



Medical Examiners Commission Meeting

February 18, 2022

Amended 02/07/2022

Barbara C. Wolf, M.D. • Kenneth T. Jones • Nick Cox, J.D.
Charlie Cofer, J.D. • Robin Giddens Sheppard, L.F.D.
Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P. • Carol R. Whitmore, R.N.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING

Orlando Marriott Lake Mary
1501 International Parkway
Lake Mary, FL 32751
February 18, 2022, 10:00 AM EST
Amended 02/07/2022

Opening Remarks

Introduction of Commission Members and Staff

Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes from previous Commission Meeting of November 5, 2021

- Election of Chairman

Brett Kirkland, Ph.D.

ISSUE NUMBER

PRESENTER

1. Informational Items:

- Status Update: MEC Appointments and Reappointments
- Status Update: DME Appointments and Reappointments
- District 2 Medical Examiner Vacancy
- District 8 Medical Examiner Vacancy
- District 11 Medical Examiner Vacancy
- 2022 Reappointments/Assessments for Districts 8-14, 25
- 2021 Annual MEC Reports
- 2021 Interim Drugs in Deceased Persons Report
- 2021 Coverdell Status Update
- Bills Filed for the 2022 Legislative Session

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Stephen Nelson, M.D.

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Chad Lucas

Megan Neel

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Chad Lucas

Jim Martin, J.D.

2. Organ Procurement Organization 2020 Annual Report

Liz Lehr, LifeLink

3. 2022 Coverdell Grant Proposals

Chad Lucas

4. Unidentified Deceased Initiative

Chad Lucas

5. Mass Fatality Plans

MEC Chair

6. Adding Gabapentin to PDMP

Stephen Nelson, M.D.

7. Toxicology Lab Directors Meeting Update

Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D.

8. Emerging Drugs

Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D.

9. 2022 FAME Educational Conference

Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D.

10. Other Business

MEC Chair

- Department of Health OD2A Grant Update
- Department of Health FLVDRS Update

The next MEC Meeting will be May 13th at the Wyndham Grand Jupiter at Harbourside Place in Jupiter.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING

World Golf Village Renaissance
500 South Legacy Trail
St. Augustine, Florida 32092
November 5, 2021 10:00 AM EDT

Commission Chairman Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P, called the meeting of the Medical Examiners Commission to order at **10:02 AM**. He 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. He then 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., F.C.A.P., District 10 Medical Examiner
Barbara C. Wolf, M.D., Districts 5 & 24 Medical Examiner
Nick Cox, J.D., Statewide Prosecutor, Office of the Attorney General
Robin Giddens Sheppard, L.F.D., Funeral Director
Kenneth T. Jones, State Registrar, Department of Health
Hon. Charlie Cofer, J.D., Public Defender, 4th Judicial Circuit

Commission staff present:

Vickie Koenig
Chad Lucas
Megan Neel

Brett Kirkland, Ph.D.
James D. Martin, J.D.

District Medical Examiners present:

James W. Fulcher, M.D. (District 7)
Deanna Oleske, M.D. (District 1)
B. Robert Pietak, M.D. (District 4)
Joshua D. Stephany, M.D. (Districts 9 & 25)

Patricia A. Aronica, M.D. (District 19)
Jon R. Thogmartin, M.D. (District 6)
Wendolyn Sneed, M.D. (District 15)
Marta U. Coburn, M.D. (District 20)

Other District personnel present:

Bruce Goldberger, Ph.D. (UF, District 8)
Lindsey Bayer (Districts 5 & 24)
Paul Petrino (District 15)
Kent Holloway (District 23)
Lisa Flannagan, M.D. (District 2)
Natalia Belova, M.D. (District 15)
Heidi Reinhard, M.D. (District 15)
Benjamin Mathis, M.D. (District 11)

Karla Orozco (District 7)
Ralph Saccone (District 15)
Dan Schebler (District 1)
Sheri Blanton (Districts 9 & 25)
Tiffany Poston (District 2)
Terrill Tops, M.D. (District 15)
Marlon Osbourne, M.D. (District 15)

Guests present:

Josh Mott (Volusia SO)
Kerri Bryan (FL DOH)
Amy Wilson (LifeNet)
Chris Boden

Linda McCluskey (LifeLink)
Avalon Adams-Thames (FL DOH)
Amy Reese (LEITR)
Phoebe Stubblefield, Ph.D. (C.A. Pound Lab)

