

## **MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING**

Buena Vista Suites  
8203 World Center Drive  
Orlando, Florida 32821  
February 24, 2017 10:00 AM

Chairman Stephen J. Nelson, M.D. called the meeting of the Medical Examiners Commission to order at **10:00 AM** at the Buena Vista Suites in Orlando, Florida. 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., District 5 Medical Examiner  
Wesley H. Heidt, J.D., Office of the Attorney General  
Hon. James S. Purdy, J.D., Public Defender, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (via Teleconference)  
Robin Giddens Sheppard, L.F.D., Funeral Director  
Kenneth T. Jones, State Registrar, Department of Health  
Hon. Carol R. Whitmore, R.N., Manatee County Commissioner (via Teleconference)

### **Vacant positions on the Commission:**

Sheriff  
State Attorney

### **Commission staff present:**

Vickie Koenig  
Beth McNeil  
Doug Culbertson  
James D. Martin, J.D.

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

Sajid Qaiser, M.D. (District 18)  
Russell Vega, M.D. (District 12)  
Predrag Bulic, M.D. (District 23)  
Joshua Stephany, M.D. (District 9 & 25)  
Riazul Imami, M.D. (District 22)

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

Stephen Robinson, M.D. (District 17)  
Brett Harding (District 5)  
Chris Boden (District 17)  
Sheri Blanton (District 9 & 25)  
Lindsey Crim (District 7 & 24)  
Jeff Martin (District 1)  
Cathy Weldon (District 8)  
Bill Pellan (District 6)  
Craig Engelson (District 18)  
Karla Orozco (District 7 & 24)  
Lindsey Bayer (District 5)

### **Guests present:**

Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D. (UF)  
Rebecca Sayer (LifeLink)  
Liz Lehr (LifeLink)  
Ricardo Camacho (UF)  
Chris Delcher, Ph.D. (UF)  
Jason Byrd, Ph.D. (FEMORS)

Lisa Robinon (Lions Eye Inst.)  
James Rosa (Lions Eye Inst.)  
William Edwards (9<sup>th</sup> Circuit SAO)  
Rebekka McCollom (KeraLink Southeast)  
DiAnn McCormack (KeraLink)  
Tony Vichitte (TransLife)  
Linda Sullivan (Wuesthoff)

Paula Kraft (Lions Eye Inst.)  
Andrew Mullins (Lions Eye Inst.)  
Lynnetta Oxendine (TransLife)  
Heather Hoog (RTI Donor Services)  
Karin Frosio (LifeNet)  
Ian Golden (Brevard County)

**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 NOVEMBER 17, 2016 MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING.**

#### **ISSUE NUMBER 1: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Ms. Vickie Koenig announced that the Chairman of the Commission is elected at the first meeting of the year, and opened the floor for nominations. Dr. Wolf nominated Stephen J. Nelson, M.D., and Ken Jones seconded the motion. Robin Giddens Sheppard made a motion to close nominations, and Wesley Heidt seconded the motion.

**A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ELECT STEPHEN J. NELSON, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P., AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION.**

#### **ISSUE NUMBER 2: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Reappointment/Assessment Process for Districts 15-25 – Ms. Koenig informed the Commission that the following district medical examiners are up for reappointment in 2017: District 15, Michael D. Bell, M.D. (Palm Beach county) – Home Rule), District 16, Thomas R. Beaver, M.D. (Monroe county), District 17, Craig T. Mallak, M.D., J.D. (Broward county – Home Rule), District 18, Sajid S. Qaiser, M.D. (Brevard county), District 19, Roger E. Mittleman, M.D. (Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties), District 20, Marta U. Coburn, M.D. (Collier county), District 21, Rebecca A. Hamilton, M.D. (Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties), District 22, Riazul H. Imami, M.D. , Ph.D. (Charlotte county), District 23, Predrag Bulic, M.D. (Flagler, Putnam, and St. Johns counties), District 24, Marie A. Herrmann, M.D. (Seminole county), and District 25, Joshua D. Stephany, M.D. (Osceola county – Home Rule).

