



Medical Examiners Commission Meeting

February 17, 2023

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.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING

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

Opening Remarks

Introduction of Commission Members and Staff

Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes from previous Commission Meeting of November 4, 2022

- 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, 15 and 22 Medical Examiner Vacancy
- 2022 Reappointments/Assessments for Districts 15-24
- 2022 Annual Workload Report
- 2022 Interim/Annual Drugs in Deceased Persons Report
- 2022 Coverdell Status Update
- MEC Bills of Interest

Brett Kirkland, Ph.D.

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Stephen Nelson, M.D.

Ashley Williams

Megan Neel

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Ashley Williams

James D. Martin, J.D.

2. Organ Procurement Organization Annual Report

Ginny McBride

3. BJA Grant Award

Leigh Clark

4. Nomination for District 23 Medical Examiner

Stephen Nelson, M.D.

5. 2023 Coverdell Grant Proposals

Ashley Williams

6. Unidentified Deceased Initiative

Ashley Williams

7. Mass Fatality Plans

MEC Chair

8. NAME Accreditation

Barbara C. Wolf, M.D.

9. Toxicology Lab Directors Meeting Update

Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D.

10. Emerging Drugs

Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D.

11. 2023 FAME Educational Conference

Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D.

12. Other Business

MEC Chair

- Resolution for Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D.

Stephen Nelson, M.D.

- Conrad 30/Southeast Conference

Brett Kirkland, Ph.D.

The next MEC Meeting will be May 19th at TBD.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING

Bluegreen's Bayside Resort & Spa
4114 Jan Cooley Drive
Panama City Beach, FL 32408
November 4, 2022, 10:00 AM CDT

Commission Chairman Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P., called the meeting of the Medical Examiners Commission to order at **10:00 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., District 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 members not present:

Hon. Carol R. Whitmore, R.N., Manatee County Commissioner

Commission staff present:

Brett Kirkland, Ph.D.	Megan Neel
James D. Martin, J.D.	Ashley Williams
Vickie Koenig	

District Medical Examiners present:

Deanna Oleske, M.D. (District 1)	Wendolyn Sneed, M.D. (District 15)
B. Robert Pietak, M.D. (District 4)	Jay Radtke, M.D. (District 14)

Other District personnel present:

Dan Schebler (District 1)	Marlon Osbourn, M.D. (District 15)
Tim Crutchfield (District 4)	Lindsey Bayer, M.D. District 5/24)
Jeffrey Brokaw (District 4)	Catherine Miller, M.D. (District 15)
Natalia Belova, M.D. (District 15)	Terrill Tops, M.D. (District 15)
Whit Majors (District 14)	Kayla Mitchell (District 14)
Alessandra Turner (District 14)	Caitlyn Morgan (District 14)
Kim Carroll (District 19)	

Guests present:

Dean Register (FDLE)
Sue Nelson

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 JULY 27, 2022 MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING.