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

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ISSUE NUMBER 1: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Commission Chairman Dr. Nelson announced that former District 4 Medical Examiner Margarita Arruza, M.D. passed away on September 14, 2021.
- Commission Chairman Dr. Nelson announced that former District 4 Medical Examiner Peter Lipkovic, M.D. passed away on October 6, 2021.
- Status Report: MEC Appointments and Reappointments: Bureau Chief Brett Kirkland informed the Commission that the reappointment paperwork for Dr. Stephen J. Nelson, Dr. Barbara C. Wolf, and Mrs. Robin Giddens Sheppard are in the Governor's Appointments Office and they have everything they need for those reappointments. Additionally, the appointment paperwork for the County Commissioner seat as well as the vacant State Attorney and Sheriff Seats have been submitted to the Governor's Appointments Office and they have everything they need for the appointments. We are currently awaiting approvals from the Governor's Appointments Office.
- Status Report: DME Appointments and Reappointments: Mr. Kirkland informed the Commission that all District Medical Examiners are currently pending either appointment or reappointment. The Governor's Appointments Office has stated they have received all necessary paperwork for the appointments and reappointments. We are currently awaiting approvals from the Governor's Appointments Office.
- New District 11 Interim Medical Examiner: Dr. Nelson informed the Commission that Kenneth Hutchins, M.D. is the new District 11 Interim Medical Examiner.
- 2020 Annual Drugs in Deceased Persons Report: Mrs. Megan Neel informed the Commission that data has been received from all districts and we are currently awaiting approval from Command Staff. The report will hopefully be posted to the MEC website within the next couple of weeks.
- 2020 Annual Workload Report: Mrs. Neel reported that the 2020 Annual Workload Report was published to the MEC website and e-mailed to all interested parties at the end of September.
- 2021 Interim Drugs in Deceased Persons Report: Mrs. Neel reported that data is due by December 31, 2021. She had only received data from five districts to date.
- 2020 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program Status Update: Mr. Lucas reported that the Bureau for Justice Assistance (BJA) released funding for the 2020 Coverdell Grant on February 23, 2021. Award packages were e-mailed to participating districts on 03/01/2021 and memorandums of understanding (MOUs) were mailed out the week of 03/22/2021. Districts are authorized to begin spending, but reimbursements cannot be completed until signed MOUs have been received by the grant manager. To date, 11 reimbursement requests had been received and there is one pending Budget Amendment Request.

ISSUE NUMBER 2: UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED INITIATIVE

Mr. Lucas reported the following success story from District 11:

In April 1989, skeletal remains of a black female were found in a field in Miami-Dade County. Efforts to identify the decedent were attempted, but to no avail. The decedent remained unidentified.

In January 2020, the case was reopened by the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner Department in an attempt to identify the decedent. DNA samples were submitted to the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification. The NamUs database was searched for missing person leads and had a profile for missing person Eva Murphy. Miami-Dade Police Department Detective Suzanne Gowdie was contacted and collected family reference samples for the missing person to compare to the decedent. In July 2021, the decedent was identified as Eva Murphy and next of kin was notified.

Mr. Lucas reported the following success story from District 19:

On June 1, 2021, the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to 7410 S US Highway 1 in Port St. Lucie in reference to a deceased individual. Upon arrival, Deputy Sheriff Boyce made contact with a landscaper who was in charge of the property. The landscaper had entered the wooded area behind the building to relieve himself when he smelled a foul odor. As he went deeper into the wooded area to investigate, he discovered what appeared to be human remains on the ground. Deputy Sheriff Boyce and Crime Scene Investigator Limb advised the remains were in an advanced state of decomposition with marked skeletonization. The decedent mandible, skull, and several vertebrae were discovered. There was a noose hanging from a tree above where the decedent's remains were found. There was no evidence on scene to suggest foul play contributed and there were no personal effects recovered from the scene to offer a tentative identification of the remains.