The surveys and assessments for the reappointments of these district medical examiners were sent to the constituents of these districts in January 2017 to obtain feedback on the quality of services provided by the medical examiners in those districts. The results will be presented to the Commission at its May meeting for consideration of the reappointment of the incumbent medical examiners.

- Status Update: MEC Reappointments – Ms. Vickie Koenig informed the Commission that the Governor had not yet reappointed the District Medical Examiner or the Funeral Home Director positions on the MEC. Nominations were received for the vacant Sheriff and State Attorney positions, which have been submitted to the Governor's Appointments Office. In the coming months, staff will

request recommendations for reappointment or appointment for the Public Defender and County Commissioner positions on the Commission from the Public Defenders Association and the Florida Association of Counties.

- **Status Update: Districts 8, 10, 12, and 14 Status** – Ms. Koenig informed the Commission that the Governor had not yet reappointed the District Medical Examiners in Districts 8 (Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, and Union counties), 10 (Hardee, Highlands, and Polk counties), 12 (DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties), or 14 (Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, and Washington counties). The incumbent District Medical Examiners continue to serve until reappointed or replaced by the Governor, pursuant to the Florida Constitution.
- **Letter of Support: USF Forensic Training Center** – Ms. Koenig informed the Commission that Dr. Nelson had written a letter to forensic anthropologist Erin Kimmerle in support of her forensic training center to be associated with the Institute for Forensic Anthropology and Applied Sciences at the University of South Florida.
- **2016 Interim Drugs in Deceased Persons Report** – Ms. McNeil announced that all of the data for the 2016 Interim Report has been received and reviewed by the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC). Staff was waiting for the districts to review the QAC comments and submit their responses. It is anticipated that the report will be released in a couple of months.
- **2016 Coverdell Grant Status Update**– Ms. McNeil advised the Commission that award letters have been sent to all districts requesting funds for the 2016 Coverdell Grant. All reimbursement request need to be submitted by August 1, 2017, and that the signed Memorandum of Understanding had to be returned before reimbursement claims can be paid.
- **Bills Filed for the 2017 Legislative Session** – Mr. Martin informed the Commission that there are two main bills of interest to the MEC for the 2017 Legislative session. House Bill 785 (and Senate Bill 1406, which was filed after the Commission meeting) create s. 395.30381, F.S., which requires all stroke centers, emergency medical service providers and medical examiners to submit to the Department of Health patient quality assurance proceedings, records, or reports associated with any treatment or service provided to a person suffering a stroke. This information will be used to evaluate stroke care system effectiveness and monitor patient outcomes.

House Bill 3577 accompanies an appropriations project to establish a forensic anthropology research facility. This is the University of South Florida project that the Commission provided a letter of support.

### **ISSUE NUMBER 3: DISTRICTS 9 AND 25 REAPPOINTMENT PROCESS PROPOSAL**

Dr. Nelson proposed that the assessment schedules for Districts 9 and 25 be realigned so that both districts are assessed during the same year. Dr. Nelson said that since both districts have enacted home rule charters, they are not reappointed by the governor; therefore it would make more sense if they are both assessed at the same time rather than one year apart. Staff will draft rule language to enact this change.

**A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ASSESS DISTRICTS 9 AND 25 DURING THE SAME YEAR.**

#### **ISSUE NUMBER 4: COVERDELL GRANT – 2017 PROPOSALS**

Ms. McNeil informed the Commission that the NIJ had moved the deadline for grant proposals to an earlier date than previously required. Due to the new NIJ deadline and requirements to send the proposals through the Governor's Office prior to submission, the proposals received were required to be submitted before the Commission meeting.

Proposals were received from 17 districts for the 2017 grant funding period. The total requested was \$59,128; however, only \$42,901 was available to the medical examiners. The average funding per district would be approximately \$2,500. Ms. McNeil said that staff was recommending that the proposals be approved as sent to the NIJ.

**A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE ALL COVERDELL GRANT PROPOSALS.**

#### **ISSUE NUMBER 5: ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016**

Ms. Liz Lehr of LifeLink presented the 2016 Annual Report for Florida's organ procurement organizations. Ms. Lehr reported that there were zero denials last year, and thanked the medical examiners for the outstanding relationship that they have with the organ procurement organizations in Florida.