ISSUE NUMBER 1: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- New District 22 Medical Examiner: Commission Chairman Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P., informed the Commission that State Attorney Amira Fox appointed Dr. Russell Vega as interim District 22 Medical Examiner and will be responsible for the operation of the office going forward.
- Commission Chairman Dr. Nelson announced that former Hillsborough County, District 13 Assistant Medical Examiner Lee Miller, M.D., passed away on September 21, 2022.
- Status Report: MEC Appointment 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, Mr. Kirkland reported that the Sheriff's vacancy is still awaiting appointment from the Governor's Office, as well as the State Attorney's vacancy. Mr. Kirkland also informed the Commission that Commissioner Carol Whitmore will be resigning from the Commission on November 22, 2022. The Florida Association of Counties was solicited for recommendations to fill the County Commissioner vacancy and they have provided two names, the Honorable Terry Burroughs, Okeechobee County Commissioner, and the Honorable Kathleen Peters, Pinellas County Commissioner. We are currently awaiting approvals from the Governor's Appointments Office. Statewide Prosecutor, Nick Cox inquired about the sheriff candidates, to which Mr. Kirkland advise there are two, Santa Rosa County Sheriff Bob Johnson and Monroe County Sheriff Rick Ramsay.
- District 2 Medical Examiner Vacancy: Dr. Nelson informed the Commission that there have not been any new developments in District 2. Dr. Jon Thogmartin is still the interim medical examiner for the district. The Medical Examiner Search Committee is still in the process of filling the vacancy.
- 2021 Annual Drug Report: Mrs. Megan Neel informed the Commission that data has been received from all districts and the report is under final review. The report will hopefully be posted to the MEC website within the next couple of weeks.
- 2021 Annual Workload Report: Mrs. Neel informed the Commission that data was published to the MEC website on October 18, 2022. Mrs. Neel stated if anyone would like a copy, they could email her or go to the Medical Examiners Commission website.
- 2022 Interim Drug Report: Mrs. Neel informed the Commission that the deadline for the data submission is November 30, 2022. Mrs. Neel asked that the districts submit the data as soon as possible because she is trying to get the report out sooner. Dr. Nelson commented that he has concerns with 4-ANPP, an illicit manufacturing product associated with fentanyl, being listed on the drug report as a cause of death. He advised that it is pharmacologically inactive and should not be listed as a cause death. Dr. Nelson stated that listing 4-ANPP as a cause of death would be misleading. Dr. Nelson advised that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention stated that there are a number of states that have issued death certificates indicating 4-ANPP associated with fentanyl as a cause of death. Dr. Nelson stated that 4-ANPP is clearly associated with fentanyl but it is a marker for the illicit manufacture of fentanyl and not something a reputable drug manufacture would have in the make of the drug itself. Dr. Nelson further commented that it would be beneficial for the Commission to change the way 4-ANPP is listed in the drug report to be in line with current scientific practice. A member of the audience asked how the CDC was coding 4-ANPP to which Dr. Nelson stated he was unsure.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT MOVING FORWARD 4-ANPP WILL NOT BE INDICATED IN THE DRUG REPORTS AS A CAUSE OF DEATH.

- 2021 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program Status Update: Mrs. Ashley Williams reported that there are 16 districts participating in the grant and the allotment total is \$51,440. The awarded packages were emailed to the participating districts on May 17, 2022. Physical copies of the MOUs were mailed by the grant manager to participating districts on May 17, 2022. All participating districts are authorized to purchase items on their expenditure list. Mrs. Williams asked that districts continue to submit their reimbursement request, so far only 4 districts have submitted reimbursement requests.
- Nomination for District 8 Medical Examiner: Dr. Nelson informed the Commission that the District 8 Medical Examiner Dr. William F. Hamilton has retired and the District 8 Medical Examiner Search Committee has completed their search. Dr. Nelson advised that State Attorney Brian Kramer of the 8th circuit chaired the committee and it was advertised in a number of publications and there was only one application, Thomas Coyne, M.D. Dr. Coyne was interviewed and he is the committee's recommendation for the gubernatorial appointment for the District 8 Medical Examiner.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT DR. THOMAS COYNE IS THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT FOR THE DISTRICT 8 MEDICAL EXAMINER.

ISSUE NUMBER 2: UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED INITIATIVE

Mrs. Williams reported the following success story from District 21:

After the skeletal remains of eight men were found back in 2007 in a wooded area of east Fort Myers, authorities have been working diligently to identify them. DNA analyses have helped authorities name three of the men and on Tuesday, they were able to identify a fourth man. His name was Robert Ronald "Bobbie" Soden, Fort Myers Police Department said in a news release. The Fort Myers Police Department Cold Case Unit said Soden was 30 when he was last heard from and investigators were able to tie him to the Fort Myers area around the time of his suspected death. The police department was able to locate relatives of Soden in New Jersey, North Carolina and Washington. In order to properly identify the remains, the cold case unit has been working with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Parabon Nanolabs, a private DNA analysis company. The company uses a genealogy research program that works with DNA collected from the skeletal remains, identifies a probable person and then investigators contact potential family members to complete the DNA comparison. It's believed that Soden could've been killed by a serial killer active in east Fort Myers in the 1990s. Police said Soden's remains were found in the same area as other victims. Daniel Conahan was known as the "Hog Trail Killer" and identified as a person of interest during the ongoing investigation, Fort Myers police said. Conahan is currently on death row in Florida for a Charlotte County murder in 1996. "Investigators submitted DNA profiles for each of the eight male skeletons to the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification," Fort Myers Police said. "The Database is a national clearinghouse for DNA profiles of missing persons and unidentified dead." Through DNA samples collected from family members of reported missing people, they have been able to identify three of the other skeletal remains in addition to that of Soden. Their names are Jonathan Tihay, Johnathan Blevins and Eric Kohler. "The investigation will not stop until all eight of the victims are identified and their families are notified," investigators say.

