DNA identification between an unidentified male and Roman Reese. Mr. Reese's nuclear genetic profile was obtained from a convicted offender specimen reported by FDLE. Collier County Sheriff's office compared Mr. Reese's finger prints to that of District 20's unidentified male, which were found to be a match as well. Contact was made with the decedent's mother who resides in Miami and his skeletal remains were released.

#### **ISSUE NUMBER 6: MASS FATALITY PLANS**

Mr. Krauss reminded the District Medical Examiners that hurricane season is approaching, and now is a good time to make sure that all mass fatality plans are up to date. He informed them that, if needed, a template is available on the MEC website.

#### **ISSUE NUMBER 7: 2014 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Dr. Barbara Wolf informed the Commission District 5 will be hosting the 41<sup>ST</sup> Annual Florida Association of Medical Examiner Educational Conference. The conference will be held July 16-18, 2014 in Orlando at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress. The room rate will be \$137.00 per night with the resort fee waived, and reduced self-parking fees

#### **ISSUE NUMBER 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Krauss read the following resolution for former MEC member, District 12 Medical Examiner Russell S. Vega, M.D.

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 406, Florida Statutes, known as "The Medical Examiners Act," created the Medical Examiners Commission by its legislative enactment in 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, the Medical Examiners Commission plays a vital role in support of Florida's criminal justice system and in service to the families of the deceased by determining both the cause and the manner of death, and by protecting the public health of the citizens of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Russell S. Vega, M.D., has been the District Twelve Medical Examiner since 2003, serving Sarasota, Manatee and DeSoto Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vega was appointed by the Governor of Florida to the Medical Examiners Commission in 2008, as one of the Medical Examiner representatives, and during his tenure he has provided distinguished public service to the Medical Examiners Commission and to the citizens of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vega was a member of the working committee of the revised Practice Guidelines for Florida Medical Examiners, a document that contains the current practice standards for Florida medical examiners and is incorporated in Florida Administrative Code 11G; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vega has provided instruction for law enforcement in child death investigation seminars for Safe Kids, an organization dedicated to preventing childhood injuries, as well as providing instruction to TideWell Hospice, Kiwanis and the local Emergency Medical Services Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vega has expressed valued opinions and shown keen insight into the many important issues that have come before the Commission, and has contributed encouragement, sensibility and, when appropriate, humor to the many varied and often controversial discussions that have ensued at the Commission meetings he has attended over the years;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Medical Examiners Commission, on behalf of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida's medical-legal community, and the citizens of our State whom he served so capably, does hereby recognize and commend Russell S. Vega, M.D., for the dedication, service and valuable guidance he has offered to the Florida Medical Examiners System, and hopes that he maintains this same enthusiasm, professionalism, and success in all his future endeavors.

**PASSED AND RECORDED**, in the official minutes of the Medical Examiners Commission meeting on this Tuesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, in Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Johns County, Florida.

Mr. Krauss reported that the Florida Sheriffs Association would like to form partnerships with various organizations with the purpose of educating the public regarding the dangers of legalized marijuana. There was no discussion.

**With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 P.M.**

# **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**2013 INTERIM AND ANNUAL DRUGS  
IN DECEASED PERSONS REPORT  
AND  
2013 ANNUAL WORKLOAD REPORT  
AND  
COVERDELL GRANT**

## **Upcoming Deadlines**

### **Annual Workload Report**

- 2013 annual data are due by June 30, 2014.

### **Coverdell Grant**

- Reimbursement requests for 2013 grant are currently being accepted.
- We may not be receiving funding for 2015, so please plan accordingly.

### **Drugs in Deceased Reports**

- 2013 Interim report was released in May. It is available on the FDLE website.
- 2013 Annual report data should be submitted no later than June 30, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Santiago at (850) 410-8608 or by email [daniellesantiago@fdle.state.fl.us](mailto:daniellesantiago@fdle.state.fl.us)



## **2014 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

## Bills of Interest - 2014 Legislative Session

### Passed Bills

House Bill 697 "Relating to Controlled Substances"—The bill amends F.S. 893.03, by adding four new synthetic cannabinoids and two new phenethylamines to Schedule I of Florida controlled substance schedules. As a result, the criminal penalties relating to the possession, sale, manufacture, delivery, etc., of controlled substances now apply to these synthetic substances.

The substances added are as follows:

AB-PINACA (N-(1-Amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-pentyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide).

AB-FUBINACA (N-(1-Amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide).

ADB-PINACA (N-(1-Amino-3,3-dimethyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-pentyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide).

Fluoro ADBICA (N-(1-Amino-3,3-dimethyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(fluoropentyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxamide).

25B-NBOMe (4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxy-N-[(2-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-benzeneethanamine).

2C-C-NBOMe (4-chloro-2,5-dimethoxy-N-[(2-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-benzeneethanamine).