#### **ISSUE NUMBER 6: DISTRICT 23 PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL REPORT**

Dr. Wolf read the findings of the District 23 Probable Cause Panel report from February 16, 2017 into the record:

In February, 2016 private investigator Clu Wright filed a formal complaint against District 23 Medical Examiner Predrag Bulic, M.D., and Associate Medical Examiner Frederick Hobin, M.D. regarding the investigation into the death of Michelle O'Connell. The complaint alleged that Dr. Hobin failed to perform an appropriate review of the medical information presented at the time of Ms. O'Connell's death, and that he conducted an incomplete investigation into the cause and manner of death. The complaint further alleged that Dr. Bulic allowed him to view autopsy photos of Ms. O'Connell when he is not the next of kin, nor did he have permission from the legal next of kin to view the autopsy photos.

Shortly after Mr. Wright filed his complaint, complaints were also received from Ms. Patty O'Connell, mother of the decedent, and Ms. Jennifer Crites, sister of the decedent. Both of these complaints alleged that Dr. Bulic allowed Mr. Wright to view the autopsy photos of Michelle O'Connell without the permission of the family. They also allege that Dr. Hobin did not properly document a broken mandible, and kept records at his residence that were not incorporated into the official case file. The complaint also alleged that Investigator Kent Holloway kept investigative files at his home.

Staff thoroughly reviewed the information in the complaints, as well as all case documents provided by the District 23 County Attorney's Office. It should be noted it required several months for the county attorney to provide the requested documents, and that not all requested documents and photographs were received in the first package that was received by staff. The

county attorney required staff to provide statutory authority before providing other necessary documents and photographs.

### **Probable Cause Findings**

In response to your memorandum of December 14, 2016, the Probable Cause Panel convened on February 7, 2017 at the Department of Health in Jacksonville, Florida. All assigned Panel members were present: Dr. Barbara Wolf, Mr. Ken Jones and Mr. Wesley Heidt. Also in attendance were Commission staff members Vickie Koenig, Doug Culbertson, and Beth McNeil. Staff had already mailed the Panel members the files containing their research and reference materials.

The first order of business was the election of a Panel chair, which Dr. Wolf accepted. Next the Panel reviewed the statutory reference that established the Panel as well as the procedures the Panel and Medical Examiners Commission will follow in these proceedings. Staff then reviewed the reference material previously forwarded to the Panel members.

Dr. Wolf presented what she saw as the relevant allegations of the complaint:

1. Violation of §406.075(1)(i), F.S., "Negligence or the failure to perform the duties required of a medical examiner with that level of care or skill which is recognized by reasonably prudent medical examiners as being acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances" by alleged failure to conduct a thorough investigation into the death of Michelle O'Connell and collect evidence at the scene. The Panel discussed this and determined the District 23 Medical Examiner's Office had conducted a thorough investigation into the death of Michelle O'Connell and that collection of the type of evidence at the scene mentioned in the complaint is a function of law enforcement, and not that of the medical examiner.
2. Violation of § 406.075(1)(i), F.S., by alleged failure to document the broken mandible that was obvious in the X-ray taken during the autopsy. The Panel determined that the image of the fracture constituted documentation, but that it should have been noted in the autopsy report, and that the failure to do so was poor record keeping. However, the Panel felt that this did not rise to the level of negligence.
3. Violation of § 406.13 F.S., and Chapter 11G-2.005, (d), (e), and (f), F.A.C., regarding maintenance of records. The Panel discussed this and determined that Dr. Hobin maintained part of his investigative findings, amended autopsy findings, and an amended death certificate at his home, all of which are violations of the rule and statute referenced above. The Panel also noted that Investigator Kent Holloway had updated an investigative report that was kept at his residence and not made part of the official file housed at the medical examiner's office. The Panel further found that Dr. Bulic is also in violation of the referenced rule and statute by failing to have a clear policy in place to prohibit such activity and by his apparent unawareness that the file for Michelle O'Connell's death investigation housed in the medical examiner's office was incomplete.
4. Violation of § 406.135, F.S., which states that only the legal next of kin may view autopsy photos unless permission is given. The Panel referenced the FDLE investigation that determined that a District 23 staff member did allow Mr. Clu Wright to view the autopsy photos of Michelle O'Connell without the express permission of the

legal next of kin, and in a public area (office lobby). Although it was a staff member who allowed Mr. Wright to observe the photographs, the Panel determined that it is the duty of Dr. Bulic to prevent such occurrences, and that Dr. Bulic clearly violated this statute.