ISSUE NUMBER 3: EMERGING DRUGS

Bureau Chief Brett Kirkland, Ph.D., provided the Commission with an update on new drug trends on behalf of Bruce Goldberger, Ph.D. Mr. Kirkland informed the Commission that the toxicology laboratory directors met on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. Mr. Kirkland advised that illicitly manufactured fentanyl, and associated analogs including 4-ANPP, fluorofentanyl, and norfentanyl, are frequently identified in decedents. Cocaine and methamphetamine continue to surge in the state, particularly in combination with fentanyl. Xylazine is a veterinary central nervous system depressant, and when mixed with fentanyl, increases the likelihood of a fatal drug overdose. Also, N,N-Dimethylpentylone is the most prevalent cathinone in decedents. Laboratories should remain vigilant in regards to the emergence of other cathinones. The prevalence of nitazenes and designer benzodiazepines in decedents remains low in the state. The identification of a nitazene in a decedent is often tied the identification of the analyte in evidence seized at the scene. Mr. Kirkland also informed that at the last commission meeting staff was asked to write a letter for the Attorney General in regards to the scheduling designer benzodiazepines. Mr. Kirkland advised that along with the help from Dr. Goldberger and other lab directors, a letter was presented to Commissioner Nick Cox who then presented the letter to the Attorney General. Mr. Nick Cox stated that he has turned over the information to the Attorney General and that he was not sure of the status but could advised that it is being actively worked.

ISSUE NUMBER 4: OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Kirkland reported that the 2023 FAME Educational Conference is scheduled to be held July 19-21, 2023 and will be held in Orlando at the Omni Hotel and Resort at Championsgate. The room rate will be \$189 per night. District 8 Medical Examiner will be co-hosting the conference.
- Dr. Nelson presented Commission Member and former Manatee County Commissioner Carol Whitmore with a signed resolution and read its contents into the record.

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

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

WHEREAS, Honorable Carol Whitmore, R.N. was the elected County Commissioner for Manatee County in the State of Florida, where she served for sixteen years since she was initially elected in 2006.

WHEREAS, Honorable Carol Whitmore, R.N. was appointed to the Medical Examiners Commission in August 2013, where she has represented the concerns of Florida's County Commissioners over her term until she left her elected position and,

WHEREAS, Honorable Whitmore's years of experience in public service gave her keen insight and highly respected judgment concerning critical medical examiner activities within Florida, and

WHEREAS, Honorable Whitmore has not only earned the reputation of being an invaluable resource for the Medical Examiners Commission but she has, above all, earned the reputation of being respectful in her judgments and having boundless enthusiasm for the mission of the Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, let it be resolved that this Commission on behalf of Florida's medical examiners, the medical-legal community, and all of the citizens of Florida whom she has served so well, does hereby recognize and commend Honorable Carol Whitmore, R.N. for her dedication, exemplary service, pleasant yet professional demeanor, and the invaluable guidance she has offered to Florida's district medical examiner system in her position as county commissioner representative on the Medical Examiners Commission.

PASSED AND RECORDED, in the official minutes of the Medical Examiners Commission meeting on this Friday, the 4th day of November, 2022, in Panama City Beach, Bay County, Florida.

- Commissioner Kenneth Jones provided the Commission with an update in regards to the ODA2 Funding. Mr. Jones stated that this is the last year that the Department of Health will be providing the ODA2 to medical examiners and the grant will end in August 2023. Mr. Jones stated that if districts are interested in participating they need to contact the Department of Health and apply.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 A.M.

**MEC Bills of Interest
2023 Legislative Session**

1. SB 164 & 165 Controlled Substance Testing (Polsky & Hunschofsky)

The bill revises the definition of the term “drug paraphernalia” in section 893.145, F.S., to exclude certain narcotic-drug-testing products for fentanyl. Effective Date: 7/1/2023

NOTE: some of the ME offices have had difficulty ordering supplies from vendors due to testing supplies being considered drug paraphernalia.