### Failed Bills

CS/House Bill 301 - Medical Examiners: Clarifies circumstances under which case must be referred to district medical examiner for determination of cause of death; prohibits user fees for specified services.

This Bill died in Local & Federal Affairs Committee on Friday, May 02, 2014.

Senate Bill 584 - Medical Examiners: Clarifying the circumstances under which a case must be referred to the district medical examiner for an investigation and determination of cause of death; prohibiting medical examiners from charging user fees for specified services involving a determination of cause of death.

This Bill died in Health Policy on Friday, May 02, 2014.

# **DISTRICT 4 SEARCH COMMITTEE**

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May 19, 2014

Doug Culbertson  
Medical Examiner's Commission  
2331 Phillips Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Dear Mr. Culbertson:

State Attorney Angela Corey and State Attorney Jeff Siegmeyer were Co-Chairs for the District Four Medical Examiner Search Committee. The duties of the committee have now been completed.

Enclosed are packets for each of the candidates who applied for the position of Medical Examiner for District Four. Included are Dr. Thomas Beaver, Dr. Arthur Copeland, Dr. Michael Hunter and Dr. Valerie Rao. There were two candidates who withdrew their applications, Dr. Jesse Giles and Dr. Adel Shaker. Included in each packet are the following:

- Application
- Questionnaire for Gubernatorial Appointments
- Background report

In the meeting on May 8, 2014 the recommendations were as follows (in order of ranking):

Dr. Thomas Beaver  
Dr. Valerie Rao  
Dr. Michael Hunter

There was not a recommendation made for Dr. Arthur Copeland.

If there is additional information I can provide you, please contact me at (904) 630-7062.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Bevel".

Jackie Bevel  
Staff Administrator

**CONSTITUENT INPUT FOR  
REAPPOINTMENTS OF MEDICAL EXAMINER  
DISTRICTS 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, & 24**

**DT. 18 – SAJID S. KAISER, M.D.  
DT. 19 – ROGER E. MITTLEMAN, M.D.  
DT. 20 – MARTA U. COBURN, M.D.  
DT. 21 – REBECCA A. HAMILTON, M.D.  
DT. 22 – RIAZUL H. IMAMI, M.D.  
DT. 23 – PREDRAG BULIC, M.D.  
DT. 24 – MARIE A. HERRMANN, M.D.**

**AND**

**CONSTITUENT INPUT FOR  
ASSESSMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER  
DISTRICTS 15, & 17**

**DT. 15 – MICHAEL D. BELL, M.D. (PALM  
BEACH COUNTY)  
DT. 17 – CRAIG MALLAK, M.D. (BROWARD  
COUNTY)**

**TERMS ENDING JUNE 30, 2014**

**MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION  
MEETING  
JUNE 5, 2014**

**DISTRICT 15 ASSESSMENT  
DR. BELL  
(PALM BEACH COUNTY)**

## DISTRICT 15 ASSESSMENT - DR. BELL

	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 Department	X			
Boynton Beach Police Department	X			
Delray Beach Police Department	X			
Greenacres 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 County School Police			X - hasn't	dealt w/DME
Palm Beach Gardens Police Department	X			
Palm Beach Police Department	X			
Palm Beach Shores Police Department				X
Palm Springs Police Department	X			
Riviera Beach Police Department	X			
South Palm Beach Police Department	X			
Tequesta Police Department				X
West Palm Beach Police Department	X			
All County				X
Aycock Funeral Home				X
Babione Funeral Home				X
Beth Israel Memorial Chapel				X
Boca Raton FH & Cremation Service				X
Boynton Memorial Chapel Ltd				X
Brown's Funeral Home	X			
Camel Funeral Home				X
Dorsey-E Earl Smith Memory Gardens Funeral Home				X
Emmanuel Funeral Homes Inc				X
Funeraria Del Lago				X
Gary Panoch FH & Cremations of Boca Raton	X			
Glades Funeral Chapel				X
Glick Family Funeral Home	X			
Guttermann Warheit Memorial Chapel				X
Howard-Price Funeral Home				X
Hudson Memorial Chapel Inc				X
I J Morris Funeral Directors				X
Johnson's Memorial Chapel Inc				X
Kraeer FH & Cremation Center				X
Lorne & Sons Funeral Home	X			
Mizell-Faville-Zern FH & Cremation Service				X
National Cremation and Burial Society				X
Northwood Funeral Home				X
Palm Beach Memorial Park FH & Cemetery				X
Palm Beach National Chapel LLC				X
Palms West Funeral Home	X			
Premier Funeral Services	X			

## DISTRICT 15 ASSESSMENT - DR. BELL

	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Quattlebaum Funeral & Cremation Services				X
Riverside Gordon Memorial Chapels				X
Royal Palm Funeral Home				X
Rubin Memorial Chapel				X
Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral Home				X
Shuler's Memorial Chapel				X
Shuler's Memorial Chapel Inc				X
Star of David Funeral Chapel of The Palm Beaches				X
Straghn & Son Tri-City				X
Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home	X			
Taylor Smith West Funeral Home Inc				X
Tillman Funeral Home & Crematory	X			
Timothy E Kitchens Funeral Home Inc				X
Torres Sanchez Funeral Homes				X
Weiss Memorial Chapel	X			
Palm Beach County Medical Society				X
Life Alliance				X