5. Violation of Practice Guidelines, Article 6, (3), (b) 3, alleged failure to investigate a history of mental illness in the decedent. The Panel determined that the medical examiner file did contain juvenile records of the decedent, and that no violation occurred.
6. Violation of Practice Guidelines, Article 15, by alleged failure to photograph the intra-oral wounds to scale. The Panel determined that the photographs taken of the wounds were sufficient for documentation, and that no violation occurred.
7. Violation of Practice Guidelines, Article 8, Maintenance of Records by alleged failure to have complete notes and the investigative reports in the files maintained within the medical examiner's office. The Panel discussed this at length and determined that Dr. Hobin and Dr. Bulic did violate Article 8 of the Practice Guidelines.

As a result of the discussion the Panel unanimously found *probable cause* that:

1. Dr. Hobin violated § 406.13 F.S., and Rule 11G-2.005, (d), (e), and (f), F.A.C., because he maintained part of his investigative findings, amended autopsy findings, and an amended death certificate at his home.
2. Dr. Hobin violated Practice Guidelines, Article 8, Maintenance of Records by failure to have complete notes and the investigative report in the files maintained within the medical examiner's office.
3. Dr. Bulic violated § 406.13 F.S., Rule 11G-2.005, (d), (e), and (f), F.A.C., and Practice Guidelines Article 8, by failing to have a clear policy in place to dissuade such activity, and his apparent unawareness that the file for Michelle O'Connell's death investigation housed in the medical examiner's office was incomplete.
4. Dr. Bulic violated § 406.135, F.S., which states that only the legal next of kin may view autopsy photos unless permission is given by allowing a staff member to provide autopsy photographs to a person who was not the legal next of kin, and did not have the permission of the legal next of kin to view the autopsy photographs.

### **Conclusions**

The Panel found probable cause exists that there were violations of § 406.13 F.S., § 406.135, F.S., Rule 11G-2.005, (d), (e), and (f), F.A.C., and Practice Guidelines, Article 8, by the District 23 Medical Examiner's Office regarding its investigation of the death of Michelle O'Connell.

The Panel recommends that Dr. Hobin be placed on suspension, with the period to be determined by the Medical Examiners Commission.

The Panel recommends that Dr. Bulic be issued a written reprimand and directed to enact clear policies and procedures that guarantee that all documentation related to a death investigation be kept in the medical examiner's office, and that no autopsy photographs will be provided to anyone who is not the legal next of kin, or who does not have the express written permission of the legal next of kin.

The Panel is prepared to discuss this matter and the reasoning behind their conclusions. In the meantime, please contact Dr. Barbara Wolf or staff if you have any questions or if the Panel can be of further assistance.

Mr. Purdy said that the failure to document the broken mandible is a major issue, and that he takes exception with the finding that it is simply a failure to make proper documentation. Dr. Wolf responded that when the panel discussed this issue that it was a point of contention due to whether it could have been caused by the gun or by physical violence; e.g. caused by a punch. Dr. Wolf said that a .45 round is capable of fracturing the mandible in the manner shown in the X-Ray, and that the panel determined that this did not rise to the level of negligence.

Mr. Purdy responded that this failure to document the mandible is egregious and misleading to the prosecution if they did not look at the x-rays. It does rise to the level of negligence in his opinion, and that he would have taken a stronger stand had he been a member of the Panel. Dr. Nelson agreed that if it was not mentioned in the autopsy report, law enforcement and the state attorney's office would not know to look for it in the x-rays.

Commissioner Carol Whitmore made a motion to accept the Probable Cause Panel's recommendation of suspension for Dr. Hobin, and a written reprimand for Dr. Bulic. Commissioner Robin Sheppard seconded the motion.

Ms. Whitmore then asked that the Panel recommendation be read again. Dr. Nelson reread the recommended penalty, at which point Ms. Whitmore withdrew her motion, and Ms. Sheppard withdrew the second for discussion.

Ms. Koenig informed the Commission that while the Panel found violations, and recommended disciplinary action in this case, the respondents would have the option of requesting a formal hearing with the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH). If that is the case, then DOAH will issue a recommendation for a final order to be issued by the Commission. Ms. Koenig recommended that the proposed discipline for Dr. Hobin and Dr. Bulic be made as separate motions.

**MR. PURDY MADE A MOTION, MS. SHEPPARD SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT DR. BULIC BE PLACED ON ONE YEAR PROBATION DURING WHICH CLEAR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MUST BE ENACTED TO PREVENT FURTHER VIOLATIONS OF §406.13, F.S., §406.135, F.S., RULE 11G-2.005 (1)(d),(e) AND (f), F.A.C., AND PRACTICE GUIDELINES ARTICLE 8, MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS FROM OCCURRING AGAIN. THE PROBATION MAY TERMINATE EARLY UPON PROOF OF SUCH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES BEING IMPLEMENTED.**

Dr. Barbara Wolf, Mr. Ken Jones, and Mr. Wesley Heidt recused themselves as members of the probable cause panel.

**A SEPARATE MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO PLACE DR. HOBIN ON SIX MONTHS SUSPENSION FOR VIOLATIONS OF § 406.13 F.S., RULE 11G-2.005(1) (d), (e), and (f), F.A.C., AND PRACTICE GUIDELINES ARTICLE 8, MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS.**

Dr. Barbara Wolf, Mr. Ken Jones, and Mr. Wesley Heidt recused themselves as members of the probable cause panel.

### **ISSUE NUMBER 7: DISTRICT 18 DISCIPLINARY CASE**

Ms. Koenig read the staff memorandum regarding the January, 2017 audit of District 18's visual inspections into the record:

On July 7, 2016, the Medical Examiners Commission filed a final order on MEC case #15-1 regarding the McDonough complaint. The final order provided that Sajid S. Qaiser, M.D., be placed on one year of probation, to include the drafting of new office policies and procedures. The Commission included a provision that MEC staff shall conduct a second audit in order to determine that new policies have been put in place and are being followed and if so, the Commission may terminate the period of probation early.

On December 12, 2016, the District 18 Medical Examiner's Office was notified that Commission staff would conduct an audit of all files for calendar year 2016 for cases in which jurisdiction was accepted, but a visual inspection rather than an invasive autopsy was conducted. The audit was scheduled for January 12-13, 2017, and advanced notice was provided to allow the office to pull the files for review.

From January 12-13, 2017, staff members Doug Culbertson, Beth McNeil, and I reviewed 212 visual inspection case files for the 2016 calendar year. In each of these cases, it was evident that the new policies and procedures were in effect and being followed. All case files contained the pertinent medical records to support the findings of the cause and manner of death for each visual external examination conducted. If required, toxicology reports for ante-mortem blood (hospital admit) or post-mortem blood or vitreous were present in the case file. Each of the toxicology reports included a request for quantification of toxicology results and payment for such requests was made by the District 18 Medical Examiner's Office.

Based on the results of this audit, staff finds that Sajid S. Qaiser, M.D., has complied with the terms of his probation to date. The documentation contained within the case files indicates that new office policies and procedures are in place and being followed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Dr. Nelson thanked Dr. Qaiser for complying with the terms of his probationary period. Mr. Purdy asked about the period of Dr. Qaiser's probation, and was informed that it was July 7, 2016 through July 6, 2017. Mr. Purdy asked that this issue be placed on the agenda for the May Commission meeting.

### **ISSUE NUMBER 8: MASS FATALITY PLANS**

Dr. Nelson reminded all districts that hurricane season begins on June 1, 2017, and that everyone should make sure that they have a current mass fatality plan in place.