2. HB 273 & SB 404 Public Records/Autopsy Reports of Minor Victims of Domestic Violence (Clemons and Perry)

This bill revises s.406.135, F.S., to create an exemption for autopsy photographs and videos of minors whose deaths were related to acts of domestic violence.

Of interest but no direct ME impact: SB 136 Florida Kratom Consumer Protection Act (Gruters)

From: [Nelson, Stephen](#)
To: [Kirkland, Brett](#); [Neel, Megan](#); [Williams, Ashley](#)
Cc: [Koenig, Vickie](#)
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Today the District 23 DME Search Committee completed its work and selected the current Palm Beach DME (Dr. Wendolyn Sneed) to replace Dr. Predrag Bulic.
SA R.J. Larizza will be forwarding the necessary paperwork once the St. Johns County paperwork is completed to get Dr. Sneed on their payroll as a St. Johns County employee.

One down...

Any status report on Charlotte County?
District 2?

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December 19, 2022

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Re: Dr. Wendolyn Sneed

Dear Dr. Nelson,

After searching for and interviewing for the position of the District 23 Medical Examiner position, it is the committee's recommendation to select Dr. Wendolyn Sneed to fill that position.

The Seventh Judicial Circuit has done a thorough background check regarding Dr. Sneed, a copy of which is being provided to you for review.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,



R.J. Larizza
State Attorney
Seventh Judicial Circuit

Cc: Lilian Hutchinson, St. Johns County Human Resource Director

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January 30, 2023

Dr. Wendolyn Sneed, MD
6046 NW 56 Circle
Coral Springs, FL 33067

Via Electronic Mail and United States Mail


IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT 23 MEDICAL EXAMINER

Dear Dr. Sneed,

Pursuant to Florida Statute §406.15, and as State Attorney of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, I hereby appoint you as the Medical Examiner for District 23. Said Appointment to commence on February 21, 2023. You will succeed Dr. Thogmartin who has been serving as the Interim Medical Examiner.

I want to congratulate you on your appointment and I am confident you will do well as the District 23 Medical Examiner for Flagler, Putnam and St. Johns County.

Sincerely,


R.J. Larizza
State Attorney
Seventh Judicial Circuit

Cc: Governor Ron DeSantis
Dr. Stephen Nelson, Medical Examiner Commission Chairman
St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners
Flagler County Board of County Commissioners
Putnam County Board of County Commissioners
Matthew Metz, Public Defender Seventh Judicial Circuit

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2023 Paul Coverdell Grant Summary

Total Amount Requested by Districts (11)	\$54,920.55
Total Allotment for Medical Examiners	TBD

**2023 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List
District One Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The **District One Medical Examiner Office** requests funds to purchase a new hydraulic autopsy cart and three additional fiberglass autopsy trays. One of the current hydraulic carts is worn, malfunctioning and beyond servicing and repair. The fiberglass autopsy trays are lighter and easier for staff to manage and also needed for homicide cases when trying to find a bullet. Additionally, D1 MEO is requesting funds for one Maxair CAPR for fest and evaluation to replace bulkier, older existing PAPRs. The photo intern laptop requested will support an internship program and assists the forensic photographer with tagging and metadata associated with all photographs maintained by the office. Eight waders and eight laser measuring devices will provide additional capability for the investigations department which currently has neither of these items. Waders would help keep investigators dry and warm on water scenes; investigator will frequently go from scene to scene without much time between and waders would ensure that investigators could shield themselves and therefore be less likely to spend a day in absolute discomfort following a water-related death. Laser measuring devices would allow investigators to safely, accurately, and conveniently take measurements on scene. The high-speed duplex scanners will enable the administrative staff to be more effective and efficient as we transition toward more digital records.