**DISTRICT 17 ASSESSMENT  
DR. MALLAK  
(BROWARD COUNTY)**

<b>DISTRICT 17 ASSESSMENT - DR. MALLAK</b>				
	<b>Favorable</b>	<b>Non-Favorable</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>No Response</b>
Public Defender's Office 17th Judicial Circuit			<b>X</b>	
State Attorney's Office 17th Judicial Circuit	<b>X</b>			
Broward Board of County Commissioners	<b>X</b>			
Broward County Sheriff's Office	<b>X</b>			
Broward District Schools Police	<b>X</b>			
Coconut Creek Police Department	<b>X</b>			
Coral Springs Police Department	<b>X</b>			
Davie Police Department	<b>X</b>			
Fort Lauderdale Police Department	<b>X</b>			
Hallandale Beach Police Department	<b>X</b>			
Hillsboro Beach Police Department	<b>X</b>			
Hollywood Police Department	<b>X</b>			
Lauderhill Police Department	<b>X</b>			
Lighthouse Point Police Department	<b>X</b>			
Margate Police Department	<b>X</b>			
Miramar Police Department	<b>X</b>			
Pembroke Pines Police Department	<b>X</b>			
Plantation Police Department	<b>X</b>			
Sea Ranch Lakes Police Dept.			<b>X</b>	<b>no interactions</b>
Seminole Police Department	<b>X</b>			
Sunrise Police Department	<b>X</b>			
Wilton Manors Police Department	<b>X</b>			
All Faith Funeral Chapel				<b>X</b>
Alternative Funeral & Cremation Care & Memorial Store				<b>X</b>
American Burial & Cremation Center at Jennings				<b>X</b>
Baird-Case Funeral Home & Cremation Service				<b>X</b>
Baird-Case Jordan-Fannin FH & Cremation				<b>X</b>
Barbara Falowski Funeral & Cremation				<b>X</b>
Boyd Family Funeral Home Chapel				<b>X</b>
Brooks Cremation	<b>X</b>			
E A Stevens Funeral Home				<b>X</b>
Eden Funeral Services	<b>X</b>			
Edwards Cremation & Funeral Services	<b>X</b>			
Forest Lawn Funeral Home				<b>X</b>
Forest Lawn Funeral Home South				<b>X</b>
Fred Hunter's Blackburn Homes				<b>X</b>
Fred Hunter's Funeral Home & Crematory				<b>X</b>
Fred Hunter's University Drive Home				<b>X</b>
Fuller Brother's Funeral Home Inc				<b>X</b>
Funeraria Panciera Chapel				<b>X</b>
Global Alternative Cremations & Funeral Choices				<b>X</b>
Grace Funeral Chapels				<b>X</b>
James C Boyd Funeral Home				<b>X</b>
Joseph A Scarano Pines Memorial Chapel				<b>X</b>
Joseph A Scarano Stirling Memorial Chapel				<b>X</b>
Kalis-Mcintee Funeral & Cremation Center				<b>X</b>
Kraeer FH & Cremation Center (Coral Springs)				<b>X</b>
Kraeer FH & Cremation Center (Pompano Bch)				<b>X</b>
Kraeer-Becker FH & Cremation Center				<b>X</b>
Kraeer-Fairchild FH & Cremation Center				<b>X</b>
Kraeer-Mason FH & Cremation Center				<b>X</b>
LandmarkFuneral Home	<b>X</b>			

<b>DISTRICT 17 ASSESSMENT - Dr. MALLAK</b>				
LePoitier Funeral Home	X			
Levitt-Weinstein Memorial Chapel				X
Maspons Funeral Home				X
McWhites Funeral Home				X
Menorah Gardens & Funeral Chapels				X
Nakia Ingraham Funeral Home Inc				X
Neptune Society				X
Nixon Funeral Service Inc				X
Panciera Memorial Home Chapel				X
Pax-Villa Usa Funeral Home, Inc				X
Premier Funeral Services	X			
Riverside Gordon Memorial Chapels				X
Roy Mizell & Kurtz Funeral Home Inc				X
Savino-Weissman Funeral Home	X			
Scurry Funeral Home Ltd				X
Star of David Memorial Gardens Cemetery & Funeral Chapel				X
T M Ralph Plantation Funeral Home				X
Tri-County Funeral Services				X
Wade Funeral Home				X
Wilcox Family Funeral Home				X
Broward County Medical Association	X			
Life Alliance				X

**DISTRICT 18 REAPPOINTMENT  
DR. QAISER  
(BREVARD COUNTY)**

## DISTRICT 18 REAPPOINTMENT - DR. KAISER

	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office 18th Judicial Circuit		X - email Qaiser		
State Attorney's Office 18th Judicial Circuit	X			
Brevard Board of County Commissioners	X			
Brevard County Sheriff's Office	X			
Brevard Public Schools, District Security	X			
Cocoa Beach Police Department	X			
Cocoa Police Department	X			
Indianalantic Police Department	X			
Indian Harbour Beach Police Department	X			
Melbourne Airport Police Department	X			
Melbourne Beach Police Dept	X			
Melbourne Police Department	X			
Melbourne Village Police Department	X			
Palm Bay Police Department	X			
Port Canaveral Police Department	X			
Rockledge Police Department	X			
Satellite Beach Police Department	X			
Titusville Police Department	X			
West Melbourne Police Department	X			
Atlantic Mortuary	X			
Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home				X
Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home				X
Bevis-Roy Mortuary	X			
Brevard Memorial Funeral Home				X
Brevard North Funeral Home				X
Brownlie-Maxwell Funeral Home	X			
Buggs Funeral Home	X			
Davis-Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory				X
East Coast Cremation				X
Florida Memorial Funeral Home				X
Fountainhead Funeral Home				X
Funeral Solutions				X
Island Cremations	X			
Lewis-Ray Mortuary Inc				X
National Cremation & Burial Society				X
Newcomer Cremation & Funeral Service				X
Palm Bay Funeral Home				X
South Brevard Funeral Home				X
Stone Funeral Home				X
Stone Funeral Home				X
Wylie-Baxley Funeral Home				X
Brevard County Medical Society	X			
TransLife	X			

**DISTRICT 19 REAPPOINTMENT  
DR. MITTLEMAN  
(INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN,  
OKEECHOBEE, AND ST. LUCIE  
COUNTIES)**

## DISTRICT 19 REAPPOINTMENT - DR. MITTLEMAN

	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 Board of County Commissioners			X	
Martin Board of County Commissioners			X	
Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners	X			
St. Lucie Board of County Commissioners	X			
Indian River County Sheriff's Office	X			
Martin County Sheriff's Office	X			
Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office	X			
St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office	X			
Fellsmere Police Department	X			
Fort Pierce Police Department	X			
Indian River County Emergency Services			X	
Indian River Shores Dept Public Safety	X			
Jupiter Island Public Safety Department	X			
Okeechobee Police Department	X			
Orchid Police Department	X			
Port St. Lucie Police Department	X			
Sebastian Police Department	X			
Sewall's Point Police Department	X			
Stuart Police Department	X			
Vero Beach Police Department	X			
All County Funeral Home & Crematory				X
Aycock Funeral Home				X
Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home & Crematory				X
Buxton Funeral Home & Crematory				X
Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory LLC				X
Cox-Gifford Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory				X
Forest Hills FH Memorial Park & Crematory-Byrd Young & Prill				X
Forest Hills FH Memorial Park & Crematory-Palm City Chapel				X
Haisley Funeral Home	X			
Lowther Funeral Home	X			
Martin Funeral Home & Crematory Inc	X			
Sarah's Memorial Chapel	X			
Seawinds Funeral Home				X
Stone Bros Funeral Home	X			
Stone Brothers Funeral Chapel				X
Strunk Funeral Home - Vero Beach	X			
Strunk Funeral Home				X
Thorne's Mortuary Inc	X			
Yates Funeral Home & Crematory				X
Young-Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory				X
Indian River County Medical Society	X			
Martin County Medical Society	X			
St. Lucie-Okeechobee County Medical Society		7 messages - no return call		X
LifeLink - Martin County	X			
Life Alliance - St. Lucie County	X			
TransLife - Indian River & Okeechobee Counties	X			

**DISTRICT 20 REAPPOINTMENT  
DR. COBURN  
(COLLIER COUNTY)**



## DISTRICT 20 REAPPOINTMENT - DR. COBURN

	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			
Bergen Funeral Service Inc				X
Brister Funeral Home				X
Fuller Funeral Home - Pine Ridge, Naples	X			
Fuller Funeral Home - Tamiami Trail, Naples	X			
Gallaher Funeral Home Services				X
Garfield Family Funeral & Cremation Svcs				X
Hodges FH at Naples Memorial Gardens				X
Hodges-Josberger Funeral Home				X
Legacy Options LLC	X			
Muller-Thompson Funeral Chapel & Cremation Svc				X
Naples Funeral Home				X
National Cremation Society				X
Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home				X
Collier County Medical Society			X	
Life Alliance	X			