### **ISSUE NUMBER 9: MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND CORONERS ALERT PROJECT (MECAP)**

Mr. Glenn Dunlap, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, gave a brief presentation on the Medical Examiners and Coroners Alert Project. This project is in place to help prevent consumer product related deaths and injuries in the American marketplace.

Mr. Dunlap said that medical examiners are able to provide the timeliest information regarding deaths due to consumer products, and said that he hoped that Florida's medical examiners would cooperate in providing this information as a matter of public safety.

### **ISSUE NUMBER 10: NATIONAL GUARD FATALITY EXERCISE**

Jason Byrd, Ph.D., informed the MEC that the time and place for the mass fatality exercise had been changed to May 23-25, 2017. The exercise on May 23<sup>rd</sup> will be held at the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office, and FEMORS will be in place at Miami-Dade College May 24-25.

### **ISSUE NUMBER 11: UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED INITIATIVE**

District 7 Forensic Investigator Karla Orozco presented the following success story:

On August 3, 2015, the District 7 Medical Examiner responded to a wooded area in Oak Hill (Volusia County) where a weathered human cranium and cranium fragment were discovered by the owner of the property. The medical examiner and the Volusia County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) conducted line searches through the area and the proximal end of a femur was located 61 feet away from the cranium. VCSO investigators researched missing persons in the area and determined Bruno Van Bavel had gone missing in 1988 at the age of 80.

Mr. Van Bavel suffered from Alzheimer's and was known to wander away from his home. He lived 1.5 miles away from the property where the cranium was located. In 2012, VCSO collected a DNA sample from Van Bavel's grandson and submitted it to the University of North Texas (UNT) but no matches had been made. The medical examiner submitted the remains to UNT for anthropological and DNA analysis. In May 2016, UNT notified the medical examiner and VCSO that the comparison of the reference sample from the grandson and the remains was inconclusive. VCSO investigators were able to locate Van Bavel's son, collected a DNA sample and submitted it to UNT for comparison in August 2016. In January 2017, UNT notified the medical examiner and VCSO that the statistical data from the comparison of the three (3) submitted DNA samples, provided very strong support for their declared biological relationship.

Mr. Andrew Shelton, FDLE Missing Persons and Offender Registry, reported that he had visited Dr. Nelson's office and thanked him for his efforts with the unidentified deceased initiative. He also gave an update on the submission of deceased fingerprint cards from the medical examiners. He provided a handout "Cheat sheet" to assist the districts with the submission of their deceased fingerprint cards. Dr. Nelson asked that this item be placed on the May Commission meeting agenda for a status update on the six (6) district medical examiner offices that reported they were not submitting deceased fingerprint cards.

**ISSUE NUMBER 12: FLORIDA drug-RELATED OUTCOMES SURVEILLANCE AND TRACKING SYSTEM (FROST)**

Chris Delcher, Ph.D., University of Florida, gave a brief presentation on the FROST system that tracks Florida drug-related deaths. The system incorporates data from the Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons Report and the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. The system allows the data to be detailed by drug, county, polysubstance use, and age. The system is available at <http://frost.med.ufl.edu/frost/>.

**ISSUE NUMBER 13: 2017 FAME EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Dr. Goldberger reported that the 2017 FAME Educational Conference would be held August 2-4, 2017, at the Four Seasons Resort in Orlando, Florida with a \$199 per night rate. The Districts 9 and 25 Medical Examiner's Office will host the 2017 conference, and they had identified a very informative agenda for the conference.

**ISSUE NUMBER 14: OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Nelson announced that District 11 Medical Examiner Emma Lew, M.D. was named the "In the Company of Women" winner for the Government and Law, non-elected category.

Private Investigator Mr. Clu Wright, one of the complainants in the District 23 case asked that the Commission please consider the additional autopsy by Dr. Anderson before making a final determination for discipline in this case. Dr. Wolf advised that the Probable Cause Panel has reviewed that material, which was also provided to the Commission as part of their materials for Agenda Item 6.

**With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.**