On June 10, 2021, the case was entered into NamUs and on June 17, 2021, the remains were sent to the CA Pound Lab for examination. Due to the decomposition of the remains, quality fingerprints were not obtainable. After several efforts and persistence working to rehydrate the fingers, Chief Medical Examiner Patricia Aronica, M.D., was able to obtain fingerprints from the decedent's right hand and they were uploaded into NamUs.

On August 27, 2021, FBI Latent Print Examiner Bryan Johnson was able to make a positive comparison/identification for Mark Clausi. St. Lucie County Detective Scuoppo was notified of the positive identification and he was able to contact next of kin in Kingston, NY.

Mr. Lucas reported the following success story from District 20:

According to the Collier County Sheriff's Office, on February 3, 1981, people found the skeletal remains of a man wrapped in an electric blanket at a remote site in Immokalee. DNA confirmed the body belonged to James Leander Sanders of Tennessee. The body did not have identification with it and investigators believed the body had been out in the elements for months. An autopsy determined the man died from blunt force trauma to his head, but investigators at the time were unable to identify him or develop any viable suspects.

Two years ago, homicide detectives took another look at the case. They submitted a tooth from the victim to DNA Labs International which, after analysis, obtained a partial DNA profile in February 2020. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement entered the partial profile into CODIS, the FBI's national database for DNA. The team submitted the additional bone to the University of North Texas for similar testing in October while detectives waited for a CODIS match. Detectives received notification from the

university that the DNA matched that of Sanders' relatives on file. The Rutherford County Sheriff's Office in Tennessee had obtained DNA from Sanders' brother, sister, and two children in 2015 and entered their profiles into CODIS.

Sanders was 32 when he was last seen on January 1, 1978, at a bus stop in Tennessee on his way to North Carolina where he planned to work on his aunt's tobacco farm. He decided to hitch a ride instead and never arrived at his aunt's farm.

ISSUE NUMBER 3: POTENTIAL DRUG REPORT CHANGES

Mr. Kirkland made a recommendation to the Commission to add xylazine as a tracked drug for the Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons Report. Xylazine is a veterinary drug used as a sedative, but has started to be commonly mixed with fentanyl, cocaine, and heroin. He reported that between 2019 and 2020 there was almost a 300 percent increase in voluntarily reported occurrences of xylazine found in deceased persons. Dr. Goldberger agreed that it was a wise idea to start tracking xylazine. He went on to say that it is the most prevalent emerging drug in the State of Florida now and is also emerging across the United States. Unfortunately, it is currently unknown what its role is in drug overdose deaths, but some offices are including it on death certificates and others are only mentioning it as being present in their reports. At this point, there may only one lab in country that is quantifying xylazine. It was and continues to be prevalent in Puerto Rico, which is where the original cases were reported about 10 years ago. It is also now fairly common in Philadelphia.

Dr. Nelson asked if xylazine is replacing levamisole as a cutting agent for cocaine. Dr. Goldberger said that it wasn't and that he continues to see levamisole at the same rate as usual. He went on to say that it is a sedative used for animals and that it has never been approved for use in humans. The effect it has on humans is unknown. Furthermore, it is not a scheduled drug, even in veterinary practices.

Dr. Nelson asked if there were any other drugs on the report with a 300 percent increase in occurrences. Mr. Kirkland and Mrs. Neel said that nothing jumped out at them like xylazine, but they could check the report to confirm.

Dr. Nelson asked if there would be any benefit in having the Attorney General's Office schedule xylazine. Dr. Goldberger said he didn't know what the rules are in the State of Florida, but it has to be proven that the drug or substance is harmful. At the moment, the data on any physiological harm to humans is not available. Dr. Nelson clarified that we know it is present in drug overdose deaths, but we do not know what it is doing. Dr. Goldberger confirmed and said that part of the reason is that labs are not quantifying xylazine routinely. The University of Florida lab is beginning to develop a method so they can quantitate xylazine in the blood. However, all the labs that are used by the State's Medical Examiner Offices can identify xylazine in testing.

Mr. Cofer asked what the raw numbers were in regards to the amount of cases involving xylazine. Mr. Kirkland said that in 2019 there were 17 cases where it had been listed as being present. In 2020, that number jumped up to 67. This follows a similar trend that was seen with gabapentin a few years ago. Dr. Goldberger added that xylazine is not an obligatory report to the MEC for the drug report, so there are almost certainly more instances of its presence not being reported currently. He also said that, from what he has seen in through the first 10 months of 2021, the occurrences of xylazine are increasing even more.