Quantity	Item	Total Cost
1	Autopsy Hydraulic Cart	\$7,075
3	Autopsy Tray, Fiberglass	\$3,025
1	Maxair CAPR Solo Starter Pack	\$2,500
1	Photo Intern Laptop	\$3,099
8	Gator Waders- Shield Insulated Pro Series Waders	\$1,600
8	BOSCH GLM50C Distance Laser Measure – 165ft	\$1,885
2	High-speed Duplex Desk Scanners	\$1,060

Total Requested Amount: \$20,244.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2023 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List
District Two Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Two Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase a MOPEC autopsy cart with drain hole. The current cart top was provided by the hospital where the District 2 Morgue was previously housed. It is actually designed specifically for patient transport and not autopsy. We would like to upgrade the cart top to an autopsy tray for more proficient daily use in our new facility.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	MOPEC autopsy cart with drain hole	\$2,500

Total Request Amount: \$2,500.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2023 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List
District Four Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Four Medical Examiner Office requests funds in the amount of \$2,990.10 in order to support the enhancement of forensic pathology services. We would like to use the funds for the following equipment. Our morgue staff utilizes the MaxAir CAPR and the requested filters will provide respiratory protection.

Quantity	Item	Cost
5	Boxes of MaxAir HE XP Filter Cartridges	
3	Boxes -HEPA + N-OV Charcoal Odor Filtration	
		\$2,290.10

Total Request Amount: \$2,290.10

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2023 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List
District Five and Twenty-Four Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Five and Twenty-Four Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase a mortuary cot and two tablets assist with obtaining digitized information and signatures during the release of bodies. 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	Junkin Mortuary Cot	\$2,526.00
2	iPad Pro- 9.7"	\$474.00

Total Request Amount: \$3,000

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2023 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List
District Six Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Six Medical Examiner Office requests funds for the purchase a new digital camera equipment to be used during death scene investigations, decedent processing and autopsy to fulfill their requirements under Florida State Statute Chapter 406 and Florida Administrative Code 11-G. The equipment is essential in being able to perform their statutory duties, and to provide a high level of quality services to the citizens and agencies in the district that the office serves. During the year 2022, the District 6 Medical Examiner office performed 2,384 decedents examinations where photographs were taken to document both the death scene and the decedent in the Medical Examiner Office.

Quantity	Item	Cost
3	Digital SLR Cameras	\$2,399.85
3	Digital SLR Camera Lenses	\$590.85

Total Request Amount: \$2,990.70

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2023 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List
District Seven Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Seven Medical Examiner Office requests funds for the purchase for three Nikon DSLR cameras. Taking quality scene and autopsy photos is a vital function of the medical examiner. Having the cameras listed below will aid in fulfilling the function. The routine wear and tear of these cameras in the field and in the morgue necessitates the replacement of such equipment.

Quantity	Item	Cost
3	Nikon DSLR Camera	\$2,399.85

Total Request Amount: \$2,399.85

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2023 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List
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

**2023 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List
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

**2023 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List
District Fifteen Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Fifteen Medical Examiner Office requests funds for two MOPEC 1000 Autopsy Saws. The saws will replace the current aged and inoperable saws in inventory, used by Forensic Technicians. This will allow Forensic Technicians to safely and efficiently open heads without risking damage that may compromise the forensic interest during the autopsy. This will prevent potential artifacts events from occurring during autopsy examinations, thus preserving the forensic value. This will be extremely important both at the local level of documentation and in those cases that align with civil and criminal courts.

Quantity	Item	Cost
2	MOPEC 1000 Autopsy Saw (\$2,249.95 each)	\$4,499.90

Total Request Amount: \$4,499.90

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2023 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List
District Nineteen Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Nineteen Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase two MOPEC 1000 Autopsy Saw with Blades. These saws will replace old, outdated saws in current use. New saws will be more efficient and make autopsies easier for the technicians and doctors using them.

Quantity	Item	Cost
2	MOPEC 1000 Autopsy Saw with Blades BD108 (\$2,425.03 each)	\$4,850.06

Total Request Amount: \$3,000.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD

**2023 Paul Coverdell Grant
Requested Expenditure List
District Twenty-One Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Twenty-One Medical Examiner Office requests funds for the purchase of four Canon Rebel SL3 Digital SLR Cameras with EF-S 18-55mm Lens Kit. The addition of these four cameras will provide additional cameras for the morgue as caseload has increased. These cameras will provide better photography for autopsy cases.

Quantity	Item	Cost
4	Canon Rebel SL3 Digital SLR Cameras with EF-S 18-55mm Lens Kit (\$749 each)	\$2,996.00

Total Request Amount: \$2,996.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$TBD