**DISTRICT 21 REAPPOINTMENT  
DR. HAMILTON  
(GLADES, HENDRY, AND LEE  
COUNTIES)**

## DISTRICT 21 REAPPOINTMENT - DR. HAMILTON

	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 - Long/Carlisle	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 - Sheriff/Major Kalstrom	X			
Cape Coral Police Department	X			
Clewiston Police Department	X			
Fort Myers Police Department	X			
Lee County Port Authority Police	X			
Sanibel Police Department	X			
A Peaceful Garden Funeral Home Inc				X
Affordable Cremations & Horizon Funeral Home				X
Akin-Davis Funeral Homes Inc				X
Anderson-Patterson Cremation & Funeral Svcs				X
Barrett Funeral Chapel				X
Coral Ridge Funeral Home & Cemetery Inc				X
Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home				X
Fort Myers Mortuary Services				X
Fuller-Cape Coral FH-Cremation Svc				X
Fuller Metz Cremation & Funeral Services				X
Gallaher American Family Funeral Home	X			
Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services				X
Harvey-Engelhardt Funeral & Cremation Svcs	X			
Hickson Funeral Home				X
Hodges-Farley Funeral Home				X
Hodges Funeral Home at Lee Memorial Park				X
Hodges-Kiser Funeral Home				X
Horizon Funeral Home	X			
James C. Boyd Funeral Home				X
Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service				X
Mullins Memorial	X			
National Cremation & Burial Society				X
Neptune Society				X
Reddick Funeral Home				X
Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home				X
Lee County Medical Society			X	not a member
Lifelink	X			

**DISTRICT 22 REAPPOINTMENT  
DR. IMAMI  
(CHARLOTTE COUNTY)**

## DISTRICT 22 REAPPOINTMENT - DR. IMAMI

	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Public Defender's Office 20th Judicial Circuit			X	
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			
Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home & Cemetery	X			
ICS Cremation & Funerals Inc	X			
Kays-Ponger & Uzelton FH & Cremation Svcs	X			
Larry Taylor Funeral & Cremation Svc			X	
Roberson Funeral Home & Crematory	X			
Charlotte County Medical Society - Mr. Shell/Ms. Sorrentino	X			
Lifelink	X			

**DISTRICT 23 REAPPOINTMENT  
DR. BULIC  
(FLAGLER, PUTNAM, AND ST.  
JOHNS COUNTIES)**

## DISTRICT 23 REAPPOINTMENT - DR. BULIC

	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 - Wanchick/Cameron	X			
Flagler County Sheriff's Office	X			
Putnam County Sheriff's Office	X			
St. Johns County Sheriff's Office	X			
Bunnell Police Department			X	
Crescent City Police Department	X			
Flagler Beach Police Department			X	
Interlachen Police Department	X			
Palatka Police Department	X			
Putnam County Schools Police Department			X	
St. Augustine Beach Police Department	X			
St. Augustine Police Department	X			
Welaka Police Department	X			
Clayton Frank & Biggs Funeral Home	X			
Clymer Cremations & Funeral Home				X
Coleman's Mortuary				X
Craig Flagler Palms Funeral Home	X			
Craig Funeral Home	X			
D A Boyd And Sons Funeral Home				X
E W Lawson & Son Funeral Home	X			
Heritage Funeral & Cremation Services				X
Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home - Palatka	X			
Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home - Interlachen				X
Karl Flagg Serenity Memorial Chapel	X			
Kotrady-Hudgins-Croyle Funeral Home				X
Leo C Chase & Son Funeral Home	X			
Lohman Funeral Home Palm Coast				X
Masters Funeral Home				X
Moring Funeral Home				X
Ponte Vedra Valley, Inc				X
St. Johns Family Funeral Home - Hodgins/Kotrady	X			
Watts Funeral Home & Cremation Center				X
Flagler County Medical Society			X	not a member
Putnam/St. Johns Counties Medical Society-Rivera/Campbell	X			
LifeQuest Organ Recovery Services	X			
TransLife	X			

**DISTRICT 24 REAPPOINTMENT  
DR. HERRMANN  
(SEMINOLE COUNTY)**



## DISTRICT 24 REAPPOINTMENT - DR. HERRMANN

	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	no dealings w/DME
Lake Mary Police Department	X			
Longwood Police Department	X			
Oviedo Police Department	X			
Sanford International Airport Police Department	X			
Sanford Police Department	X			
Winter Springs Police Department	X			
All Faiths Cremation Service				X
American Family Funerals & Cremations	X			
Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home				X
Baldwin Fairchild-Oaklawn Park Cemetery				X
Banfield Funeral Home Inc				X
Collison Family FH & Crematory Howell Branch Chapel				X
Collison Family Funeral Homes & Crematory				X
Degusipe Funeral Home				X
Gramkow Funeral Home & Crematory Inc				X
Hayes Brothers Funeral Home				X
National Cremation And Burial Society				X
Sunrise Funeral Home				X
Tri-County Cremation And Funeral Home	X			
Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary	X			
Seminole County Medical Society			X	not a member
TransLife	X			

**DISTRICT 16 VACANCY  
(MONROE COUNTY)**

**E. Hunt Scheuerman, MD**  
**April 21, 2014**

FDLE/ Medical Examiner Commission

As of this date I have given written notice to the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners and the 16<sup>th</sup> Circuit State Attorney that I am resigning as District Medical Examiner for District 16. My last day will be June 20, 2014.

I have enjoyed working with the staff and members of the commission and my time in Florida.

Please advise me of what if any additional paperwork that you will need.

Sincerely,

E. Hunt Scheuerman, MD



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Adam Putnam, *Commissioner of Agriculture*

April 30, 2014

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

Dear Governor Scott:

Pursuant to Florida Administrative Code 11G-5.004(3)(a), this letter is to inform you of the resignation of District 16 Medical Examiner E. Hunt Scheuermann, M.D., effective June 20, 2014. Dr. Scheuermann has also informed Sixteenth Judicial Circuit State Attorney Catherine Vogel of his resignation in the enclosed letter.

Ms. Vogel has indicated to me that she will immediately establish a search committee to find a replacement medical examiner to fill this vacancy, and will forward that name to the Medical Examiners Commission for its consideration. I will keep your Appointments Office informed of the progress in this matter.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me at (850) 410-8600.

Sincerely,

Margaret A. Edwards, Staff Director  
Medical Examiners Commission

MAE/dc

Enclosure



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Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Hon. Catherine F. Vogel  
State Attorney  
16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Florida  
530 Whitehead Street, Suite 301  
Key West, FL 33040

*sent via e-mail only: CVogel@keyssao.net*

In Re: District 16 Medical Examiner Search Committee

Dear Cathy,

Thank you for your April 24<sup>th</sup> letter to me concerning the recently announced resignation of E. Hunt Scheuerman, M.D. as the District Medical Examiner for Monroe County, effective June 20, 2014.

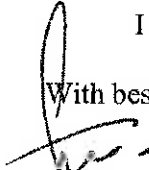
As of that date a vacancy will exist as District Medical Examiner. Pursuant to Florida Statutes §406.15 – Designation of substitute in absence of official examiner, “...*the state attorney of the county may appoint a competent physician to act in their stead.*” As we discussed on the telephone yesterday, you appear to be well along in lining up an interim medical examiner and I anticipate that you will have named Dr. Scheuerman’s interim replacement by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Florida Administrative Code Chapter 11G-5.004 – Process for District Medical Examiner Candidate Nomination to the Governor (attached) defines the process for finding suitable candidate(s) as Dr. Scheuerman’s replacement that will be nominated by the Medical Examiners Commission and forwarded to the Governor for his consideration.

The Medical Examiners Commission staff will notify the Governor’s Office of the anticipated vacancy, along with the Public Defender, Sheriff, Police Chiefs, County Commission, and funeral home directors for that medical examiner district, requesting that names of potential candidates for the position of district medical examiner be submitted to the Search Committee. In addition to those stakeholders, the Search Committee should also include a representative from the local medical community from within the bounds of that particular medical examiner district. I will serve as the physician member of the Medical Examiners Commission on this Search Committee, and you have agreed to Chair this Search Committee.

I look forward to working with you again on this matter.

With best wishes,

  
Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P. (863-298-4600; [StephenNelson@polk-county.net](mailto:StephenNelson@polk-county.net))  
Medical Examiners Commission

#### **11G-5.004 Process for District Medical Examiner Candidate Nomination to the Governor.**

(1) Policy Statement. Nominations for appointment as a district medical examiner shall be made only after solicitation of comments from city, county and state officials as well as from directors of funeral homes. Candidates nominated by the Medical Examiners Commission will be submitted to the Governor within 30 days after the Commission has voted on the matter. It is not the intent of the Commission to serve as the primary recruiting source for district medical examiner candidates, rather, the Commission intends that this responsibility should remain primarily within the district. The Commission will provide a medical examiner member of the Commission to participate in the candidate screening process at the district level.

#### **(2) Procedure for Nomination for Reappointment of District Medical Examiners.**

(a) Prior to the expiration of each incumbent district medical examiner's three year term of appointment, the Medical Examiners Commission staff shall survey by written correspondence the district's state attorney(s), public defender(s), sheriff(s), police chief(s), county commissioner(s), funeral home directors and a member of the local medical community. The survey will solicit input from each relevant to performance of the incumbent district medical examiner and ask for a "favorable" or "non-favorable" response regarding nomination for reappointment. Additionally, the survey will ask for suggestions for improving district medical examiner services. The survey shall request recommendations for the nomination of the incumbent or any other qualified candidate(s) to serve as district medical examiner.

(b) A summary of the survey results shall be provided to the Commission. Copies of the survey responses shall be forwarded to the incumbent district medical examiner by Commission staff. The incumbent, together with any other qualified candidates named in the survey responses, shall be notified in writing as to the date, time and place of the Commission meeting which will be considering the reappointment of the district medical examiner.

(c) The Commission chairman may request establishment of a committee, as referred to in paragraph 11G-5.004(3)(b), F.A.C., to address concerns regarding the incumbent district medical examiner raised in the survey responses or to initiate a search for other candidates for nomination by the Commission.

#### **(3) Procedure to fill a District Medical Examiner Vacancy.**

(a) The Governor will be notified by the Commission upon determination that a district medical examiner position has become vacant or is anticipated to become vacant. The Commission shall also notify the respective state attorney(s), public defender(s), sheriff(s), police chief(s), county commission(s) and funeral home directors for that medical examiner district, requesting that names of potential candidates for the position of district medical examiner be submitted to the candidate search committee established in paragraph 11G-5.004(3)(b), F.A.C.

(b) Within 30 days of being notified of a vacancy or anticipated vacancy, the Chairman of the Commission shall call for a district candidate search committee to be established and appoint a chairman. The search committee shall consist of invited representatives from the offices of the state attorney(s), public defender(s), sheriff(s), police chief(s), county commission(s), funeral homes and a representative of the local medical community from within the bounds of that particular medical examiner district and a physician member of the Medical Examiners Commission or his designee. The search committee shall be requested to:

1. Seek applications from interested candidates who are licensed physicians and experienced practitioners of pathology who possess qualifications to take the examination or already possess the primary certification offered by the American Board of Pathology, American Osteopathic Board of Pathology, or equal qualification rendered by a non-United States medical specialty certifying agency.

2. Establish an interview team, which shall have a quorum of three participants, to interview interested candidates meeting minimum position qualifications. If the district includes a medical school, the dean of the medical school should be invited to participate as a member of the interview team.

3. Assure that the candidate(s) recommended to the Commission for nomination as district medical examiner is in agreement with the respective county representatives regarding the medical examiner budget as outlined in Section 406.06(3), F.S.

4. Review background information about the final candidate(s) from present and past sources, to include a criminal history check, comments of county medical associations, employment references, local hospitals, government agencies and funeral homes with which the candidate(s) has a prior working relationship. Background inquiries should incorporate information on work performance and working relationships, as well as the candidate(s) reasons for and circumstances of leaving employment.

5. Submit an interview package to the Medical Examiners Commission staff for each candidate recommended to the Commission for nomination consisting of: pertinent correspondence regarding the candidate(s); results of background inquiries; letters of reference; and a letter from the candidate(s) to the Commission staff authorizing the release of information from former

employers and the Board of Medicine in the state in which the candidate(s) is or was licensed.

6. Complete the candidate selection and interview process and submit interview packages to the Commission within 90 days of appointment of the candidate search committee unless additional time is requested in writing and approved by the Commission Chairman.

(c) The Commission staff shall review interview packages for completeness, prior to their being submitted to the Medical Examiners Commission and, if directed by the Chairman, make additional inquiries concerning the candidate's background or qualification.

1. The Commission staff shall verify each candidate's medical licensure status.

2. The Commission staff shall notify all candidates in writing of the time and place of the Commission meeting at which the district nomination(s) will be considered.

(d) The Commission, by majority vote, shall nominate one or more candidates to the Governor, to fill a district medical examiner office vacancy prior to the expiration of six months from the date of the vacancy. Nothing herein is intended to restrict the Commission's consideration of candidates for nomination only to those persons who may be recommended by a candidate search committee.

(e) The Commission will notify each candidate in writing as to the action taken by the Commission regarding their nomination as district medical examiner.

(f) The Commission will notify the chairman of the candidate search committee in writing on action taken by the commission regarding candidates submitted by the district to fill a district medical examiner vacancy. If the Commission does not vote to nominate any of the candidates submitted by the candidate search committee, the chairman of the committee may be requested to submit other candidates. The Office of the Governor will be notified that none of the candidates submitted for that district were acceptable and that the position is still vacant.

*Specific Authority 406.04 FS. Law Implemented 406.06(1)(a) FS. History—New 2-23-93, Amended 9-27-93.*

**UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED  
INITIATIVE**



Unidentified Deceased Initiative  
Doug Culbertson

- Two success stories; District 6 and District 10. Bill Pellan, District 6, will present their story including the methodology in making identification.
- The Bureau of Professional Development has completed the UID training video, and it is now undergoing final revisions. Dr. Coburn did an excellent job of presenting the information in easily understood terms.
- Reminder for everyone to continue using the tools available; FCIC/NCIC, NamUS, DoeNetwork, FluidDb, etc. Maintain relationships with your local LE agencies.

**41ST ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL  
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EXAMINERS**

#### Location

The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress at One Grand Cypress Blvd., Orlando, FL 32836. The group room rate is \$137. The resort fee is waived and reduced self-parking fees apply.

The deadline for room reservations is June 24, 2014. A limited number of rooms are blocked; the resort will sell out early.

Call 1-888-421-1442 to make reservations. Group name: FAME Annual Conference. Persons wishing special accommodations should contact Bruce Goldberger by June 15, 2014.