Dr. Nelson asked again if xylazine was being used as a cutting agent for the other drugs. Dr. Goldberger said that he does not recall seeing a xylazine-only drug overdose death. Mrs. Neel said that she could

go back and look at the report, but it is usually listed with other drugs or as a combined drug toxicity with xylazine in the analytes field.

Dr. Nelson said that he doesn't have an issue with adding xylazine to the list of drugs to be reported to the MEC for the report, but he was just curious what the data would actually tell us if we are not certain it causes or significantly contributes to death. Dr. Goldberger said he didn't disagree, but thought it was a means of surveillance and we would have a better idea of its impacts later.

Dr. Nelson asked the Commission what their thoughts were on the issue. Dr. Wolf said she thinks it should be tracked. Mrs. Giddens Sheppard said her only concerns were about it being a workload issue, but if it is already being reported on death certificates it shouldn't be an issue. Mr. Cofer asked if the MEC tracking xylazine would it be incumbent on the medical examiners to request it in a toxicology screening. Dr. Goldberger said Mr. Kirkland could reach out to the labs in the state and ask them to include xylazine in comprehensive drug screens as it is not difficult to detect. Dr. Nelson said that qualitative testing doesn't tell us a lot, and quantitative testing is what is really needed. Dr. Sneed commented that Axis is quantitating xylazine for them and in all of their cases where xylazine was included were multi-drug toxicity with fentanyl.

DR. WOLF MADE A MOTION THAT THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION START TRACKING XYLAZINE. MRS. GIDDENS SHEPPARD SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. XYLAZINE WILL BE TRACKED BY THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022.

ISSUE NUMBER 4: EMERGING DRUGS

Dr. Goldberger provided the Commission with an update on new drug trends. The most notable finding on the FDLE crime lab drug data summary is fentanyl. Other notable findings on the FDLE crime lab drug data summary include cathinones such as eutylone and a few instances of synthetic cannabinoids as well as cocaine and methamphetamine. The Pinellas County lab noted several instances of fentanyl mixed with pentobarbital, a very strong, short-acting barbiturate. The Miami-Dade County lab reported a new cathinone, N,N-dimethylpentylone, which is the newest cathinone since eutylone. These new cathinones are intentional syntheses to stay ahead of Attorney General drug scheduling.

ISSUE NUMBER 5: OTHER BUSINESS

- FDLE General Counsel Jim Martin, J.D., informed the Commission that SB 516 has been filed for the upcoming legislative session. This bill would prohibit for-profit eye banks from procuring certain human organs. There is no companion House bill, but this is the third year in a row that this bill has been filed.
- Dr. Nelson reminded everyone that the next Commission Meeting will be on February 18, 2022, at the Orlando Marriot in Lake Mary.
- Dr. Goldberger announced that the 2021 FAME meeting was a huge success. Tentatively, the 2022 meeting will also be in Orlando at the Omni Hotel and Resort from July 27-29 with a room rate of \$189 per night and parking for \$10 per day. A Save The Date will be sent out once the dates, location, and room rates are confirmed. At this point, FAME is also still looking for a host for the event.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 A.M.

From: [Nelson, Stephen](#)
To: [Kirkland, Brett](#); [Lucas, Steven](#); [Neel, Megan](#); [Martin, James](#); [Register, Dean](#); [Koenig, Vickie](#)
Subject: District 2 Medical Examiner Search
Date: Wednesday, December 22, 2021 2:12:16 PM

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Dr. Dave Stewart has called and discussed with me his desire to retire as the District 2 Medical Examiner. He has not set a definitive date for his retirement and he has stated he will remain DME until a new person is hired. He will not yet tender a letter to the Governor. He has also informed me that neither Dr. Anthony Clark nor Dr. Lisa Flannagan (current AMEs) is interested in the DME position.

I spoke today with SA Jack Campbell and have discussed with him the process (FAC 11G-5.004).

I'll keep you posted as this process progresses.

Merry Christmas!

Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P.
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From: Jack Campbell <CampbellJ@leoncountyfl.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 3:52 PM
To: Nelson, Stephen <StephenNelson@polk-county.net>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Medical Examiner Search

Good afternoon,

I wanted to introduce myself and follow up on the instructions of Dr. David Stewart. We talked last week and he explained that he was going to resign in the coming months and I needed to work with you on how to find a new medical examiner. I am the State Attorney for the Second Circuit and am happy to build a search group together that would represent the necessary parties. Dr. Stewart explained that you have done this repeatedly and can walk us through it. Please feel free to call me at 850-606-6012 or 850-528-9435 if you would prefer to speak. My first questions are how big of committee do you want and who do we need to represent? I am sure there are many other

considerations, but I will leave that to your direction. I am fine waiting until after the holidays to start this process but didn't want to delay my reaching out to you. Thank you for your service and I look forward to work with you. Merry Christmas,

Jack

From: [Nelson, Stephen](#)
To: [Kirkland, Brett](#)
Cc: [Lucas, Steven](#); [Neel, Megan](#); [Martin, James](#); [Koenig, Vickie](#); [Register, Dean](#)
Subject: FW: District 8 DME Retirement
Date: Thursday, January 06, 2022 2:47:17 PM

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From: Hunt, Jennifer <jenniferhunt@ufl.edu>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 2:23 PM
To: Hamilton, William F <hamilwf@ufl.edu>
Cc: Goldberger, Bruce A <goldbeba@pathology.ufl.edu>; Stroh, Wendy <wstroh@ufl.edu>; Yachnis, Anthony T <yachnis@pathology.ufl.edu>; Kresak, Jesse L <jkresak@ufl.edu>; Camacho, Ricardo <ricardocamacho@ufl.edu>; Nelson, Stephen <StephenNelson@polk-county.net>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Re: Retirement

Dear Bill,

You have had a spectacular career in the field and in the Department. We are so lucky to have had your leadership for the division, skills in running a great operation, teaching of our trainees, and clinical care for our patients. Your shoes will be very, very difficult to fill. And, because of that, I very much appreciate the long timeframe that you are providing. We are so grateful to you for being willing to have some overlap and for your willingness to help train of your successor.

This won't be the only time we will say this, but thank you for your decades of amazing service. The other times we say this will be in a more formal (and hopefully face-to-face) celebration.

Thanks
Jennifer

From: "Hamilton,William F" <hamilwf@ufl.edu>

Date: Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 2:17 PM

To: "Hunt,Jennifer" <jenniferhunt@ufl.edu>

Cc: "Goldberger,Bruce A" <goldbeba@pathology.ufl.edu>, "Stroh,Wendy" <wstroh@ufl.edu>, "Yachnis,Anthony T" <yachnis@pathology.ufl.edu>, "Kresak,Jesse L" <jkresak@ufl.edu>, "Camacho,Ricardo" <ricardocamacho@ufl.edu>, "StephenNelson@polk-county.net" <StephenNelson@polk-county.net>

Subject: Retirement

Dear Dr Hunt,

I have had a great career in Forensic Pathology and in Laboratory Medicine but after 47 years of service it is time to hang up my scalpel. It has been a rare privilege to serve the citizens of the 8th Medical Examiner District of the State of Florida and to be a member of the Faculty of the Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Florida College of Medicine.

I hope to welcome an Associate Medical Examiner to our office in Gainesville beginning on or about 01 July 2022 and assist in the identification and appointment of the Medical Examiner who will succeed me as District 8 Medical Examiner. My plan is to retire at the end of calendar year 2022.

Sincerely,

William F. Hamilton, M.D.
Chief Medical Examiner
Office of the Medical Examiner, District 8

MEC Bills of Interest
2022Legislative Session

1. Senate Bill 516 Procurement Activities of For-Profit Eye Banks (Sen. Rouson): This bill would prohibit for-profit eye banks from procuring certain human organs. There is no companion House bill, but this is the third year in a row that this bill has been filed. Proposed effective date is July 1, 2022.
2. House Bill 2455 Polk County Medical Examiner's Emergency Generator Replacement (Rep. Tomkow): Provides an appropriation of \$140,000 for the Polk County Medical Examiner's Emergency Generator Replacement as described in Appropriations Project Request 327. Proposed effective date is July 1, 2022.
3. House Bill 4883 District 1 Medical Examiners Facility Planning and Design (Rep. Williamson): Provides an appropriation of \$500,000 to fund the District 1 Medical Examiners Facility Planning and Design as described in the Appropriations Project Request 1071. Proposed effective date is July 1, 2022.
4. Senate Bill 1513 (Representative Clemons)/ SB 1550 (Sen. Perry) Autopsy Reports of Child Victims of Domestic Violence: The bill creates an exemption from public records requirements for autopsy reports of minors whose deaths were related to acts of domestic violence. The bill requires that any viewing, copying, or handling of such autopsy reports be under the direct supervision of the custodian of records or designee. The bill also states that any surviving parent who did not commit the act of domestic violence must be given reasonable notice of a petition filed with the court to view or copy the report, a copy of such petition, and reasonable notice of the opportunity to be present and heard at any hearing on the matter. Proposed effective date is upon becoming a law.

2022 Paul Coverdell Grant Summary

Total Amount Requested by Districts (15)	\$46,395.92
Total Allotment for Medical Examiners	TBD

**2022 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List (Received 01/21/22)
District One Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The **District One Medical Examiner Office** requests funds to purchase barriers and pop-up tents. The selected options will include the necessary equipment to set up a barrier and/or tent on-scene. These items will be utilized to maintain the integrity of public scenes by privately conducting an on-scene examination, subsequently showing respect for the decedent and next of kin. The use of both items will shield the scene and the decedent from public onlookers as well as any bystanders who may have items with the ability to view from above (i.e. drones) and help protect the scene and decedent from environmental elements.

Quantity	Item	Total Cost
2	Pop Up Crime Scene Canopy (\$1,250.00 each)	\$2,500.00
2	3'x5' Barrier (\$324.75 each)	\$649.50
1	Freight Shipping	\$187.71

Total Requested Amount: \$3,337.21

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2022 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List (Received 01/14/22)
District Two Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Two Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase a utility cart, a workbench, and camera batteries. District 2 is in need of a new utility cart for toxicology as well as a new mobile table/workbench for a paperwork station and supply storage for their second autopsy suite. The camera batteries will help the office maintain case flow without having to change the camera battery between each case.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Utility Cart	\$130.00
1	Mobile Cabinet Workbench	\$795.00
5	Camera Batteries (\$19.99 each)	\$99.95

Total Request Amount: \$1,024.95

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2022 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List (Received 01/20/22)
District Four Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Four Medical Examiner Office requests funds for the purchase of equipment to enhance the accuracy/quality and timeliness of the forensic investigation. Having the improved printer will support case file generation and the surgical instruments will support the performance of autopsies.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Printer	\$446.19
10	Surgical Scissors (\$72.15 each)	\$721.50
10	Surgical Forceps (\$69.30 each)	\$693.00

Total Request Amount: \$2,000.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2022 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List (Received 01/17/22)
District Five and Twenty-Four Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Five and Twenty-Four Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase a heavy-duty mortuary cot and two autopsy saws. Some of their mortuary cots and autopsy tables are over 15 years old and are in need of replacement due to wear and tear.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Heavy Duty Mortuary Cot	\$1,862.55
1	Folding Autopsy Table	\$1,095.00

Total Request Amount: \$2,957.55

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2022 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List (Received 01/20/22)
District Six Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Six Medical Examiner Office requests funds for the purchase of a decedent transportation stretcher. During the year of 2021, the District Six Medical Examiner's Office transported 2,216 decedents from the place of death to the Medical Examiner facility for autopsy/examination to fulfill statutory requirements and maintain their high level of service provided to the community. Some of the office's stretchers are worn and in need of replacement.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Decedent Transportation Stretcher + shipping	\$3,399.90

Total Request Amount: \$3,399.90

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2022 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List (Received 01/13/22)
District Ten Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Consultants/Contracts

The District Ten Medical Examiner Office requests funds for anthropology services. This consultant is needed to aid in the identification of unknown decedents and assist in determining cause and manner of death. Without these services, medical examiner cases would stagnate and not move forward. These services will improve the timeliness and eliminate backlog of medical examiner cases.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Anthropology Services	\$3,000.00

Total Request Amount: \$3,000.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2022 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List (Received 01/21/22)
District Eleven Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Eleven Medical Examiner Office requests funds toward two HP workstation computers which will replace computers that are more than five years old and no longer under warranty. Newer applications require more computing capacity and RAM than the older computers can provide. These computers will expedite the office's processes and allow for the sharing of information in a timely manner.