#### Registration Fee

The registration deadline is July 1, 2014.

The conference registration fee is \$425. The fee includes breakfast, all breaks, the evening tropical reception, and the Thursday evening dinner. The discounted registration fee for students is \$350 (with copy of valid student ID). Additional tickets for the Wednesday Evening reception (\$60) and Thursday Evening banquet (\$100) may be purchased in advance from the CME office.

#### Course Description and Objectives

The 41st Annual Florida Medical Examiners Educational Conference is designed to provide up-to-date information regarding the latest topics in forensic medicine and death investigation. An emphasis will be placed on forensic pathology, forensic toxicology and medico-legal death investigation.

This activity is targeted to Medical Examiners (Forensic Pathologists), Death Investigators, Law Enforcement Personnel, Lawyers, and Forensic Medicine Students.

#### CME Credit

**Accreditation:** This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the University of Florida College of Medicine and District 21 Medical Examiners Office. The University of Florida College of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

**Credit:** The University of Florida College of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 16.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

#### CEU Credit

CEU Credits will be provided to ABMDI certificants.

Notice: Law Enforcement agencies may use this course to satisfy Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Criminal Justice Standards and Training mandatory retraining hours. Retain the certificate from this course (or a copy) for your agency for their records for mandatory training hours for each four-year cycle.

Note: The decision to allow this training to count toward mandatory retraining is an agency decision, not the individual officer's choice.

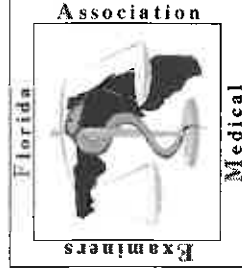
**Registration Fee - \$425  
(\$50 late fee after July 1, 2014)**

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\*Registrants must withdraw prior to July 1, 2014 to receive a full refund. After July 1, 2014, a \$50 cancellation fee will apply.



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### Wednesday, July 16, 2014

11:00 am -	<b>Registration Opens</b>
1:00-1:15 pm	Opening Remarks Barbara C. Wolf, M.D. District 5 Medical Examiner
	Robert Pfalzgraf, M.D. President, FAME
1:15-3:30 pm	The Investigation and Prosecution of the Homicide of Jessica Lunsford ASA Peter Magrino Fifth Judicial Circuit Detective Gary Atchison Citrus County Sheriff
3:30-4:00 pm	<b>Snack Break</b>
4:00-5:00 pm	Role of Forensic Medicine and Pathology in the War Time Environment Craig Mallak, M.D. District 17 Medical Examiner
5:00-6:00 pm	<b>FAME Business Meeting</b>
6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Reception</b> (cash bar) (informal dress)

For additional information, please contact:  
 Dr. Bruce Goldberger  
 phone: (352) 265-9900 ext. 72001  
 e-mail: [bruce-goldberger@ufl.edu](mailto:bruce-goldberger@ufl.edu)

### Thursday, July 17, 2014

7:30-8:15 am	<b>Breakfast &amp; Registration</b>
8:15-8:45 am	Forensic Jeopardy, Part 1 Russell Vega, M.D. District 12 Medical Examiner
8:45-9:45 am	The Toxicology of Opioids to Postmortem Findings, What Toxicologists Wish Pathologists Knew Robert Middleberg, Ph.D. NMS Labs, Pennsylvania
9:45-10:15 am	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:15-12:15 pm	Pediatric Toxicology Robert Middleberg, Ph.D.
12:15-1:30 pm	<b>Lunch (on your own)</b>
1:30-3:00 pm	BTK: Serial Killer Investigation Kelly Otis Chief of Investigations Office of the District Attorney Wichita, Kansas
3:00-3:30 pm	<b>Snack Break</b>
3:30-5:30 pm	BTK, Continued Investigator Kelly Otis
6:00-7:00 pm	<b>Reception</b> (cash bar)
7:00-9:00 pm	<b>Dinner</b> (cash bar) Dozier Reform School Erin Kimmerle, Ph.D. University of South Florida

### Friday, July 18, 2014

7:30-8:15 am	<b>Breakfast &amp; Registration</b>
8:15-10:15 am	Behavioral Threat Assessments of Mass Killers Mike Roche Protective Threat, LLC. U.S. Secret Service (retired)
10:15-10:45 am	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:45-12:45 pm	Doll Re-enactment and Scene Re-construction in Child Death Investigations Major Connie Shingledecker Investigative Bureau Chief Manatee County Sheriff's Office
12:45-2:00 pm	<b>Lunch (on your own)</b>
2:00-4:00 pm	Heart Pathology in Sudden Deaths Michael D. Bell, M.D. District 15 Medical Examiner
4:00-4:30 pm	Forensic Jeopardy, Part 2 Russell Vega, M.D.
4:30-5:00 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Barbara C. Wolf, M.D. District 5 Medical Examiner Robert Pfalzgraf, M.D. President, FAME