Quantity	Item	Cost
3	HP Workstation Computer (\$1,324.00 each)	\$3,972.00

Total Request Amount: \$3,972.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2022 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List (Received 01/13/22)
District Twelve Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Twelve Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase new computer equipment that would facilitate and increase concurrent analytical and data analysis with their newly purchased case management database; and/or upgrade software operating systems that would interface more efficiently with new hardware technology of their current case management database, thus providing better service to the public; and/or apply funds towards their new computer database's CME Software Annual Maintenance fee.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Computer equipment/software	\$8,000.00

Total Request Amount: \$8,000.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2022 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List (Received 01/20/22)
District Fourteen Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Fourteen Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase three cadaver tables. These tables would allow for increased cadaver storage and could also be used as backup autopsy tables. They will help with work output and efficiency and would increase employee safety by having locking wheels and being the proper height.

Quantity	Item	Cost
3	Cadaver Table (\$1,095.00 each)	\$3,285.00

Total Request Amount: \$3,285.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

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Requested Expenditure List (Received 01/20/22)
District Fifteen Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Fifteen Medical Examiner Office requests funds for four Nikon D5600 DSLR camera bodies. The cameras will replace the current Nikon D3500 (old model) cameras the Investigative team currently has in use. This will enhance the photographic experience for testifying on criminal and/or civil cases and more accurately preserve photographs from death scenes. The higher quality of photographic evidence will further improve the quality of work for documenting autopsy findings for families and loved ones of decedents as well as the State Attorney's Office and Public Defender. Lastly this purchase will allow the Investigative team to collectively have the same make and model of camera for seamless transition and consistency to perform their duties, while updating camera technology.

Quantity	Item	Cost
4	Nikon DSLR Camera Body Only (\$696.95 each)	\$2,787.80

Total Request Amount: \$2,787.80

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2022 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List (Received 01/21/22)
District Sixteen Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Sixteen Medical Examiner Office requests funds for an additional autopsy saw, extra saw blades, and blade clamp and wrench for the autopsy saw. Autopsy saws are used in the morgue daily to fulfill statutory requirements and the District 16 Medical Examiner's Office currently only has one saw. An additional saw would prevent any work stoppage if there is an issue with parts breakage on the primary saw.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Autopsy Saw	\$2,732.95
2	Autopsy Saw Blades (\$64.95 each)	\$129.90
1	Blade Clamp & Wrench for Autopsy Saw	\$32.95
1	Shipping	\$32.13

Total Request Amount: \$3,000.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

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Requested Expenditure List (Received 01/21/22)
District Seventeen Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Seventeen Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase a medium strong box as well as a large strong box. These boxes hold numerous tools carried in scene investigators' vehicles used to complete on scene death investigations. The boxes will improve the quality of work for relevant scene findings for the decedents' families and loved ones as well as allow for investigators to carry the increased amount of PPE needed for working during COVID-19.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Medium Strong Box	\$1,098.82
1	Large Strong Box	\$1,299.05

Total Request Amount: \$2,397.87

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2022 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List (Received 01/20/22)
District Eighteen Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Eighteen Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase a surgical exam light. This type of light is a more useful light source for conducting examinations and autopsies and will aid medical examiners in making their necessary determinations relating to cause and manner of death.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Surgical Exam Light	\$2,477.00

Total Request Amount: \$2,477.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2022 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List (Received 01/12/22)
District Nineteen Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Nineteen Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase a new autopsy saw and vacuum set. It will be used to replace an old one that is rusting and no longer has a working vacuum. The saw with vacuum extracts all harmful debris and matter providing a safer environment for employees.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Mopec Autopsy Saw and Vacuum Set	\$3,000.00

Total Request Amount: \$3,000.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

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Requested Expenditure List (Received 01/21/22)
District Twenty-One Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Twenty-One Medical Examiner Office requests funds for the purchase of a portable autopsy cart. The addition of this cart for the morgue will provide storage for morgue equipment such as cameras, tools, and PPE supplies. The unit will provide a more organized and sanitary work station.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Autopsy Cart	\$1,756.64

Total Request Amount: \$1,756.64

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD