



Medical Examiners Commission Meeting

May 1, 2019

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MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING

Hilton University of Florida Conference Center

1714 SW 34th Street

Gainesville, FL 32607

May 1, 2019, 10:00 AM EDT

Opening Remarks

Introduction of Commission Members and Staff

Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes from previous Commission Meeting of January 18, 2019

Discipline Agenda

District 4 Interim Medical Examiner Valerie J. Rao, M.D.

Chris Bufano, J.D.

Business Agenda

ISSUE NUMBER

PRESENTER

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| 1. Informational Items: | |
| • District 1 Disciplinary Update | Vickie Koenig |
| • District 16 Appointment Update | Vickie Koenig |
| • District 18 Reappointment Update | Vickie Koenig |
| • Status Update: MEC Vacancies (DME and State Attorney) | Vickie Koenig |
| • District 1 Search Committee Update | Stephen J. Nelson, M.D. |
| • District 7 Search Committee Update | Stephen J. Nelson, M.D. |
| • District 15 District Medical Examiner Status Update | Stephen J. Nelson, M.D. |
| • Organ Procurement Organization Denial Update | Stephen J. Nelson, M.D. |
| • Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review Follow-Up | Stephen J. Nelson, M.D. |
| • 2018 Interim Drugs in Deceased Persons Report | Vickie Koenig |
| • 2018 Coverdell Status Update | Chad Lucas |
| • 2018 Annual Reports Reminder | Vickie Koenig |
| • 2019 Legislative Session Bills of Interest | Jim Martin, J.D. |
| 2. Nomination for District 4 Medical Examiner | Stephen J. Nelson, M.D. |
| 3. Reappointment Nominations for Districts 8, 10, 12, and 14, and Assessments for Districts 9, 11, 13, and 25 | Vickie Koenig |
| 4. Marsy's Law Implementation | Jim Martin, J.D. |
| 5. 2019 Coverdell Awards | Chad Lucas |
| 6. Department of Health Opioid Project | Karen Card, DrPH |
| 7. CDC's National Violent Death Reporting System Introduction | Melissa Jordan, M.S., MPH |
| 8. Emerging Drugs | Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D. |
| 9. 2019 FAME Educational Conference | Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D. |
| 10. Other Business | Stephen J. Nelson, M.D. |
| • Resolution for MEC Staff Member Beth McNeil | |

Possible dates for next MEC Meeting are August 6-9. Location is TBD.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING

Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort and Spa
4000 Sandestin Boulevard South
Miramar Beach, Florida 32550
January 18, 2019 10:00 AM CT

Commission member Barbara C. Wolf, M.D. called the meeting of the Medical Examiners Commission to order at **10:26 AM**. She advised those in the audience that Chairman Stephen J. Nelson, M.D. was late to the meeting due to general aviation air traffic control issues and the business informational items on the agenda would be covered until he arrived. She 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
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
Hon. Jeffrey Siegmeister, State Attorney, 3rd Judicial Circuit
Hon. J. Harrell Reid, Hamilton County Sheriff
Hon. Carol R. Whitmore, R.N., Manatee County Commissioner (via Teleconference)

Commission staff present:

Vickie Koenig	Chad Lucas
Beth McNeil	James D. Martin, J.D.

District Medical Examiners present:

Andrea N. Minyard, M.D. (District 1 Interim)	Jay Radtke, M.D. (District 14)
Craig Mallak, M.D. (District 17)	Russell S. Vega, M.D. (District 12)

Other District personnel present:

Jeff Martin (District 1)	Tim J. Gallagher, M.D. (District 1)
Kayla Mitchell (District 14)	Lisa M. Flannagan, M.D. (District 2)
Lindsey Bayer (District 5/24)	

Guests present:

Karen Card, DrPH (DOH)	Joshua Sturms (DOH)
Randolph Schilke (DOH)	Alan Mai (DOH)
Eric Yopp (FDLE)	Jack Massey (FDLE)
Chris Williams (FDLE)	Jon Rigsby (FDLE)
Hon. Larry Ashley (Okaloosa County Sheriff)	Steve Harker (Okaloosa County SO)
Brad Embry (Okaloosa IG)	Andrew Thurman (Okaloosa IG)
Hon. Michael Adkinson (Walton County Sheriff)	Lesley Garcia (LifeNet Health)
Meredith Touns (LifeNet Health)	Rebecca Sayer (LifeLink)
Bruce Goldberger, Ph.D. (UF)	Corey Hebert (LEITR)
Greg Marcille, J.D. (SAO, 1 st Judicial District)	Ginny McBride (TransLife)
James Rosa (Lions Eye Institute)	Tommy Mock (Okaloosa resident)

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ISSUE NUMBER 1: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (PART 1)

- Status Report: MEC Appointment and Reappointments: Ms. Vickie Koenig informed the Commission that the District Medical Examiner, the Licensed Funeral Director (LFD), and the County Commissioner positions on the Medical Examiners Commission have been re-appointed by Governor Rick Scott.
 - Stephen J. Nelson, M.D., the District Medical Examiner of District 10, was reappointed for a term beginning August 29, 2018, and ending July 1, 2020.
 - Robin Giddens Sheppard, L.F.D., a licensed funeral director for Hardage Giddens Funeral Home was reappointed for a term beginning August 29, 2018 and ending July 1, 2020.
 - Honorable Carol Whitmore is a county commissioner in Manatee County and was reappointed for a term beginning August 29, 2018 and ending July 1, 2021.
 - Honorable Charlie Cofer, J.D., the 4th Judicial Circuit's elected Public Defender, was appointed by Governor Rick Scott to the Public Defender position on the Commission. He replaces Public Defender James Purdy from the 7th Judicial Circuit. Mr. Cofer's appointment is for a term beginning August 29, 2018 and ending July 1, 2021.
- Status Report: District 14 and 16 Appointment and Reappointments for Districts 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 18-23: Ms. Koenig informed the Commission that Governor Rick Scott reappointed 10 and appointed 1 as District Medical Examiners.
 - Districts 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 19, 20, and 23 were reappointed effective August 29, 2018.
 - District 14 Interim Medical Examiner Jay Radtke, M.D., was appointed as the District 14 Medical Examiner effective August 29, 2018.
 - Districts 2 and 21 were reappointed effective September 27, 2018.
 - District 16 and District 18 are still pending the Governor's appointment and reappointment, respectively.
- Status Report: District 24: Dr. Wolf announced that she has been appointed District 24 (Seminole County) Interim Medical examiner effective September 28, 2018, by State Attorney, Hon. Phil Archer.
- 2017 Annual MEC Reports: Ms. Beth McNeil reported that the 2017 Annual Workload report was completed and published to the MEC website in September 2018. Ms. McNeil also reported that the 2017 Annual Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons report was completed and published to the MEC website in November 2018.
- 2018 Interim Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons Report: Ms. McNeil reported that the data from all districts has been received and is currently going through a quality review process.
- 2018 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program Status Update: Ms. McNeil reported that the funds for the 2018 grant have not been released by NIJ yet, and are expected to be delayed further due to the federal government shutdown. The total amount for the 2018 grant will be \$42,901.00 and there are 18 districts participating. Award packages will be send out to those districts when the money has been released by NIJ.

ISSUE NUMBER 5: Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants – 2019 Proposals

Ms. McNeil reported that the NIJ's solicitation for the 2019 grant has been delayed due to the federal government shutdown. On January 3rd MEC Staff began collecting proposals for the 2019 grant. The deadline for proposals for the 2019 grant is January 18th.

ISSUE NUMBER 1: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (PART 2)

- 2019 Medical Examiners Commission Reappointments: Ms. Koenig informed the commission that on June 30, 2019, Dr. Wolf's and Mr. Siegmeister's positions in the Medical Examiners Commission will be up for reappointment. Both have indicated that they are willing to serve additional terms. Staff will reach out to the Florida Association of Medical Examiners and Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association to receive their recommendations for reappointment. Once information is returned, the recommendations will be forwarded to the Governor's Appointments Office.
- 2019 District Medical Examiner Reappointments and Assessments for Districts 8-14 and 25: Ms. Koenig informed the Commission that on January 2nd, staff mailed surveys and assessments to constituents to solicit input for reappointments. Hard copies were mailed to each constituent in an attempt to get a better response rate, and so far, the return rate has been successful. Reappointments and information obtained from the surveys and assessments will be presented to the Commission at its spring meeting.
- Bill Filed for the 2019 Legislative Session: Ms. Koenig informed the Commission of the following bill of interest to the MEC:

Public Meetings (HB 265 Newton) – This bill applies to meetings of any board or commission of any state agency or authority, or any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision. It requires notices of any such meeting at least three days prior to the meeting to include publication of the agenda and any materials distributed at the meeting. Two complete copies of the agenda and related items must be available for public inspection at the meeting. Time must be allotted for public comment as either the first or last agenda item. Each member of the public has the right to speak for three minutes. Time may be extended by the chair or restricted to one minute per person when more than twenty individuals request to address an agenda item. A response is required to any question posed to the board or commission either at the meeting or through written correspondence within ten days of the meeting. Written responses must be incorporated into the minutes of the meeting. Proposed effective date is July 1, 2019.

ISSUE NUMBER 8: Unidentified Deceased Initiative:

Ms. Koenig reported the following success story from District 17:

Success Story 1

On August 5, 2015, the District 17 Medical Examiner's Office (MEO) submitted a single piece of evidence in the form of a femur from unknown 1992 case to University of North Texas (UNT) for CODIS entry. A portion of a skeletonized body was discovered in a culvert in Margate, Florida in November of 1992. Information received from Margate Police Department stated that several children were playing by a lake, when they found a human skull and called for their mother, who called police. The skull was found without its lower jaw, but with 13 total bones. The skull and

various bones were found in a culvert which empties into a lake. The remains were transported to District 17 MEO, where the death was later determined to be a homicide by blunt head trauma.

In 2017, a Margate Police Department cold case detective started working on cases and reviewing NamUs entries. While searching NamUs, the detective found the unidentified remains that District 17 MEO entered. The detective located a 1985 missing person report that was never entered into NamUs. The detective created the NamUs case for the missing person and requested NamUs compare the DNA from the unidentified remains and the just entered missing person case. NamUs located a family member of the missing person and obtained a buccal swab. On March 13, 2018, UNT received the DNA family reference sample from Tanya Bazan, the daughter of the missing person, Peggy Ann Domingue. Ms. Bazan's mother went missing from her home in Margate, Florida on July 5, 1985.

On November 12, 2018, District 17 MEO received correspondence from UNT that stated both above mentioned samples were analyzed for human mitochondrial DNA (MtDNA) regions HV1 and HV2, and the samples are consistent with the unidentified human remains originating from the biological mother of Tanya Bazan. Margate Police Department was additionally notified of the match, and made contact with Tanya Bazan and Jeffrey Domingue, son, of the positive identification.

FDLE Member Jon Rigsby reported the following two success stories from District 9:

Success Story 2

The Orange County Medical Examiner's Office (District 9) contacted the Unidentified Deceased Initiative (UDI) for assistance with an unidentified deceased subject found earlier in 2018. The case involved a white male subject whose face could not be recognized due to decomposition. The subject's fingers could not be fingerprinted due to mummification. A Salvation Army shelter, where the man was staying, identified him as Richard Wilks Hedglin. The initiative located a Florida criminal history for Mr. Hedglin, and CJIS Biometric Services conducted a direct comparison of the subject's fingerprints with high resolution photographs of the deceased's fingertips. CJIS confirmed a match between the fingerprint card and the photos. UDI was able to locate information on Mr. Hedglin's next of kin. This information was provided to the District 9 Medical Examiner's Office.

Success Story 3

The case involved a middle aged white male that was found on September 6, 2017. The male collapsed in a parking lot and was transported to a local hospital where he died five days later. Law enforcement collected the subject's belongings on scene and found paperwork and personal effects with the name of Raphael Merrill, but the name could not be confirmed. Submission of the subject's fingerprints to CJIS Biometric Services was inconclusive. The Unidentified Deceased Initiative was able to locate a brother of Mr. Merrill who resides in Maryland. The brother was not able to visually identify Mr. Merrill, and DNA needed to be obtained for a comparison. Inspector Pollard made contact with Maryland State Police and requested their assistance in obtaining a DNA family reference sample from Mr. Merrill's brother. The Maryland State Police was able to obtain the sample and provided it to the District 9 Medical Examiner's Office. The DNA sample was submitted to the FBI Laboratory and they confirmed that the deceased was in fact Raphael Merrill.

Dr. Wolf commented that the Florida Sheriff's Association Cold Case Commission is submitting a proposal for funding to work with NamUs to add another section specifically for cold case homicides. This would allow more interaction with law enforcement and medical examiner offices.

ISSUE NUMBER 6: Mortality Data Exchange

Commission Member Ken Jones presented information about a new program that is being piloted in conjunction with UF lab regarding toxicology submissions. The program will link directly with DOH and could be helpful with the Commission's annual drug reports. He then opened up the floor for suggestions from other medical examiners at the meeting.

Dr. Wolf commented that her office is currently trying to implement a new information management system and suggested that her office would reach out to Ken about suggestions when they get to that point.

District 12 Medical Examiner Russell S. Vega, M.D., made comments based on his history of working with Drug Data Quality Assurance Committee. He mentioned the high amount of variation seen in the information that Districts submit for the Drugs in Deceased Persons Report and how challenging it is for MEC staff to compile that data accurately. By integrating data from Vital Statistics (cause and manner of death) and toxicology results would eliminate extra work for the districts and MEC staff by having a system that marries cause of death data in one database to the drugs found data in another database.

District 17 Medical Examiner Craig Mallak, M.D., raised concerns about the amount of space available on the death certificates to be able to list all of the drugs found in the bodies from toxicology. Mr. Jones said that there is a new program being developed for that as well and he would be correcting that issue.

With no other agenda items left to cover without MEC Chairman Dr. Nelson being present, the meeting went into recess at 10:48 A.M.

MEC Charmain Dr. Nelson called the meeting back to order at 10:59 A.M.

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 Dr. Nelson and Commissioner Carol Whitmore seconded the nomination. Commission member Robin Giddens Sheppard, L.F.D. motioned to close nominations and Sheriff Reid seconded that motion.

THE MOTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ELECT STEPHEN J. NELSON, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P., AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION FOR 2019.

DISCIPLINE AGENDA ISSUE NUMBER 1: DISTRICT 1 PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL REPORT

Probable Cause Panel Chair Dr. Wolf provided a summary of the Probable Cause Panel Report from November 14, 2018.

In May 2018, Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Ashley and Walton County Sheriff Michael Adkinson filed formal complaints against District 1 Medical Examiner Andrea N. Minyard, M.D. The complaints allege that over the past few years several cases in their respective counties did not have an adequate death investigation performed as required pursuant to Chapter 406, F.S. The complaints further allege that Dr. Minyard was negligent in her duties as a medical examiner.

A Probable Cause Panel convened with Dr. Wolf as the elected chair. A number of cases that were submitted in the original complaint were reviewed. During that review, the panel found 12 cases of concern that reached the level of violation of Florida Statute, Florida Administrative Code, or the Practice Guidelines for Florida Medical Examiners.

Conclusions

The Panel found that there was probable cause for disciplinary action regarding the complaints lodged against Dr. Andrea Minyard. The Panel felt that there was a general lack of documentation of medical histories and records reviewed prior to making a determination. It was noted that the further from Escambia County a death occurred, the less likely it was that the District 1 Medical Examiner's Office would assume jurisdiction. There was also a general tendency to decline a case if the primary physician was willing to sign the death certificate even if circumstances surrounding the death or reports of drug/alcohol abuse indicated that the case should become a medical examiner's case. The Panel finds that all the cases identified in the report violated s. 406.075(1)(i), F.S., and Rule 11G-2.001(1)(b), F.A.C. Additional violations for subsections of Rule 11G-2.003, F.A.C., are noted for each of the cases.

The Panel recommends that Dr. Minyard be placed on a period of supervised probation for one year. The supervised probation would be under the direction of a medical examiner of Dr. Minyard's choosing as approved by the Commission. Dr. Minyard would be required to provide initially 100% of all jurisdiction declined and any case without an autopsy to the supervising medical examiner every two weeks. The supervising medical examiner would report his/her observations to the Commission at every quarterly meeting, and would determine a graduated reduction in case reviews based on his/her observations.

Dr. Nelson asked the members of the PC Panel if the 27 cases complained about were the only cases like this during Dr. Minyard's tenure or if there were possibly more cases that the complainants and PC Panel were not aware. Dr. Wolf responded that there is really no way to know, but it is possible. She would hope that the complainants would have submitted additional cases, if they had them. Dr. Nelson then asked if this was a progressive problem that grew over several years, or if this was just an issue that has only been going on for two to three years. Dr. Wolf responded that, again, there was no way of knowing for sure, but she thinks the problem is directly associated with the closing of the District 1 Satellite Office. She also said that the lack of documentation at the Medical Examiner's Office was disconcerting, and that the time Dr. Minyard did not have an Associate Medical Examiner also was a contributing factor to some of the issues being discussed.

Ms. Whitmore asked Dr. Nelson if the Commissioners must make their determination based on what was presented to and decided on by the Probable Cause Panel. Mr. Jim Martin responded by saying that if the panel finds that probable cause exists, they shall direct the Commission to file a formal

complaint and the Commission shall file a formal complaint pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 120 F.S. He then reiterated that the Probable Cause Panel is the finding body to determine probable cause as to whether a complaint should be filed.

MS. SHEPPARD MADE A MOTION, MR. JONES SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO FILE AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT THAT PROPOSES DR. MINYARD BE PLACED ON SUPERVISED PROBATION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. THE PROBATION WILL BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A MEDICAL EXAMINER OF DR. MINYARD'S CHOOSING AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION. DURING PROBATION, DR. MINYARD WILL INITIALLY BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE 100% OF ALL JURISDICTION DECLINED CASES AND ANY CASE WITHOUT AN AUTOPSY TO THE SUPERVISING MEDICAL EXAMINER EVERY TWO WEEKS. THE SUPERVISING MEDICAL EXAMINER WILL REPORT HIS/HER OBSERVATIONS TO THE COMMISSION AT EVERY QUARTERLY MEETING AND WILL DETERMINE A GRADUATED REDUCTION IN CASE REVIEWS BASED ON HIS/HER OBSERVATIONS.

Dr. Barbara Wolf, Mr. Wesley Heidt, and Sheriff Harrell Reid recused themselves as members of the probable cause panel.

DISCIPLINE AGENDA ISSUE NUMBER 2: DISTRICT 4 PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL REPORT

Probable Cause Panel Chair Dr. Wolf provided a summary of the Probable Cause Panel Report from July 13, 2018.

In April 2018, Ms. Angel King filed a formal complaint against District 4 Medical Examiner Valerie J. Rao, M.D. This was the third formal complaint filed by the complainant since the death of her daughter in 2009. The major complaint was that the death should not have been ruled a suicide. The complaint also alleged that the medical examiner's office violated Section 406.135, Florida Statutes, by releasing autopsy photos to someone who should not possess or see them.

A Probable Cause Panel convened with Dr. Wolf as the elected chair. After a thorough review of the case, the panel members found the above allegations to be not *legally sufficient*. However, the panel determined that Dr. Rao violated Rule 11G-2.006, Florida Administrative Code, and Article 14(1)(c) of the Practice Guidelines for Florida Medical Examiners by failing to describe the decedent's clothing in detail sufficient to correlate with wounds and provide evidence for identification when necessary.

Conclusions

The Panel found that there was probable cause for disciplinary action regarding the complaint lodged against Dr. Rao. The panel felt that neglecting to describe the clothing in a manner consistent with Practice Guidelines Article 14(1)(c), was a direct violation of Practice Guidelines and Rule 11G-2.006, F.A.C.

The Panel recommends an oral reprimand as disciplinary action.

Dr. Nelson said that his read of the guideline is that clothing descriptions are not mandatory with regards to bullet wounds. He specifically mentioned that the Article uses the words "should" and "when necessary", and questioned who determines when the description is necessary. He said that he finds it troubling that the Commission is going to "wordsmith" things like "should" and "shall" with regards to cases like this.

Dr. Wolf disagreed with Dr. Nelson because the death was suspicious and, in her opinion, most medical examiners would have described the holes in the clothing along with the bullet wound.

Dr. Nelson asked if there was any mention of a bullet hole in the shirt, splayed fibers, or stippling anywhere in the report. He was informed by Dr. Wolf and Ms. Koenig that there were not any of those kinds of descriptions anywhere in the report other than the basic colors and type of clothing the decedent was wearing.

Dr. Nelson once again mentioned that the guideline article uses the word “should” instead of “shall” when describing clothing. Mr. Martin said that there is a distinction between “may” and “should” and “shall”, and that may is the more discretionary option between the two, whereas “should” implies that, in his opinion, something *should be done*, and “shall” essentially commands one to do something with no discretion.

Dr. Wolf referred back to Chapter 406.075(1)(i) F.S. and the wording “actions that are reasonable and that a prudent medical examiner would take” and how it related to this case. She felt that a more detailed clothing description in a suspicious case like this is essentially standard practice.

Mr. Siegmeister mentioned that the article says “should, when necessary”, which is a second qualifier, then asked how many times this case has been reviewed. Ms. Koenig informed Mr. Siegmeister that this was the third time this case has been reviewed by the Medical Examiners Commission.

Dr. Nelson then commented that it was also troublesome that this violation wasn’t found until now, the third time this case was reviewed, and he further reiterated that he is troubled by describing bullet holes in clothing on things that, for all intents and purposes, are pretty straightforward. However, homicides would be different.

Mr. Martin then read Article 14(1)(c), Practice Guidelines, for the Commission. *Clothing should be described in detail sufficient to correlate with wounds and provide evidence for identification when necessary.*

There was further discussion from Dr. Nelson about describing clothing in these situations and the Medical Examiners Commission only finding an issue with it on the third time this case was reviewed. Dr. Wolf commented that the lack of clothing description was one of complainant’s biggest issues for this specific third complaint. After reviewing the case under that light, the PC Panel felt it was an appropriate complaint under the circumstances of the case.

Dr. Nelson then asked if anyone in the audience had any comments about the issue. District 12 Medical Examiner Russell S. Vega, M.D. asked if it was clear from the nature of the wound by itself what the range of fire was. Dr. Wolf responded, “No.” Dr. Vega then said that, for most suicides, he wouldn’t describe the holes (in the clothing) clearly unless he saw something which made him think the range of fire was different than other criteria he was looking at, in which case it was impactful to primary opinions of the case.

Mr. Martin then asked Dr. Nelson what he would do if a body came in with bullet holes, but was wearing a shirt without bullet holes. Dr. Nelson responded by saying he would describe that in the autopsy report.

Mr. Wesley Heidt, J.D. commented that between the first two reviews, there was an independent expert that reviewed the case, and there were allegations of the decedent being undressed, dressed,

and sexually assaulted. He further stated that it wasn't just that the clothes weren't catalogued; it's that there were pieces of the story that would potentially make the descriptions necessary.

Dr. Wolf asked Dr. Nelson what was the intent of the clothing description article in the Practice Guidelines. Dr. Nelson responded by saying that he could see how it would be important in some instances. He was mostly bothered with the word "should" because he couldn't see his office having to catalogue all clothing descriptions for individuals who are killed in motor vehicle crashes, hangings, or natural deaths that have nothing to do with the cause of death. Dr. Wolf responded that no one is suggesting that the medical examiners should do that, but the panel was looking at a very specific instance in this case.

District 2 Associate Medical Examiner Lisa Flannagan, M.D. asked if the defect in the shirt was photographed. Ms. Koenig responded by saying that the shirt was shown in various photographs on the autopsy table, but never with measurement markers beside it to her recollection.

Dr. Nelson stated that the Commission's job was not to wordsmith, but instead was to put forth a motion to accept or not accept the Probable Cause Panel's findings as well as the recommended disciplinary actions. He then asked if anyone wanted to make a motion. **Sheriff J. Harrell Reid made a motion to approve**, but Ms. Koenig pointed out that Ms. Carol Whitmore also had a question to ask.

Ms. Whitmore asked if this is the same case that had some complaints about Dr. Rao before and, if it was, wanted to know why the clothing issue wasn't picked up before. She also commented that the family may be looking for something to hang this on.

Dr. Nelson then said that this case has had multiple complaints in the past, but had never made it to a Probable Cause Panel. A Probable Cause Panel was established so extra eyes could look over the case to see if anything was being missed. Only then was this potential violation found.

Sheriff Reid made a motion to approve the findings of the PC Panel and to issue a formal administrative complaint with the Panel's recommended disciplinary action. There were no seconds. The motion died.

Ms. Whitmore made a motion to deny the recommendations of the PC Panel. Mr. Martin then reiterated that the Commission *shall* file an administrative complaint, per Florida Statutes.

Sheriff Reid made a motion to accept the findings of the PC Panel without the recommended disciplinary action. Ms. Whitmore seconded the motion.

The members of the Commission then engaged in a lengthy discussion on what they were allowed to do as far as issuing a formal administrative complaint and recommended disciplinary actions. Many motions were made and subsequently died. Mr. Martin made a suggestion that the Commission members issue a formal administrative complaint as required by Florida Statute, but issue it without a recommended disciplinary action.

MS. SHEPPARD MADE A MOTION TO ISSUE A FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT WITH NO DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED AND SHERIFF REID SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE FINDINGS OF THE PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL BE ISSUED IN A FORMAL COMPLAINT WITH NO RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST DR. RAO.

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

This concluded the disciplinary agenda

ISSUE NUMBER 1: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (PART 3)

- Status Report: District 4: Dr. Nelson informed the Commission that District 4 has constituted a District Medical Examiner Search Committee, chaired by State Attorney Melissa Nelson that is tasked with filling the District Medical Examiner vacancy in that district. He has attended multiple meetings with the Search Committee, and they are currently in the process of soliciting applicants for the position, but have not had a face-to-face meeting or a meeting to interview applicants this year.
- Status Report: District 7: Dr. Nelson informed the Commission that District 7 also has a Search Committee in place to fill the District Medical Examiner vacancy in Volusia County. There are approximately 18 applicants interested in the position, and interviews will begin either at the end of January or the beginning of February.
- Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) Follow-up: Dr. Nelson reported to the Commission that in 2016 8% of maternal death certificates selected for PAMR were referred to the medical examiner, but no autopsy was performed. He also reported that in 2017 that number had risen to 9.2%. But without further information from PAMR, it is difficult to assist them with reversing that trend.
- Deceased Fingerprint Card Processing: Ms. Koenig reported that the supervisor for FDLE's fingerprint section was vacant and the districts they may be receiving queries for fingerprint card from different people than they have in the past. Dr. Nelson instructed the districts to continue sending deceased fingerprint cards to FDLE.

ISSUE NUMBER 2: DISTRICT 1 REAPPOINTMENT

Dr. Nelson reminded the Commission that the reappointment for District 1 was tabled in May because of issues raised by constituents of the district, including three of the four sheriffs and the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners. The Commission asked for additional information from the sheriffs' offices about the cases where jurisdiction was declined by the medical examiner's office, since they were the principle cause of the complaint, and a Probable Cause Panel was created to examine the allegations of the complaint. Dr Nelson then opened the floor for comments by members of the public and constituents of District 1 regarding the reappointment of Dr. Minyard.

Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Ashley thanked the Commission for the work they had done so far and for hearing their complaint. He discussed his disappointment with the Probable Cause Panel's finding never mentioning the financial and contractual obligations of Dr. Minyard to the four counties in her district, the fact that she has filed a lawsuit against the counties stemming from the allegations, or that the counties have subsequently filed countersuits against Dr. Minyard in order to receive fees that were collected by the medical examiner's office and were believed to have been misappropriated. He stated that it was his recommendation and that of his office that Dr. Minyard not be reappointed as the District 1 Medical Examiner as this is an issue that will not go away and cannot be reconciled with probation by a doctor of her own choosing.

Dr. Wolf responded by saying that while the Medical Examiners Commission is the place to voice all of his concerns, the probable cause panel only specifically looks for violations of Chapter 406, F.S., Chapter 11G, F.A.C., and the Practice Guidelines for Florida Medical Examiners. Sheriff Ashley thanked her for the clarification.

Walton County Sheriff Michael Adkinson addressed the Commission stating that at the end of the day, this is a customer service business, and that the customers in the district are so dissatisfied with the service that they are engaged in litigation back and forth. He stated that it is his obligation to the citizens of his county to make sure that they receive the highest level of service, and has never had to work so hard to terminate a service that was being provided to him. He did not want to comment on Dr. Minyard's competency as a medical doctor as he felt like that was not his place. He stated that if the customers do not want her services any longer and she is suing her constituents in court, then there is no way she should be able to pocket any more of the tax payer's money.

The First Judicial Circuit's Chief Assistant State Attorney, Greg Marcille, commented that the State Attorney's Office is aware of the concerns that the sheriffs have raised about Dr. Minyard's reappointment. However, his office believes that Dr. Minyard has been a very competent medical examiner for the district and works very well with the State Attorney's Office as a witness in cases. His office has been satisfied with her performance and recommended that she be reappointed as the District 1 Medical Examiner. He also commented that he is aware of the financial aspects of the complaint as well as the ongoing back and forth litigation between the counties and Dr. Minyard in an attempt to come to some final financial agreement. He suggested that it may be appropriate to table the reappointment again until the financial issues can possibly be resolved. He also stated that his office was concerned with the disruption to the criminal justice system that would be caused if Dr. Minyard was not reappointed because of the long, drawn out Search Committee process required for selecting and appointing a new medical examiner. If a reappointment was not made, he hoped an adequate solution could be obtained that would provide the necessary services to the district and the State Attorney's Office.

Mr. Heidt asked if the lawsuits were for resolution of past concerns or if they were for a present and future working resolution. Mr. Marcille stated that he was not the appropriate person to answer that question because it is civil law and his office is not involved in that litigation. He then offered up his understanding of the situation and the information he knew about the lawsuits with the caveat that he has not been involved with the cases or read any of the paperwork for them. Dr. Nelson asked if there has been a hearing on any of these cases.

Mr. Marcille said that there have been various hearings and he doesn't know the outcomes. The counties' counter-claims lawsuit is proceeding and has not been disposed of at this point.

Dr. Nelson asked if there was a trial date set. He mentioned that Mr. Marcille commented that this process should possibly be tabled again, but he was concerned that the lawsuits were not close to being resolved and would take a lot of time to do so.

Ms. Whitmore commented that she looked over the reappointment paperwork and there were quite a few recommendations for reappointment and only a few ballots returned that recommended not reappointing Dr. Minyard. She further stated that she believed the Commission's role was to decide if there was a qualified, competent physician that can be recommended for reappointment and that the fiscal issues should be worked out amongst the counties.

Dr. Minyard provided comments regarding the services provided in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. She said that the reason why more cases are being declined jurisdiction by the Medical Examiner's Office in Walton and Okaloosa Counties is because those counties are reporting more deaths to the medical examiner than Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties. In 2017, Okaloosa County reported 69% of total deaths to the medical examiner and Walton County reported 77%. In contrast, Santa Rosa and Escambia hover around 23%, which is consistent with other districts across the state. Of all the cases reported to the Medical Examiner's Office, they accept jurisdiction on about 11% of them, which is consistent across all counties in the district. In comparison, District 10 accepts 10.7% and District 5 accepts 11.2% of all deaths reported to their respective offices.

Ms. Whitmore made a motion to recommend Dr. Minyard for reappointment; however there was no second. The motion died.

Mr. Cofer made a motion that Dr. Minyard NOT be recommended for reappointment and Sheriff Reid seconded the motion.

Ms. Whitmore asked for a discussion and Dr. Nelson granted that request. Ms. Whitmore said that if a motion is going to be passed to not recommend Dr. Minyard for reappointment, then a reason why should be given. Ms. Whitmore stated that, in her opinion, by Statute, a decision to not reappoint should not be based on a financial complaint from constituents of the district.

Dr. Nelson pointed out that the situation was more complicated than a financial dispute. The administrative complaint addressed cases where jurisdiction was not accepted when the sheriffs' offices believed they should have been medical examiner cases.

Dr. Wolf commented that she didn't know how the relationships between Dr. Minyard and her constituents can be worked out even if new financial contracts can be agreed upon. In her opinion, there would still be some contention moving forward.

Ms. Sheppard stated that, to her, there seems to just be a total lack of confidence in Dr. Minyard from her constituents, and that there really needs to be a Medical Examiner's Office in the geographic middle of the district to address the needs of eastern Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

Dr. Nelson then asked if the center of the district was the population center, and Dr. Minyard confirmed that it was not. Escambia County is the population center.

Mr. Siegmeister stated that if a search was opened up for a new district medical examiner, they will find that there are around 2,000 openings for Board-certified forensic pathologists nationwide. It may be that Dr. Minyard is the most qualified candidate that's available, but at this point it's not an effective relationship.

Mr. Jones said that if all the suggestions of the probable cause panel are followed, it might fix the issues with the cases being declined. However, he doesn't think that the relationship between Dr. Minyard and her constituents can be repaired.

Dr. Nelson asked Sheriff Ashley and Sheriff Adkinson if their opinion about the reappointment of Dr. Minyard would change if there was an office on their side of the district.

Sheriff Ashley said that would certainly improve the services provided, but his trust in Dr. Minyard is lost. Sheriff Adkinson mentioned that at one point Okaloosa County even offered to help fund a new Medical Examiner's Office in Crestview and that the offer still stands. He also said that the Santa

Rosa County Board of County Commissioners were also opposed to Dr. Minyard's reappointment and were concerned about finding a replacement, but were certain one could be found.

Dr. Nelson asked if there had been any discussions between the interested parties in brokering some type of mediation.

Sheriff Ashley said that all professional relationships remain between the Sheriff's Office staff and the medical examiner investigators. Dr. Minyard had reached out to him, but he will not speak with her because of ongoing litigations since he is a representative of the county and its citizens. He also said that there is no doubt in his mind that there has been a misappropriation of funds by Dr. Minyard and her medical practice as medical examiner.

Judge Cofer said that when it comes to a relationship between law enforcement and the Medical Examiner's Office, it's a red light when law enforcement is seeking the services of the Medical Examiner in particular cases and those cases are declined. When law enforcement is asking for those services, it is a suspicious death. He stated that whatever the counties end up doing with budgeting is up to the counties, but when you see a Medical Examiner's Office struggling to provide necessary services as well as some of the other things he has seen in the paperwork provided to him, it raises concern not only for her ability to conduct autopsies, but also her administrative capabilities. He provided an example of where, during her struggles in her own district, she began providing services in another district for additional compensation. He also mentioned her being subject to various ethics laws of the state, and then employing her own family members, which also raises concerns about administrative capabilities. In his review of the reports and comments he had read, the relationship is broken, and he could not support her reappointment.

WITH NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, A VOTE WAS HELD ON THE MOTION TO NOT RECOMMEND DR. MINYARD FOR REAPPOINTMENT AS DISTRICT 1 MEDICAL EXAMINER. THE VOTE PASSED WITH ONLY ONE NAY VOTE FROM MS. WHITMORE.

As a result of the vote, a vacancy was created and the State Attorney needs to appoint an interim district medical examiner, pursuant to F.S. §406.15. Dr. Minyard could remain the Interim District Medical Examiner (if that is the pleasure of the counties and the State Attorney) while a Search Committee is convened to select a replacement District Medical Examiner.

The meeting went into a brief recess at 12:24 P.M.

Dr. Nelson called the meeting back to order at 12:37 P.M.

ISSUE NUMBER 3: ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Ms. Ginny McBride of TransLife presented the 2018 Annual Report for Florida's organ procurement organizations. Ms. McBride reported that there was one transplant denial reported last year. The denial was for one organ (heart) and not a denial of every organ from the donor. The donor had received an intramuscular injection of ketamine and subsequently suffered cardiac arrest for a prolonged period of time. In addition, the donor had a history of intrinsic cardiac disease. Because of these two factors, the heart was not transplantable and she would not consider it a denial. Ms. McBride stated that she would reach out to her colleagues to see why it was reported as a denial and thanked the medical examiners for the outstanding relationship they have with the organ procurement organizations in Florida.

ISSUE NUMBER 4: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OPIOID PROJECT

Karen Card, DrPH, with the Department of Health (DOH), appeared before the Commission to share that, with the first 6 months of abstracted fatality data, they had produced their first general purpose report on fatal opioid overdoses. The report was in draft form because it could not be approved and finalized until a new Surgeon General was appointed. However, it will be available to the public and posted online once it is approved. Invitations to participate in this project have been sent to all District Medical Examiners with the exception of any district that explicitly requested no further contact and District 4 where the alternative views proposal spending mechanism is still being examined. She advised that she switched to using the Drugs in Deceased Persons Report at the advice of several medical examiners as it has greater confidence within that community.

Dr. Card reported that because of carryover of unspent funds, they have additional support funding that must be spent by August 31, 2019. A sub grant has been issued to the University of Florida for a time-of-flight mass spectrometer with hopes that it will benefit a substantial amount of districts, and the contract is currently being finalized. Also, \$400,000 has been reserved for the purpose of the medical examiner community. Districts wanting take advantage of funding to will improve or speed up the comprehensive toxicology testing related to drug overdoses either by the same mechanism or an alternative proposal are encouraged to contact the Department of Health with their ideas.

Mr. Jones once again mentioned the new case management system that will be linked with the Department of Health that he discussed during the Mortality Data Exchange section of the agenda. He believed that some of the money could be allocated toward programming and development of that new system.

Dr. Nelson asked if the money had to be expended by August 31, 2019. Dr. Card then clarified her statement by saying the funds had to be obligated by August 31, 2019 and expended within 90 days after that date. She stated that the funds can be used on equipment that is either enduring or consumable and does not have to be dedicated to toxicology testing, but is dedicated to the resources of the medical examiners themselves. She also said that, if an appropriate allocation method was approved, the funds could be distributed evenly throughout the districts.

ISSUE NUMBER 7: MASS FATALITY PLANS

Dr. Nelson reminded all districts that hurricane season begins on June 1, 2019, and that everyone should make sure they have a current up-to-date mass fatality plan in place.

ISSUE NUMBER 9: EMERGING DRUGS

Bruce Goldberger, Ph.D., provided the Commission with an update on new drug trends. There seems to be a clear shift away from fentanyl analogs in Florida decedents, but Fentanyl still seems to be prevalent. Dr. Goldberger also believes that the next wave of drugs will be cocaine and methamphetamines. Dr. Wolf commented that her region has not seen a decrease in fentanyl analogs as of yet. While the incidence of fentanyl analogs has diminished, fentanyl, methoxyacetylfentanyl, acetylfentanyl, and fentanyl mixed with heroin are still appearing in reports. Dr. Goldberger also noted a rise of N-ethylpentylone, a cathinone, in violent deaths.

Dr. Goldberger also reported that the Florida drug-Related Outcomes Surveillance and Tracking System (FROST) has been updated. The recent drug report has been posted to FROST and is current through 2017. Enhancements are being made to the system by adding other drugs and also linking it to other drug reports from around the state and nation. Many queries are starting to come from the federal government and state agencies that are asking for the specific location the injury occurred, occupation, marital status, etc., so more demographic fields may need to be added to the FDLE Drug Report.

ISSUE NUMBER 10: 2019 FAME EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Goldberger reported that the 2019 FAME Educational Conference will be held July 10-12, 2019, at the Eau Palm Beach Resort and Spa in Manalapan, Florida with a \$185 per night rate. The conference will be co-hosted by the District 15 Medical Examiner's Office along with the University of Florida and the Maples Center. The preliminary agenda should be available in about a month.

ISSUE NUMBER 11: OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Nelson announced that he had signed resolutions for the Honorable James Purdy J.D. and retired MEC Staff member Doug Culbertson.

Ms. Koenig reminded everyone that the next Medical Examiners Commission meeting will be sometime between April 30 and May 3 and will possibly be in Gainesville.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 P.M.

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STATE OF FLORIDA
MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION

MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION,

Petitioner,

vs.

CASE NO. 18-2

VALERIE J. RAO, M.D.

Respondent.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

Petitioner, Medical Examiners Commission, is the entity charged with the responsibility for taking disciplinary action against a medical examiner pursuant to Sections 406.02(4)(b) and 406.075, Florida Statutes. Respondent, Valerie J. Rao, M.D., has served as an Associate Medical Examiner for District 4 of the State of Florida from March, 2006, until December, 2010, served as Interim District Medical Examiner for District 4 from January 1, 2011 until December 18, 2011, served as District Medical Examiner for District 4 from December 19, 2011 until June 30, 2018, and as Interim District Medical Examiner for District 4 from July 2018 until the present pursuant to the provisions of either section 406.06 or section 406.15, Florida Statutes. The Medical Examiners Commission files this Administrative Complaint against Respondent, Valerie J. Rao, M.D., seeking to impose discipline upon the Respondent based on the following allegations:

1. Respondent was an Associate Medical Examiner for the District 4 Medical Examiner's Office in 2009.
2. On or about November 11, 2009, the Respondent, Valerie J. Rao, M.D., at the District 4 Medical Examiner's Office, conducted an autopsy in case number 09-1714.

3. The Respondent prepared an autopsy report in case number 09-1714 that failed to describe the decedent's clothing in detail sufficient to correlate to wounds and provide evidence for identification when necessary.

4. The actions of the Respondent violated the provisions of §406.075(1)(a), Florida Statutes, to wit: Violation of Rule 11G-2.006, Florida Administrative Code, and Article 14(1)(c) of the Practice Guidelines for Medical Examiners.

5. This Administrative Complaint is issued pursuant to Sections 120.569, 120.57, 406.02(4)(b), and 406.075, Florida Statutes. Any proceedings concerning this Complaint shall be conducted pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

WHEREFORE it is alleged that the Respondent, Valerie J. Rao, M.D., violated §406.075(1)(a), Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Medical Examiners Commission hereby complains against and alleges that disciplinary action should be taken against Valerie J. Rao, M.D., as provided in Sections 406.02(4)(b), and 406.075(1), Florida Statutes, for the reasons set forth above and in accordance with the Election of Rights Form and Explanation of Rights Form attached hereto and incorporated herein.

BY ORDER OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION THIS 22ND DAY OF March, 2019.



STEPHEN J. NELSON, M.A, M.D., F.C.A.P.
Chairman
Medical Examiners Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been sent by express mail this 25th day of March, 2019, to Valerie J. Rao, M.D., Office of the District Four Medical Examiner's Office, 2100 Jefferson Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32206.



Vickie Koenig
Chief of Policy and Special Programs
Criminal Justice Professionalism Program
Florida Department of Law Enforcement

**STATE OF FLORIDA
MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION**

RE: VALERIE J. RAO, M.D.

CASE NO. 18-2

ELECTION OF RIGHTS

I have read the Explanation of Rights form and understand my options. ____Yes ____No
If you do not understand these options, please consult with your attorney or contact the Medical Examiners Commission staff, telephone number (850) 410-8600 before executing this form.

SIGNIFY YOUR ELECTION BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE BOX

1. () **I DO NOT** dispute the allegations of fact in the Administrative Complaint but do wish to be accorded an informal hearing or proceeding pursuant to Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, at which time I will be permitted to submit oral and/or written evidence in mitigation of the Administrative Complaint to the Commission.

2. () **I DO** dispute the allegations of fact contained in the Administrative Complaint and request this to be considered a petition for a formal hearing pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, before an Administrative Law Judge appointed by the Division of Administrative Hearings.

Those material facts which I dispute are: [NOTE: Attach additional page(s), if necessary]

(a) _____

(b) _____

3. () **I DO NOT ADMIT** the allegations of fact in the Administrative Complaint, but hereby **AGREE TO DISCIPLINE** proposed by the Medical Examiners Commission Probable Cause Panel, to wit:

To be determined by the Commission.

I understand my right to consult with an attorney and hereby waive my right to request a hearing. I further acknowledge that agreeing to the proposed discipline as stated above is voluntary and that this agreement is voluntary. I understand that this agreement to accept proposed discipline is not final until the Medical Examiners Commission has approved and adopted it as the final disposition of this case. I further understand that if the Medical Examiners Commission does not approve and adopt this agreement, the case can then proceed to formal hearing as provided by law, unless the Medical Examiners Commission and I agree otherwise.

4. () **I DO ADMIT** the allegations of fact in the Administrative Complaint, and hereby **AGREE TO DISCIPLINE** proposed by the Medical Examiners Commission Probable Cause Panel, to wit:

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Regardless of which of the above listed four (4) options I have selected, I understand that I will be given notice of the time, date, and place when this matter will be considered by the Medical Examiners Commission for final action at a regularly scheduled meeting. I understand that I am required to notify the staff of the Medical Examiners Commission of any change of mailing address.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Respondent's Signature

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ (name of person acknowledging), who is personally known to me or has produced _____ (type of identification) as identification and who did/did not take an oath.

Respondent's Mailing Address

Respondent's Telephone Number

(Signature of Notary Public)

Respondent's Attorney, If Applicable

Florida Bar Number

Address

Telephone Number

PLEASE MAIL FORM TO:

Medical Examiners Commission
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
P.O. Box 1489
Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1489

**STATE OF FLORIDA
MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION**

EXPLANATION OF RIGHTS

In response to the allegations set forth in the Administrative Complaint issued by the Medical Examiners Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, you may make any one of the following elections within twenty-one (21) days from the date of service of the Administrative Complaint. Please make your elections on the enclosed Election of Rights form and return the form fully executed to the address listed on the form.

1. If the allegations as set forth in the Administrative Complaint contain no disputed issue(s) of material fact, you may request an informal hearing pursuant to Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, before the Commission or, at the discretion of the Commission, a duly appointed member thereof or another hearing officer appointed by the Commission may be designated. Before an informal proceeding may be convened, both you and the Commission must agree that there is no disputed issue of material fact. In the event that you request an informal proceeding as contemplated by Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, you will be given an opportunity to present written and/or oral evidence in mitigation. Any request for an informal proceeding in this matter should be directed to the Commission by checking the appropriate space, marked as "1" on the Election of Rights form, and returning the form to the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the receipt of the Administrative Complaint.
2. If you determine that the allegations as set forth in the Administrative Complaint contain any disputed issue(s) of material fact, you may request a formal proceeding and the appointment of an Administrative Law Judge to be furnished by the Division of Administrative Hearings of the Department of Management Services pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, by checking the appropriate space, marked as "2" on the Election of Rights Form, and returning the form to the Commission within twenty-one (21) days of the date of the receipt of the Administrative Complaint.
3. If you do not admit the allegations of fact in the Administrative Complaint, you may elect to agree to proposed discipline to be determined by the Commission by checking the appropriate space, marked as "3" on the Election of Rights form, and returning the form to the Commission within twenty-one (21) days of the date of the receipt of the Administrative Complaint. If you elect this option, it is with the understanding that you will accept this discipline, however, such discipline would not become effective unless and until the Commission approves and adopts such discipline as the final disposition of this case. Should the Commission not approve and adopt the proposed discipline, you will have the right to proceed to formal hearing as provided by law, unless you and the Commission agree otherwise.
4. If you do admit the allegations of fact in the Administrative Complaint, you may elect to agree to proposed discipline to be determined by the Commission by checking the appropriate space, marked as "4" on the Election of Rights form, and returning the form to the Commission within twenty-one (21) days of the date of the receipt of the Administrative Complaint. If you elect this option, it is with the understanding that you will accept this discipline, however, such discipline would not become effective unless and until the Commission approves and adopts such discipline as the final disposition of this case. Should the Commission not approve and adopt the proposed discipline, you will have the right to proceed to informal hearing as provided by law, unless you and the Commission agree otherwise.

In the event that you fail to make an election in this matter as enumerated in and required by above paragraphs (1) through (4), inclusive, within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the receipt of the Administrative Complaint, your failure shall be considered as a waiver of your rights to a hearing as provided for in Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, and shall be cause for holding you in default, and a default order may thereupon be rendered and the cause determined upon consideration of any and all evidence presented to the Commission without any further notice to you.



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January 25, 2019

Dr. Valerie J. Rao, Interim Chief Medical Examiner
2100 North Jefferson Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32206

Florida Department of Law Enforcement
State of Florida Medical Examiner's Commission
Attn: Dr. Barbara Wolf
P.O. Box 1489
Tallahassee, FL 32301-1489

Dear Dr. Wolf,

This is in response to the decision made by the probable cause panel that you chaired recently in the case brought by the complainant Ms. Angel King. This is the only response that I will be sending and have no further interest in any legal proceedings as I can address the issue fairly well, having practiced in the field of forensic pathology for the past 38 years.

The 2010 Practice Guidelines (Article 14) state that clothing "should be" described in detail sufficient to correlate with the wound and provide evidence for identification "when necessary". I put those words in quotation marks just to highlight the fact that this "should be" has been done in this case. It is again "should be" and not a legal mandate. I trained under eminent forensic pathologists (Dr. Russell Fisher and Dr. Joseph Davis) who taught me during my residency training year and subsequently the 19 years as a staff forensic pathologist in the Forensic Center of Excellence in Miami Dade County that documentation is done in three ways, an intentionally built in redundancy: the body diagram, the protocol and photography. I have in my office not one but two certified and trained forensic photographers who document photographically clothing that have traumatic defects. A narrative can be subjective but never a photograph. As the saying goes "a picture is worth a thousand words."

I am enclosing as exhibits (3) a copy of article 14 from the Practice Guidelines and yes they are guidelines, my protocol where I have highlighted the article of clothing she was wearing describing color and type, a photograph showing beyond any doubt the defect in the shirt adjacent to the wound in the upper anterior chest wall and my body diagram where I have again catalogued the type and color of the article of clothing, also highlighted. This should be more than adequate for purposes of objective documentation. One can see very clearly as it is a close up, the correlation of the defect in the shirt to the wound in the chest.



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I feel that this is a very subtle form of harassment and intimidation for whatever reason. In my opinion the Commission should be an austere body for guidance and not a body for doling out punishment. I can tell you that the physicians in my office work very hard to maintain standards above and beyond and this nit-picking does not bode well for medical examiners in the State of Florida.

I wonder if this was posted on the NAME-listserv what the response from our esteemed colleagues around the country and for that matter around the world would be. Just curious! Florida is having a lot of trouble recruiting staff forensic pathologists and we wonder why. The only positive draw for forensic pathologists to come to Florida I see today and in the recent past is the salary scale that has gone up dramatically more so in the privately run offices. As you know there has been chatter on the listserv about the Medical Examiner Commission and the actions taken by this body in the past. The work is difficult enough and the added stress of this oversight challenge does not make it an environment of learning especially for our new graduates. The environment is more one of fear as to who will be the next target!

As regards the probable cause panel I know from firsthand experience as I was a commissioner once upon a time, the physician who chairs the panel should guide the other non-physicians as to what is acceptable and what is not. I wonder if they even saw the photograph, and as you I am sure know, objective documentation i.e. photography is a gold standard. This evidence is incontrovertible vs. the thousand words one can use to verbally describe the same picture.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Valerie Rao M.D.

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OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER

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JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32206

EXAMINATION REPORT

NAME OF DECEASED: BOYKIN, Natasha Roseanna
M.E. NO.: 09-1714
DATE OF DEATH: November 11, 2009
DATE OF AUTOPSY: November 11, 2009
TIME OF AUTOPSY: 10:45 am
COUNTY OF DEATH: Duval

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is that of a 4-foot 10-inch, 103-pound, slim built, white female appearing the stated age of 24-years. Scant rigor is in the cool body and unfixed pink lividity is posterior. The scalp hair is long, blonde, straight and is tied in a ponytail with a black hair band. The irides are blue. Pupil diameters are 3.0-millimeters. There is bilateral tache noire. Dentition is natural and in good condition. Bilateral breast implants are noted. The scar beneath the left breast is 4.5-centimeters and the scar beneath the right breast is 5.0-centimeters. Two (2) scars 2.0-centimeters and 2.5-centimeters are on the anterior aspect of the left wrist in a "V" shaped configuration. A 1.7-centimeter scar is on the lateral aspect of the right thigh. A 7.0-millimeter scar is beneath the left knee above which is a 1.8-centimeter scar. On the dorsal aspect of the right 4th toe is a 5.0-millimeter abrasion. A geometric tattoo is on the upper back just beneath the nape of the neck. A tattoo of a butterfly is on the dorsal aspect of the right foot. Two (2) horizontal curvy lines are tattooed on the anterior aspect of the left wrist. A recently applied, intact French manicure and pedicure is noted. The anterior and dorsal aspects of both hands are free of trauma. The hands are bagged.

There is no evidence of acute medical intervention.

Clothing consists of a pair of blue jeans, a blue/black tee shirt, black brassiere, and a pair of black lace panties.

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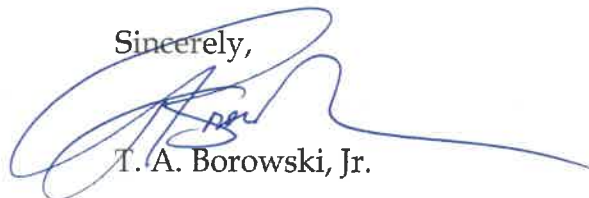
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RE: Andrea N. Minyard, M.D.
Case No. 18-3

Dear Sir or Madam:

I write as the attorney for Dr. Minyard in the above referenced matter. Enclosed please find an executed original of the Election of Rights in connection with this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



T. A. Borowski, Jr.

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION**

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RE: ANDREA N. MINYARD, M.D.

CASE NO. 18-3

ELECTION OF RIGHTS

I have read the Explanation of Rights form and understand my options. X Yes No
If you do not understand these options, please consult with your attorney or contact the Medical Examiners Commission staff, telephone number (850) 410-8600 before executing this form.

SIGNIFY YOUR ELECTION BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE BOX

1. () **I DO NOT** dispute the allegations of fact in the Administrative Complaint but do wish to be accorded an informal hearing or proceeding pursuant to Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, at which time I will be permitted to submit oral and/or written evidence in mitigation of the Administrative Complaint to the Commission.

2. (X) **I DO** dispute the allegations of fact contained in the Administrative Complaint and request this to be considered a petition for a formal hearing pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, before an Administrative Law Judge appointed by the Division of Administrative Hearings.

Those material facts which I dispute are: [NOTE: Attach additional page(s), if necessary]

(a) See Attached

(b) _____

3. () **I DO NOT ADMIT** the allegations of fact in the Administrative Complaint, but hereby **AGREE TO DISCIPLINE** proposed by the Medical Examiners Commission Probable Cause Panel, to wit:

Supervised probation for one year. The supervised probation would be under the direction of a medical examiner of Dr. Minyard's choosing as approved by the Commission. Dr. Minyard would be required to provide initially 100% of all jurisdiction declined and any case without an autopsy to the supervising medical examiner every two weeks. The supervising medical examiner would report his/her observations to the Commission at every quarterly meeting, and would determine a graduated reduction in case reviews based on his/her observations.

I understand my right to consult with an attorney and hereby waive my right to request a hearing. I further acknowledge that agreeing to the proposed discipline as stated above is voluntary and that this agreement is voluntary. I understand that this agreement to accept proposed discipline is not final until the Medical Examiners Commission has approved and adopted it as the final disposition of this case. I further understand that if the Medical Examiners Commission does not approve and adopt this agreement, the case can then proceed to formal hearing as provided by law, unless the Medical Examiners Commission and I agree otherwise.

4. () I DO ADMIT the allegations of fact in the Administrative Complaint, and hereby AGREE TO DISCIPLINE proposed by the Medical Examiners Commission Probable Cause Panel, to wit:

Supervised probation for one year. The supervised probation would be under the direction of a medical examiner of Dr. Minyard's choosing as approved by the Commission. Dr. Minyard would be required to provide initially 100% of all jurisdiction declined and any case without an autopsy to the supervising medical examiner every two weeks. The supervising medical examiner would report his/her observations to the Commission at every quarterly meeting, and would determine a graduated reduction in case reviews based on his/her observations.

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Regardless of which of the above listed four (4) options I have selected, I understand that I will be given notice of the time, date, and place when this matter will be considered by the Medical Examiners Commission for final action at a regularly scheduled meeting. I understand that I am required to notify the staff of the Medical Examiners Commission of any change of mailing address.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Escambia

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 9th day of April, 2019, by Andrea N. Minyard, M.D. (name of person acknowledging), who is personally known to me or has produced

(type of identification) as identification and who did/did not take an oath.

(Signature of Notary Public)



Andrea N. Minyard, M.D.
Respondent's Signature

626 E. Government Street
Pensacola, FL 32502
Respondent's Mailing Address

(850)393-4004
Respondent's Telephone Number

T. A. Borowski, Jr.
Respondent's Attorney, If Applicable

843393
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PLEASE MAIL FORM TO: Medical Examiners Commission, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1489

Those material facts which I dispute are:

- (a) I was not the only Medical Examiner serving District One from February 2, 2004 until the present; various Associate Medical Examiners also served during this timeframe. A selected portion of their work was reviewed by me in an effort to assure quality and consistency.
- (b) I dispute the allegation that Walton County Sheriff Michael Adkinson filed a legally sufficient formal complaint against me.
- (c) I dispute that the declinations of jurisdiction were inappropriate.
- (d) I dispute the allegation that "several" cases did not have adequate death investigations.
- (e) I dispute the allegation that I was negligent in my duties as a medical examiner.
- (f) I dispute the allegation that a list of 12 "declined" cases lacked sufficient documentation to support the cause and manner of death.
- (g) I dispute the allegation that I violated the provisions of 406.075(1)(a) and 406.075(1)(i):
 - a. Failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter or with the rules of the commission.
 - i. 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 circumstances.
- (h) I dispute the allegation that I violated 11G-2.001(1)(b):
 - b. Record the findings and conclusions supporting the medical examiner's determination of cause of death in the permanent records of the medical examiner, in sufficient detail to allow a review of the circumstances, regardless of whether examination of the body or certification of the death by the medical examiner is required.
- (i) I dispute the allegation that I violated 11G-2.003(3)(b):
 - b. A medical examiner shall not release human remains from custody until he or she has made such autopsies and has retained such specimens and effects of opine a cause or manner of death, and identification of a dead body, or a disease or injury, or support a criminal investigation.
- (j) I dispute the allegation that I violated 11G-2.003(5)(a) and 11G-2.003(5)(b):
 - a. Absent good cause, an autopsy shall be performed when a reasonable suspicion exists that a death might be by criminal violence or by any violence sustained in prison, a penal institution, or police custody.
 - b. Absent good cause an autopsy shall be performed when a reasonable suspicion exists that the death is by accident, suicide or poison, unless:
 - i. The death is by poison and the deceased has survived in a hospital for a time sufficient to metabolize the poison, or
 - ii. The death is by accident or suicide and the cause of death can be determined from a review of the circumstances, history, and available medical records.
- (k) I dispute that the proposed disciplinary action is appropriate. It is, in fact, grossly disproportionate to the alleged offenses.

My interpretation of 11G-2.002(2) and 11G-2.003(1)(e) is that the alleged violation is a lack of photographic documentation, which I concede as to one instance. If my interpretation is inaccurate, then I reserve the right to dispute those allegations.

From: Nelson, Stephen
To: [Koenig, Vickie](#); [Lucas, Steven](#); [Neel, Megan](#); [Martin, James](#)
Subject: new Volusia District Medical Examiner
Date: Monday, April 01, 2019 10:16:27 AM
Attachments: [SFront Offi19040109020.pdf](#)
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On Friday, March 29th, the District 7 Medical Examiner Search Committee selected James W. Fulcher, M.D. as the new District Medical Examiner for Volusia County. His CV etc. is attached. This selection by the Interim County Manager must be confirmed by the Volusia County Council, but that seems perfunctory.

After he is confirmed and in place, I would suggest presenting him with a tutorial on Florida law, Rules, MEC, organizational structure, etc.

Dr. Thogmartin (District 6) will remain as their Interim Medical Examiner until Dr. Fulcher has relocated from Greenville, South Carolina.

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May 2004 Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Medicine, Richmond, VA
Doctor of Medicine, May 2004

May 2000 University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Bachelor of Arts – Biology

Appointments

2014 – present Board of Directors, International Society of Aquatic Medicine [ISAM]
2012 – present Forensic Pathology Consultant, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division [SLED]
2009 – present Director of Clemson University Forensic Pathology Internship.
2009 – present Chief Deputy Medical Examiner, Greenville County, South Carolina
2009 – present Presenter, Internal Medicine Morbidity and Mortality, Greenville Health System.

Awards

2018 Teaching Excellence in Biomedical Sciences, USC School of Medicine – Greenville
2018 Golden Peach Award for Excellence in M2 Education, USC School of Medicine – Greenville
2016 Faculty of the Year, USC School of Medicine – Greenville
2008 Resident Teaching Award, Virginia Commonwealth University Health System

Special Projects

2015 NAME inspection leader
Responsible for all internal documents related to initial inspection process.
Maintain all records for NAME accreditation
2015 Advisor to previous Senator Mike Fair on SLED toxicology laboratory required testing
2014 Advisor to the SC Attorney General's Office on the "Evidence Preservation Law" as it pertains to toxicology specimens collected at autopsy.
2013 Anthropology Guide for Deputy Coroners: Helped produce a field guide for bone identification

Professional Affiliations

2011 – present International Society of Aquatic Medicine
2008 – present National Association of Medical Examiners
2008 – present Greenville County Medical Society
2008 – present College of American Pathologists

Committee Participation

2008 – Present Greenville Health System/Greenville County Medical Examiner's office
Child abuse committee
Medical Examiner's commission
2014 – Present University of South Carolina, School of Medicine – Greenville
M2 subcommittee
Program Evaluation & Assessment Subcommittee
Admissions Committee, 2018
LCME site visit team, 2015

Invited Lectures

2016 – present Clemson Honor's College, Guest Lecturer
2014 – present International Society of Aquatic Medicine, CME lecturer
2010 – present Clemson University Biology and Anthropology, Guest Lecturer

2009 – present	Greenville Health System Department of Internal Medicine Morbidity and Mortality Conference, Presenter
2010 – present	Clemson University Premedical Interest Group, Guest Lecturer
2009, 2015	South Carolina Society of Radiologic Technologists, Guest Lecturer
2015	Lead Academy, Greenville County Public Schools, Guest Lecturer
2015	Southeastern Seaboard Emergency Nursing Symposium, Guest Lecturer
2015	South Carolina Coroner School, Instructor
2014 – 2015	South Carolina Coroners Association, Guest Lecturer
2009	South Carolina Health Information Management Convention, Guest Lecturer

Research

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April 3, 2019

Steven Lucas
Medical Examiners Commission
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
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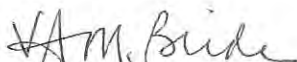
Dear Mr. Lucas:

Thank you for contacting me to clarify the presentation made on behalf of the 4 Florida Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) at the recent meeting of the Medical Examiners Commission. The clarification regards the report of a denial by a medical examiner to procure a donor heart for transplantation after it was subsequently determined the heart was not suitable for transplantation. During that meeting the Commission signified it's wish that non-transplantable organs not be included in the count of denied organs.

The Florida OPOs want to provide as complete and accurate an accounting of donor activity as possible and we appreciate this important feedback from the Commission. Our OPOs will meet to determine how we can collectively incorporate this feedback into our next report.

Thank you and the Commission for all you do to ensure the Gift of Life is given to as many people as possible.

Sincerely,


Ginny McBride
Executive Director

Lucas, Steven

From: Nelson, Stephen <StephenNelson@polk-county.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 9:44 PM
To: Koenig, Vickie; Lucas, Steven; Martin, James
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL]: CDC Maternal Mortality Grant
Attachments: Letter of Support Template_MEC_CDC Grant.docx; ATT00001.htm

FYI

Please add this to our MEC Agenda.

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Stephen J. Nelson, MA, MD, FCAP
District Medical Examiner
< sent from my iPhone >

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Thompson, Angela" <Angela.Thompson@flhealth.gov>
Date: March 26, 2019 at 1:01:20 PM EDT
To: "Nelson, Stephen" <stephennelson@polk-county.net>
Cc: Vickie Koenig <vickiekoenig@fdle.state.fl.us>, "SheliWilson@polk-county.net" <SheliWilson@polk-county.net>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]: CDC Maternal Mortality Grant

Dear Dr. Stephen Nelson,

The Florida Department of Health, Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) is applying for a funding opportunity from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding maternal mortality. The funding is for the [Preventing Maternal Deaths: Supporting Maternal Mortality Review Committees](#), also known as CDC-RFA-DP19-1908.

This 5-year cooperative agreement will support agencies and organizations that coordinate and manage Maternal Mortality Review Committees to identify and characterize maternal deaths for identifying prevention opportunities. Recipients will identify pregnancy-associated deaths within one year of death; abstract and enter clinical and non-clinical data into a standard data system [\[Maternal Mortality Review Information Application \(MMRIA\)\]](#), conduct multidisciplinary reviews, and enter committee decisions in MMRIA within 2 years of death. Quality assurance processes, in partnership with CDC, will be used for improving data quality, completeness, and timeliness. Recipients and CDC will analyze data and share findings with stakeholders to inform policy and prevention strategies to reduce maternal deaths.

This funding will support the elimination of preventable maternal deaths by:

- Facilitating an understanding of the drivers of maternal mortality and complications of pregnancy and associated disparities.
- Determining what interventions at patient, provider, facility, system and community levels will have the most impact.

- Identifying initiatives for implementation in the right places for families and communities who need them most.

Letters of support are needed from agencies that can or do impact the maternal mortality review process, such as the Medical Examiner Commission. Attached is a template letter of support for your convenience. **Please respond no later than April 20, 2019.**

Thank you,

Angela Thompson, RN, BSN
Community Health Nurse Consultant
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Division of Community Health Promotion
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State of Florida Medical Examiners Commission

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April 16, 2019

Florida Department of Health
Attention: Mrs. Shay Chapman
Maternal and Child Health Section
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A13
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Mrs. Chapman:

This letter is to confirm the Medical Examiners Commission's support of the Florida Department of Health's application for the funding opportunity CDC-RFA-DP19-1908 *Preventing Maternal Deaths: Supporting Maternal Mortality Review Committees* for project period 2019-2024.

The Medical Examiners Commission is committed to uphold excellence in the practice of forensic pathology in the public interest. The activities outlined in this grant application align with our organization's goals, especially for the education and engagement of medical examiners to improve the identification and the analysis of maternal deaths.

If the Florida Department of Health receives the funding as requested, our organization will assist, as appropriate, with the successful implementation of this project.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please contact Mrs. Vickie P. Koenig in Tallahassee at 850-410-8600.

Sincerely yours,

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

SJN:jkb

cc: Vickie P. Koenig

2019 Legislative Bills of Interest

Public Meetings (HB 265 Newton / SB 518 Rader) *(NOTE: Has not been heard in committee)*

These bills apply to meetings of any board or commission of any state agency or authority, or any county, municipal corporation or political subdivision. It requires notices of any such meeting at least 3 days prior to the meeting to include publication of the agenda and any materials distributed at the meeting. Two complete copies of the agenda and related items must be available for public inspection at the meeting. Time must be allotted for public comment as either the first or last agenda item. Each member of the public has the right to speak for 3 minutes. Time may be extended by the chair or restricted to 1 minute per person when more than 20 individuals request to address on agenda item. A response is required to any question posed to the board or commission either at the meeting or through written correspondence within 10 days after the meeting. Written responses must be incorporated into the minutes of the meeting.

Proposed effective date is July 1, 2019.

Public Records: Photographs or Video or Audio Recordings that Depict or Record the Killing of Victim of Mass Violence (HB 7017 Oversight Committee / SB 186 Lee)

These bills amend s. 406.136, F.S., to include in the exemption from public records requirements for photograph, video, or audio recordings held by an agency that depicts or records the killing of a law enforcement officer, and photographs, video, or audio recordings held by an agency that depicts or records killing of a victim of mass violence. This exemption is relocated from s. 406.136, F.S. to s. 119.071(2)(p), F.S., and is given retroactive status.

Proposed effective date is upon becoming law.

Elder Protection / Elder Abuse Fatality Review Teams (HB 583 Watson / SB 452 Gibson)

These bills authorize the establishment of elder abuse fatality review teams to review abuse related deaths. Review teams may be established in each judicial circuit and are composed of volunteers who serve 2-year terms without compensation. A medical examiner is among those listed as possible members of the review team. The review teams are assigned to the Department of Elder Affairs for administrative purposes.

Proposed effective date is July 1, 2019.

Public Records (HB 1201 Jacobs) *(NOTE: Has not been heard in committee)*

This bill adds autopsy reports and related written records that personally identify the deceased to materials that are to be exempt and confidential from public record until 10-days after the medical examiner has completed the report. This exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will be repealed on October 2, 2024 unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature. This exemption has retroactive application. Additionally, this bill adds legal guardian and siblings to the succession list of individuals who are authorized to view copy or listen to the materials exempted in this section of statute.

Proposed effective date is upon becoming law.

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MELISSA W. NELSON
STATE ATTORNEY

April 9, 2019

Dr. Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P.
Chairman, Medical Examiners Commission
P.O. Box 1489
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RE: District Four Medical Examiner Search

Dear Dr. Nelson:

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

Dr. Boguslaw Robert Pietak

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Stephen W. Siegel
First Assistant State Attorney

Encl.

STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Stephen Siegel **DATE:** March 5, 2019
FROM: Tim Quick
REFERENCE: Background Investigation for Dr. Pietak

Pursuant to your request, a background investigation was conducted for B. Robert Pietak, MD, for consideration of the position of District IV Chief Medical Examiner. The following information was obtained and provided for your review:

Criminal History: Inquiries through NCIC and FCIC were negative for Pietak.

Employment verification/remarks: Pietak is currently employed as the Interim Chief Medical Examiner for the Jackson County Medical Examiner, Kansas City, MO. Pietak previously held the position as Deputy Medical Examiner for the same location from 2011-2018. From 1999-2011 Pietak was the Assistant Medical Examiner for the Wayne County Medical Examiner, Detroit, MI.

On March 4, 2019, I telephonically interviewed Det. Daniel Frazier, Kansas City (MO) Homicide Division, regarding his interaction with Pietak. Frazier has been acquainted with Pietak for the past several years and he spoke favorably of Pietak. Frazier related that he has never had any problems or misunderstandings with Pietak and he is not aware of anyone else in his department who has had any type of problems with Pietak that would cause concern regarding his competency. Frazier stated that Pietak always asks the pertinent questions that are needed for clarification related to death of victim and that he is very easy to get along with. Frazier could not attest to Pietak's courtroom testimony; however, he stated that he would identify a local prosecutor(s) that could speak to Pietak's courtroom testimony and provide the contact information.

Additional employment interviews are pending and will be reported in a supplemental report.

Personal References: Dr. Garth Fraga was identified by Pietak as a reference for his position as volunteer staff at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Efforts to reach Dr. Fraga to date were unsuccessful. Shawn Hachinski was identified by Pietak as the Chief of Investigations for the Jackson County (KS) Medical

**STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Stephen Siegel	DATE:	March 12, 2019
FROM:	Tim Quick		
REFERENCE:	Background Investigation for Dr. Pietak		

Pursuant to your request and subsequent to the background investigation submitted on March 5, additional inquiries were conducted for this background investigation on Dr. Pietak. Results of the interviews are as follows:

On March 6, I conducted a telephonic interview with **Dr. Francisco Diaz**, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, Washington, D.C. Diaz related that worked in a forensic pathology fellowship with Pietak in in 1999 at the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office. Both he and Pietak then went to the Wayne County (MI) Medical Examiner's Office where they worked together from 2000-2011 as Assistant Medical Examiners. Pietak later transferred to his current position at the Jackson County (MO) Medical Examiner's office. Diaz stated that Pietak's forensic abilities are exemplary. The Wayne County M.E.'s office conducted about 500 autopsies per year and complex cases were never a problem or a concern for Pietak. Pietak is very effective and professional in his interaction with the stakeholders and Diaz expressed his only concerns with Pietak are in regards to his ability to be an effective administrator. Diaz further related that if Pietak has received training and experience with his administrative duties then his concerns would no longer cause him any apprehensions in recommending Pietak for a position as the District IV Chief Medical Examiner.

On March 6, I conducted a telephonic interview with **Shawn Hachinski**, Chief of Investigations, Jackson County (MO) Medical Examiner's Office. Hachinski related that he has worked with Pietak at the Jackson County M.E.'s Office since 2011. The Jackson County M.E.'s Office conducted 798 autopsies in 2018 and it employs three full-time pathologists and one fellowship. Hachinski described Pietak as very-laid back and someone who does not lose control. Pietak is reportedly very well-respected by the law enforcement community. Hachinski stated that Pietak is a good administrator and he advocates for new technology in regards to the forensic field. Hachinski recommended Pietak for a position as the District IV Chief Medical Examiner. Pietak stated the only reason he would not want Pietak to get this position is because he would prefer that he gets hired as the Chief Medical Examiner at the Jackson County M.E.'s office, a position he has applied for.

On March 8, I conducted a telephonic interview with **Dr. Diane Peterson**, Chief Medical Examiner at the Johnson County (KS) Medical Examiner's Office, Olathe, KS. Peterson is the former Chief Medical Examiner at the Jackson County (MO) M.E.'s Office where she supervised Pietak from 2015 until her departure for her current job in late 2018. Upon her departure, Pietak assumed the position as Interim Chief Medical Examiner for the Johnson County M.E.'s Office. Peterson described Pietak as very calm, quiet, well-spoken, and someone who gets along well with everyone. Peterson stated that when she supervised Pietak, she routinely gave him additional duties and he did well in completing his assignments and in delegating to others as needed. However, Pietak did not actively look for extra work and on most days, he just did his job and then went home. Peterson rated Pietak with very high scores on his evaluations and he was deserving of the high evaluations. Peterson related that as she was departing, she heard that Pietak could be "ambivalent" about his findings and it was her assumption that he should have been more definitive and that he wasn't. When asked if she would recommend Pietak for a position as the District IV Chief Medical Examiner, Peterson stated that she believes Pietak would have the opportunity to do well in this position but that his lack of willingness to take on other things and his inability to delegate may be a detriment. Politically, Peterson described Pietak as getting along very well with the stakeholders; he is very intelligent and a very good pathologist. Peterson stated that Pietak is good administrator but she has some hesitation in regards in his ability to be an effective administrator.

On March 8, I conducted a telephonic interview with **Dr. Carl Schmidt**, Wayne County (MI) Chief Medical Examiner's Office, Detroit, MI. Dr. Schmidt supervised Pietak from 2000-2011 when Pietak was the Assistant Medical Examiner at this office. Schmidt described Pietak as a solid forensic pathologist with no significant deficiencies. Pietak is reportedly a nice guy who relates well with people. However, Schmidt stated that he not sure that Pietak would be a good Chief Medical Examiner because he is not a very effective administrator. Schmidt stated that Pietak is reluctant to do more than he has to do; he routinely does his work and then goes home; he prefers riding his Harley instead of working. In regards to a staff position, Schmidt would highly recommend Pietak; he knows what he is doing and he never had any concerns about the quality of his work.

Jeremy Baldwin was identified as a prosecutor for the Jackson County (MO) District Attorney's Office. Efforts to date to conduct a telephonic interview with Baldwin in regards to Pietak have been unsuccessful.

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**STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Stephen Siegel **DATE:** March 25, 2019
FROM: Tim Quick
REFERENCE: Background Investigation for Dr. Pietak

Pursuant to your request and subsequent to the background investigations submitted on March 5 and March 12, one additional inquiry was conducted for this background investigation on Dr. Pietak. Results of the interview are as follows:

On March 20, I conducted a telephonic interview with **Jeremy Baldwin**, prosecutor, Jackson County District Attorney's Office, Kansas City, MO. Baldwin had been identified during previous interviews as a local prosecutor who had utilized Dr. Pietak during trials and he was questioned regarding Pietak's interaction and engagement with the prosecutors. Baldwin related that he has utilized Pietak 4-5 times during trials and he has consulted with him at least twelve times on other cases. Baldwin stated there are four medical examiners in the ME's office and his office primarily uses Pietak and one other forensic pathologist for most of their cases. Baldwin advised that Jackson County has approximately 140 homicides per year and they rely heavily on the ME's office for support in their trials. Baldwin related that during depositions, Pietak does not willingly provide the defense with any additional information and that he makes the defense articulate their questions so that he is not providing them with anything that he has not also provided to the prosecution. Baldwin stated that Pietak is very easy to get along with and he is well-respected by everyone in the office.

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B. Robert Pietak, M.D.

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Education and Training

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

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

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

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

Employment

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

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

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

Other Appointments

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

Other Appointments

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

Other Positions and Employment

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

Certification and Licensure

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

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

Professional Memberships and Activities

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

Teaching, Publications and Presentations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Courts				
State Attorney's Office 8th Judicial Circuit	X			
Public Defender's Office 8th Judicial Circuit	X			
Sheriff's Offices				
Alachua County Sheriff's Office	X			
Baker County Sheriff's Office	X			
Bradford County Sheriff's Office	X			
Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office				X
Levy County Sheriff's Office	X			
Union County Sheriff's Office	X			
Commissioners				
Alachua Board of County Commissioners	X			
Baker County Manager	X			
Bradford County Manager	X			
Gilchrist County Administrator	X			
Levy Board of County Commissioners	X			
Union Board of County Commissioners	X			
Police Departments				
Alachua Police Department				X
Cedar Key Police Department	X			
Chiefland Police Department				X
Gainesville Police Department	X			
High Springs Police Department				X
Lawtey Police Department				X
Starke Police Department	X			
Trenton Police Department				X
Williston Police Department				X
Funeral Homes				
A Jerome Brown Funeral Home				X
A.M. White Mortuary				X
Affordable Funeral Care by Yorkshire				X
Archer Funeral Home				X
Battle Memorial Funeral Home				X
Blackburn-Curry Funeral & Cremation LLC	X			
Booker T. Hunt Funeral Home	X			
Carnegie Funeral Home				X
Chestnut Funeral Home Inc				X
D Williams Mortuary Services LLC	X			
Duncan Brothers Funeral Home PA	X			
Emerald Shore Cremation Centre				X
Evans-Carter Funeral Home - N Main Street				X
Ferreira Funeral Services				X
Forbes Funeral Home Inc				X
Forest Meadows Funeral Home - 23rd Avenue				X
Guerry Funeral Home				X
Haile Funeral Home				X
Heritage Funeral Home & Cremation Services LLC				X
Heritage Shores Funeral Home & Cremation Centre				X
J Hadley Funeral Home LLC				X
Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home LLC				X
Kent Forest Lawn Funeral Home				X
Knauff Funeral Homes LLC	X			
Milam Funeral Home	X			
Milam Funeral Home Inc				X
Pasco Gainer Sr Funeral Home Inc				X
Pinkney-Smith Funeral Home Inc				X
Richardson's Family Funeral Care of Panama City				X
Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland LLC	X			
Russell Allen Wright Sr Mortuary				X

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	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Signature Memorial Funeral & Cremation Services LLC				X
Southerland Family Funeral Home				X
V Todd Ferreira Funeral Services				X
Washington Funeral Home				X
Watson Funeral Home				X
Williams-Thomas Funeral Home Inc - 69th Avenue				X
Williams-Thomas Funeral Home Inc - 143rd Street				X
Williams-Thomas Funeral Home Inc - N Main Street	X			
Wilson Funeral Home				X
Medical Societies				
Alachua County Medical Society	X			
Life Quest				
Contractual Services for District 3 (Dixie County)				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Courts				
State Attorney's Office 3rd Judicial Circuit	X			
Public Defender's Office 3rd Judicial Circuit			X	
Sheriff's Office				
Dixie County Sheriff's Office	X			
Commissioners				
Dixie County Coordinator	X			
Police Departments				
Cross City Police Department				X
Funeral Homes				
Rick Gooding Funeral Homes, Inc.	X			

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

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1-11-2018

Name: William P. CERONE

Agency Name: STATE ATTORNEY - 8 CIRCUIT

Agency Address: 120 W. UNIVERSITY AVE, GAINESVILLE, FL 32601

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1-14-19

Name: STACY SCOTT

Agency Name: Public Defender, 8th Circuit

Agency Address: 151 SW 2nd Ave, Gainesville, FL

32601

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Sadie Darnell
Sheriff, Alachua County

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

2621 SE Hawthorne Rd, Gainesville FL
P O Box 5489, Gainesville, FL 32641

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

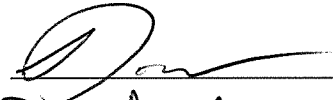
Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1/7/2019

Name: David Mancini / Detective Corporal

Agency Name: Baker County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 1 Sheriff's Office Dr Macclenny, FL 32063

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: LI. Josh Luke #5147 Date: 1/7/19

Name: LI. Josh Luke

Agency Name: Bradford County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 945-B North Temple Ave Starke, FL 32091

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Robert B. McCallum, Jr. Date: 1/2/19

Name: Robert B. McCallum, Jr., Sheriff

Agency Name: Levy County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 9150 NE 80 Ave. Bronson, FL 32621

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Brad Whitehead Date: 1/4/2019
Name: Brad Whitehead Sheriff
Agency Name: Union County Sheriff's Office
Agency Address: 55 West Main St. Courthouse Room 102,
Lake Butler, FL. 32054

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Charles S. Chestnut IV Date: 1/8/19

Name: Charles S. Chestnut IV

Agency Name: Alachua County Board of County Commissioners

Agency Address: 12 SE 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

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Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

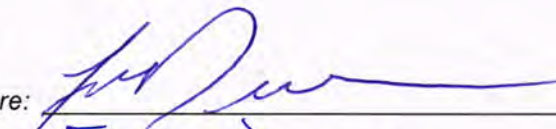
Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1-17-2019

Name: Frank Durrance

Agency Name: Board of County Commissioners

Agency Address: 945 N. Temple Ave., State, FL 32091

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Bobby L. Crosby Jr.

Date: 01/07/2019

Name: Bobby L. Crosby Jr.

Agency Name: Gilchrist County BOCC

Agency Address: 209 SE 1st Street, TRENTHAM FL 32693

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1-28-19

Name: Wilbur Dean

Agency Name: Levy County Board of County Commissioners

Agency Address: 355 South Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Karen Cossey Date: 1-22-19
Name: Karen Cossey
Agency Name: Union County Board of Commissioners
Agency Address: 15 N.E. 1st. St. Lake Butler, Fla. 32054

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1-4-19

Name: Virgil Sandlin

Agency Name: Cedar Key Police Department

Agency Address: PO Box 339 Cedar Key, FL 32625

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Favorable ☒

Despite moving the entire operation to a more modern facility recently, Dr. Hamilton and his Office staff were able to maintain an unaffected level of service to our agency. His staff has always been professional, reliable, and sincere in addressing the needs of the both the families who have lost a loved one, and our investigators, during the tragic moments wherein all three entities intersect.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 03-27-2019

Name: Captain Anthony M. Ferrara, Investigations Bureau Commander, on behalf of Gainesville Police Department Chief Tony R. Jones

Agency Name: The Gainesville Police Department

Agency Address: 545 NW 8th Ave. Gainesville, Florida, 32627

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Chief Jeff Johnson Date: 01-4-19

Name: Chief Jeff Johnson

Agency Name: Starks Police Department

Agency Address: 830 Edwards Road Starks, Florida 32091

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

James M. Curry II

Date:

January 11, 2019

Name:

James M. Curry II

Agency Name:

Blackburn-Curry Funeral Home

Agency Address:

380 N. Lowder Street, Macclenny, FL
32063

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Booker T. Hunt Sr. Date: 1-6-19

Name: Booker T. Hunt Sr.

Agency Name: Booker T Hunt Funeral Home

Agency Address: 24340 Newberry Lane

Newberry FL 32669

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Collins W. Duncan

Date:

JAN 4, 2019

Name:

Collins W. Duncan

Agency Name:

Duncan Brothers' Funeral Home

Agency Address:

428 NW 8th Street

Gainesville, Florida 32601

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(VERY) .. **Favorable** ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

The Knauff Funeral Homes in Williston and Chiefland has worked with Dr. Hamilton and his Staff for many years and he and his entire staff has served this district and families involved in a very professional and caring manner. I would recommend his appointment to this district.

Completed by:

Signature: Juanita Knauff Date: 1-8-19

Name: Juanita Knauff - Owner

Agency Name: Knauff Funeral Homes

Agency Address: 512 E. Noble Ave. Williston, Fla. 32696
715 W. Park Ave. Chiefland, Fla. 32626

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1-7-19

Name: PAUL L ANDERSON

Agency Name: MILAM FUNERAL HOME

Agency Address: 311 S MAIN ST GAINESVILLE FL

32601

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

OTIS G. EVANS

Date:

1/4/19

Name:

OTIS G. EVANS

Agency Name:

RICK GOODING FUNERAL HOME

Agency Address:

*1301 N. YOUNG BLVD, CHIEFLAND, FL,
32626*

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Margaret E. Dickens

Date: 1/4/19

Name: Margaret E. Dickens

Agency Name: Williams-Thomas Funeral Home

Agency Address: 404 N. Main St. Gainesville,

FL,
32601

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

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Jackie Owens Date: 1/7/2019

Name: Jackie Owens, EVP

Agency Name: Alachua County Medical Society

Agency Address: 235 SW 2nd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Jeff Siegmeyer Date: 1-18-19

Name: Jeff Siegmeyer

Agency Name: Third Circuit SAO

Agency Address: 310 Pine Live Oak, FL 32064

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

Our office has only limited contact with the District 8 office.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 2 26 19

Name: M. Blair Payne

Agency Name: Public Defender 3d Judicial Circuit

Agency Address: 173 NE Hernando Ave, Ste 115 Lake City 32055

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Dewey H. Hatcher Sr. Date: 01/08/19

Name: DEWEY H. HATCHER SR.

Agency Name: DIXIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Agency Address: 214 N.E. 351 HWY. CROSS CITY, FL. 32628

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dixie County has found the service we receive favorable and with timely response.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Timothy W. Alexander Date: 01/09/2018

Name: Timothy W. Alexander / County Manager

Agency Name: Dixie County Board of County Commissioners

Agency Address: Po. Box 2600 Cross City, FL. 32628

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Very **Favorable** ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: *[Signature]*

Date: 1-7-2019

Name: RICHARD C RICK GOODING

Agency Name: RICK GOODING FUNERAL HOMES

Agency Address: P.O. Box 1208 16983 SE Hwy 19 Cross City FL 32628

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District 9/25 Assessment (Home Rule) - Joshua D. Stephany, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Courts				
State Attorney's Office 9th Judicial Circuit	X			
Public Defender's Office 9th Judicial Circuit			X	
Sheriff's Offices				
Orange County Sheriff's Office	X			
Osceola County Sheriff's Office				X
Commissioners				
Orange County Mayor	X			
Osceola County Manager				X
Police Departments				
Apopka Police Department	X			
City Of Belle Isle Police Department	X			
Eatonville Police Department				X
Edgewood Police Department	X			
Kissimmee Police Department	X			
Maitland Police Department				X
Oakland Police Department	X			
Ocoee Police Department	X			
Orlando Police Department	X			
St. Cloud Police Department	X			
Windermere Police Department				X
Winter Garden Police Department	X			
Winter Park Police Department	X			
Funeral Homes				
A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations	X			
All Faiths Cremation @ Burial Society				X
Baldwin Brothers - N Park Avenue				X
Baldwin Brothers - N Semoran Boulevard				X
Baldwin Brothers - Sprint Boulevard				X
Baldwin Fairchild at Chapel Hill				X
Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home - Aloma Ave	X			
Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home - E Plant Street				X
Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home - Hansel Avenue				X
Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home - N Park Avenue				X
Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home - S Orlando Avenue				X
Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home - S Semoran Boulevard				X
Batts Funeral Home	X			
Beth Shalom Memorial Chapel				X
Carey-Hand Colonial Funeral Home	X			
Carey-Hand-Cox-Parker Funeral Home				X
Collison-Carey-Hand Funeral Home	X			
Compass Pointe Funeral Services	X			
Conrad & Thompson Funeral Home				X
Degusipe Funeral Home & Crematory				X
Dobbs Funeral Home				X
Family Funeral Care	X			
Fisk Funeral Home & Crematory				X
Funeraria San Juan Inc	X			
Funeraria Porta Coeli				X
Gail & Wynn's Mortuary Inc	X			
Golden's Funeral Home Inc				X
Good Life Funeral Home & Cremation	X			
Grissom Funeral Home & Crematory	X			
Loomis Funeral Home Inc				X
Marvin C Zanders Funeral Home Inc				X
Mitchell's Funeral Home Inc				X
Neptune Society Management Corporation				X
Newcomer Cremations, Funerals, & Receptions				X
New Horizon Funeral Chapel & Cremation Inc	X			

District 9/25 Assessment (Home Rule) - Joshua D. Stephany, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Osceola Memory Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Home, & Crematory				X
Osceola Memory Gardens Funeral Home - Kissimmee	X			
Osceola Memory Gardens II Inc				X
Pax Villa Funeral Homes				X
Postell's Mortuary	X			
Robert Bryant Funeral & Cremation Chapel				X
Unity Memorial Funeral Home East Corp				X
Winter Oak Funeral Home & Cremations				X
Woodlawn Funeral Home				X
Medical Societies				
Orange & Osceola Counties Medical Society				X
TransLife	X			

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Kelly B Hicks Date: 2/1/19

Name: Kelly B Hicks

Agency Name: SAO 9

Agency Address: 415 N. Orange Ave, Orlando, FL 32801

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

Per a voicemail received from Robert Wesley (PD):
The Public Defender cannot respond to questions about the Medical Examiner because the State may bring that up against him in cross-examination. He needs to remain neutral since he is often in an adversarial position.

Completed by:

Signature: Chad Lucas Date: 04/17/2019

Name: Chad Lucas on behalf of Robert Wesley, Public Defender

Agency Name: FDLE - MEC Staff

Agency Address: _____

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Stephany and the rest of the staff at the District 9 Medical Examiner's Office have an excellent working relationship with Detectives from the OCSO. I have not received any negative feedback regarding their services.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Spall

Date: 1/10/19

Name: Sergeant Sunda Spall

Agency Name: Orange County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 2500 W Colonial Drive Orl. FL 32804

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

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Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/8/19

Name: John Goodrich

Agency Name: Orange County

Agency Address: 2002A E. Michigan St. Orlando, FL 32806

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1-9-19
Name: LT. BRIAN KENNEDY
Agency Name: APOPKA Police Dept.
Agency Address: 112 E. 6th St Apopka, FL 32703

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Jeremy Miller Date: 1/7/19

Name: JEREMY MILLER

Agency Name: BELLE ISLE PD

Agency Address: 1521 NELA AVE BELLE ISLE, FL 32809

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

WOULD LIKE TO SEE A REPRESENTATIVE COME OUT TO THE SMALLER/MID SIZE AGENCIES TO DO A OVERVIEW ON THEIR SERVICES/ROLES.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

J. L. H.

Date:

1-8-19

Name:

TOM FREEBURN

Agency Name:

EDGEWOOD

Agency Address:

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

The Kissimmee Police Department works favorably with Dr. Stephany and his staff.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Cpt. Blye Date: 1/11/19

Name: Brandon Lyne

Agency Name: Kissimmee Police Department

Agency Address: 8 N. Stewart Street Kissimmee FL 34741

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

USE THE ME ON A LIMITED BASIS. ALWAYS SATISFIED.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 11/8/19

Name: STEVEN R. THOMAS

Agency Name: OAKLAND POLICE DEPT.

Agency Address: 540 E. OAKLAND AVE, PO BOX 521
OAKLAND, FL 34760

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/17/19

Name: Wendi Cadiz

Agency Name: Ocoee PD

Agency Address: 644 Ocoee Commerce Pkwy, Ocoee, FL 34761

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/15/19

Name: SGT JOE CAPECE, HOMICIDE UNIT

Agency Name: ORLANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 1250 W. SOUTH ST, ORLANDO FL 32803

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S TEAM IS A VERY PROFESSIONAL GROUP OF PEOPLE. THEY RESPOND TO SCENES QUICKLY AND ARE ALWAYS COURTEOUS, HELPFUL AND INFORMATIVE.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Capt. Fran Rinehart Date: JAN. 8TH, 2019
Name: CAPT. FRAN RINEHART
Agency Name: ST. CLOUD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Agency Address: 4700 NEPTUNE ROAD ST. CLOUD, FL 34769

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 2/28/19

Name: SCOTT ALLEN

Agency Name: WINTER GARDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 251 W. PLANT STREET WINTER GARDEN, FL 34787

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Stephany has always made himself available to answer questions to help understand findings and further assist us in our investigations. This has greatly helped in communications between law enforcement and the ME's office.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Sgt. L. Suepat Date: 1/9/19

Name: Sgt. Lisa Suepat

Agency Name: Winter Park Police Dept.

Agency Address: 500 N. Virginia Ave. Winter Park, FL 32789

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Eduardo Bort

Date: 1/4/19

Name: EDUARDO BORT

Agency Name: A COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME & SUNSET

Agency Address: 910 W. MICHIGAN ST. CREMATIONS
ORLANDO FL 32805

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Kellie Crew Date: 1-10-19

Name: Kellie Crew

Agency Name: Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home

Agency Address: 7520 Aloma Ave. Winter Park,
FL 32792

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Ray Batts Date: 1/9/19
Name: Ray Batts
Agency Name: Batts Funeral Home
Agency Address: 36 N. Halbe Ave., Orlando, FL 32805

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.



Guy Dalton

Managing Funeral Director

2811 Curry Ford Road
Orlando, FL 32806
gdalton@legacyfuneralgroup.com

Phone 407-898-2561
Fax 407-898-7661

www.careyhand.com

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/16/19.

Name: Guy Dalton

Agency Name: Carey Hand Colonial Funeral Home,

Agency Address: 2811 Curry Ford Rd. Orlando, FL 32806

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Orange County's Autopsies continue to be some of the best. They always come in a timely fashion and are always clean. For the most part vessels are always in good condition.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

John T. Gilmartin Date: 1/9/19

Name:

John Gilmartin

Agency Name:

Collison Carey Hand F.H.

Agency Address:

1148 E. Plant St. Winter Garden FL

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Unfavorable ☐

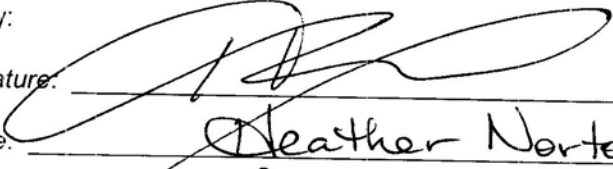
Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Truly he keeps the place running like a well oiled machine! The bodies go out as fast as they went in. The families when dealing with their staff has been nothing but Awesome comments. They truly are the best ME OFFICE in FL!

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1-4-19

Name: Heather Norton

Agency Name: Compass Pointe Cremation Services

Agency Address: 737 W. Colonial Dr, Orlando, FL 32804

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Assessment of Medical Examiner Services

District 9 Medical Examiner
Joshua D. Stephany, M.D.

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

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

District 9 Medical Examiners Office is always wonderful and easy to work with.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

C. Seckinger

Date:

1/8/2019

Name:

Casie Seckinger - Funeral Director

Agency Name:

Family Funeral Care

Agency Address:

13001 S John Young Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32837

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Assessment of Medical Examiner Services

District 25 Medical Examiner
Joshua D. Stephany, M.D.

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

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Funeraria San Juan
Funeral Homes

Bob Healy Jr. M B A
Funeral Director

Ph. 407-344-2515 Ph. 407-933-2525
2700 Simpson Rd. 3189 S. John Young Pkwy.
Kissimmee, FL 34744 Kissimmee, FL 34746

www.FunerariaSanJuan.com



Completed by:

Signature: Bob Healy Jr. Date: 1.7.19

Name: Bob Healy Jr.

Agency Name: Funeraria San Juan Funeral Home

Agency Address: 2700 Simpson Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34744

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District 9 Medical Examiner
Joshua D. Stephany, M.D.

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

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Provides professional and courteous to the families and Funeral Industry.
Provides quality care when conducting post-mortem examinations which
enables the Funeral Directors to Embalm without difficulties during
arterial work.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Gail Thomas-DeWitt Date: January 4, 2019

Name: Gail Thomas-DeWitt

Agency Name: Gail & Wynn's Mortuary, Inc.

Agency Address: 1300 Bruton Blvd
Orlando, FL 32805

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1/22/19

Name: Christopher Scott Hora

Agency Name: Good Life Funeral Home

Agency Address: 8408 E. Colonial Dr. Orl FL 32817

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District 25 Medical Examiner
Joshua D. Stephany, M.D.

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

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Always great to work with.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1-7-19

Name: Terry R. Jolly

Agency Name: Grisson Funeral Home

Agency Address: 603 Emmet St. Kissimmee FL 34241

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

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Wonderful staff, & investigation.
Second to none am

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 01-05-2018

Name: Michael Morales, L.F.D.

Agency Name: New Horizon Funeral Chapel

Agency Address: 821 13th St SE, Cloud, FL 34769
(407) 891-2300
888-8600 Fax

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

Favorable ☒ Very well run office.
Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/7/19
Name: Tom D. HANNEKEN
Agency Name: OSCEOLA memory barracks F.W. Kissimmee
Agency Address: 1717 OLD BOSSY CR. Rd. Kissimmee, FL
34744

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

*Doing A Wonderful Job.
None At this time*

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: *H. Postell, II*

Date: *1/4/2019*

Name: *Henry L. Postell, II*

Agency Name: *Postell's Mortuary*

Agency Address: *811 N. Powers Drive*

Orlando, FL 32818

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District 9 & 25 Medical Examiner
Joshua D. Stephany, M.D.

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

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Stephany and his staff have created a transparent and collaborative relationship between OCME and TransLife. I can't imagine how the relationship could be improved.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: VA McBride Date: 1/15/2019

Name: Virginia A. McBride Executive Director

Agency Name: TransLife

Agency Address: 601 N. Lake Destiny Road Suite 400 Maitland, FL
32751

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	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Courts				
State Attorney's Office 10th Judicial Circuit	X			
Public Defender's Office 10th Judicial Circuit	X			
Sheriff's Offices				
Hardee County Sheriff's Office	X			
Highlands County Sheriff's Office	X			
Polk County Sheriff's Office	X			
Commissioners				
Hardee County Manager	X			
Highlands County Administrator	X			
Polk County Manager	X			
Police Departments				
Auburndale Police Department	X			
Avon Park Police Department				X
Bartow Police Department	X			
Bowling Green Police Department	X			
Davenport Police Department	X			
Haines City Police Department	X			
Lake Alfred Police Department	X			
Lake Hamilton Police Department	X			
Lake Placid Police Department	X			
Lake Wales Police Department	X			
Lakeland Police Department	X			
Sebring Police Department	X			
Wauchula Police Department	X			
Winter Haven Police Department	X			
Funeral Homes				
A M Seigler Funeral Home	X			
Alexander Funeral Home				X
Cannon Funeral Home LLC				X
Central Florida Casket Store & Funeral Chapel				X
Charles A Lewis Funeral Home	X			
Coney Brothers Funeral Home	X			
David-Russell Funeral Home				X
Dowden Funeral Home	X			
Faith Funeral Services				X
Fountain Funeral Home				X
Gause Funeral Home Inc	X			
Gentry Morrison Funeral Home - Bartow Road	X			
Gentry Morrison Funeral Home - Mall Hill Drive				X
H W Oldham Funeral Home				X
Hancock Funeral Home Inc	X			
Heath Funeral Chapel LLC	X			
Holmes Funeral Directors				X
James C Boyd Funeral Home				X
Johnell Caver Your Home For Funerals Inc	X			
Johnson-Nelson-Gill Funeral Home LLC				X
Kersey Funeral Home				X
Lakeland Funeral Home				X
Lanier Funeral & Cremation Services				X
Lawrence J Epps Jr	X			
Marion Community Funeral Chapel				X
Marion Nelson Funeral Home				X
Marion Nelson Funeral Home Inc				X

District 10 Reappointment - Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
McLean Funeral Home				X
Michael A Brochetti Funeral Home Inc				X
Morris Funeral Chapel				X
Oak Ridge Funeral Care	X			
Ott-Laughlin-Funeral Home - 645 W Central Avenue				X
Ott-Laughlin-Funeral Home - 2198 State Road				X
Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home & Cremation Services	X			
Robarts Family Funeral Home Inc				X
Steele's Family Funeral Services				X
Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory	X			
Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home of Avon Park				X
Swann's Mortuary				X
Whidden-McLean Funeral Home Inc				X
Williams Funeral Home				X
Medical Societies				
Highlands County Medical Society				X
Polk County Medical Association				X
LifeLink	X			

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Brian Haas Date: 1/8/19

Name: Brian Haas

Agency Name: 10th Circuit State Attorney

Agency Address: P.O. Box 9000, Drawer SA, Bartow, FL 33831

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1-17-2019

Name: HOWARD L. DIMMICK, II

Agency Name: PUBLIC DEFENDER, 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Agency Address: 250 N. BROADWAY, BARTON, FL 33831

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

1-8-19

Name:

ARNOLD CANIER, SHERIFF

Agency Name:

HARDEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Agency Address:

900 E SUMMIT ST. WAUCHULA, FL 33873

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Nelson has been very supportive to law enforcement and I believe he will continue to be.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Paul Blackman

Date:

1/8/2019

Name:

Paul Blackman

Agency Name:

Highland County Sheriff Office

Agency Address:

400 S. Eucalyptus Ave Sebring, FL 33870

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Professional — The Very Best!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: *Grady Judd* Date: 1-14-19

Name: GRADY JUDD

Agency Name: FLK Sheriff

Agency Address: 1891 JIM KEENE BLVD., WINTER HAVEN, FL 33880

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Janice Williamson Date: 2/25/19

Name: Janice Williamson

Agency Name: Hardee County Office of Budget & Finance

Agency Address: 204 W. Orange Street, Room 204 Wauchula, FL 33873

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Great!

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Randy Vasburg

Date: 1/9/19

Name: Randy Vasburg

Agency Name: Highlands County Board of County Commissioners

Agency Address: 600 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1-7-19

Name: Jim Freeman

Agency Name: Polk County Board of County Commissioners

Agency Address: 330 West Church Street - Post Office Box 9005
Bartow, FL 33830 Bartow, FL 33831

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: K. Andy Ray Date: 01/13/19
Name: K. ANDY RAY, CHIEF OF POLICE
Agency Name: AUBURNDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Agency Address: 2 BOBBY GREEN PLAZA, AUBURNDALE, FL. 33823

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature Joe Hall Date: 1/4/19

Name: JOSEPH A. HALL

Agency Name: BARTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 450 N. BROADWAY AVE. BARTON, FL 33830

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 01-07-19

Name: CHIEF JOHN SCHEEL

Agency Name: BOWLING GREEN PD

Agency Address: 104 EAST MAIN STREET / PO BOX 608 BOWLING GREEN, FL. 33834

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

NO SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT. WE HAVE A GREAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH DR. NELSON AND HIS STAFF.


Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 01-11-2019

Name: LARRY M. HOLDEN

Agency Name: DAVENPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 16 W BAY STREET, DAVENPORT, FL 33837

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: James R. Elenoleky Date: 11/18/19

Name: James R. Elenoleky

Agency Name: Heines City Police Dept.

Agency Address: 35400 U.S. 27 Heines City, FL 33844

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Chief William A. Bodenheimer Date: 1/5/2019

Name: Chief William A. Bodenheimer

Agency Name: Lake Alfred Police Dept.

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

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

Michael Teague
1/5/19
Michael Teague
Lake Hamilton Police Department
100 Smith Ave / P.O. Box 126 Lake Hamilton, FL 33851

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement. *I have had nothing but positive experiences*


Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 03/27/19

Name: James Fansler

Agency Name: Lake Placid Police Department

Agency Address: 8 N Oak Ave Lake Placid FL 33852

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

N/A. WE COULD NOT ASK FOR A BETTER ME. THAN DR. NELSON.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

1/7/19

Name:

CHRIS VELASQUEZ

Agency Name:

LAKE WALES POLICE DEPT.

Agency Address:

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

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

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

None. Dr. Nelson and his staff have always met the needs of our department with professionalism and efficiency.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Karl J. Hoglund Date: 01/07/2019

Name: Karl J. Hoglund

Agency Name: Sebring Police Department

Agency Address: 307 North Ridgewood Drive, Sebring, FL 33870

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Nelson, and all the staff at the District 10 Medical Examiner's Office, are always available when needed and demonstrate a level of unparalleled professionalism. I have no recommendations or suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 01/22/2019

Name: Chief John M. Eason

Agency Name: Wauchula Police Department

Agency Address: 128 S 7th Ave., Wauchula, FL 33873

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Charles E. Bird Date: 1/9/19

Name: Charles E. Bird

Agency Name: Winter Haven P.D.

Agency Address: 125 North Lake Silver Dr.

Winter Haven, FL 33884

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Alan Mark Seigler

Date:

1-9-18

Name:

Alan Mark Seigler

Agency Name:

A. M. Seigler Funeral Home, Inc.

Agency Address:

1300 E. Canal St. Mulberry, FL 33860

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Charles A. Lewis Jr. Date: 1/9/2019
Name: Charles A. Lewis Funeral Home
Agency Name: Charles A. Lewis Jr.
Agency Address: 1700 2nd St. Winton Haven, FL 33881

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Andrew Williams Date: 2/4/19

Name: ANDREW WILLIAMS

Agency Name: CONEY FUNERAL HOME

Agency Address: 1404 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AVE. LKLD, FL

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: W.T. Dowden Jr., L.F.D. Date: 1/7/2019

Name: W.T. Dowden Jr., L.F.D.

Agency Name: Dowden Funeral Home

Agency Address: 2605 Bayview Street Sebring Florida 33870

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

Jan. 3, 2019

Name:

George R. Sabb

Agency Name:

Gause Funeral Home

Agency Address:

625 S. Holland Pkwy. Bartow, FL. 33830

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Please give suggestions for improvement.


Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1-7-19
Name: Lew Hall
Agency Name: Gentry - Morrison Funeral Home
Agency Address: 1727 Barton Rd Lakeland, FL 33801

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Charles A. Hancock

Date: 1/9/19

Name: CHARLES A. HANCOCK

Agency Name: HANCOCK FUNERAL HOME

Agency Address: 945 E. BROADWAY, FORT MEADE, FL 33841

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.



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bill@heathfuneralchapel.com

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328 S. Ingraham Avenue • Lakeland, Florida 33801

Completed by:

Signature: _____ Date: 1/6/2019

Name: William L. Schichtel, Jr.

Agency Name: Heath Funeral Chapel

Agency Address: 328 S. Ingraham Ave.

Lakeland, Fl. 33801

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Johnell Caver SR

Date: JAN 21-19

Name: JOHNELL CAVER SR

Agency Name: JOHNELL CAVER SR

Agency Address: 90 W. ORANGE AVE
LAKE WALES, FL 33853

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Unfavorable ☐

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No Opinion ☐

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Completed by:

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Date: _____

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Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

excellent service + staff.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 1/4/19

Name: SS Hughes

Agency Name: Oak Ridge Funeral Care

Agency Address: 1001 Grace Avenue, Gaines City
FL 33844

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Allyson P. Christ

Date: 1/10/19

Name: Allyson P. Christ

Agency Name: Ponger-Hays-Grady FH

Agency Address: 50 N. Hillsborough Ave
ARCADIA, FL.
205 N 9th St, Wauschula

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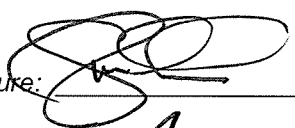
Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1/7/2019

Name: Craig M. Nelson

Agency Name: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home

Agency Address: 4001 Sebring Parkway Sebring FL 33870

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/19/17

Name: Liz Cehr

Agency Name: LifeLink of Florida

Agency Address: 9661 Delaney Creek Blvd, Tampa, FL 33619

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District 11 Assessment (Home Rule) - Emma O. Lew, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Courts				
State Attorney's Office 11th Judicial Circuit	X			
Public Defender's Office 11th Judicial Circuit				X
Commissioners				
Miami-Dade County Mayor	X			
Sheriff's Office				
Miami-Dade Police Department	X			
Police Departments				
Aventura Police Department	X			
Bal Harbour Village Police Department	X			
Bay Harbor Islands Police Department				X
Biscayne Park Police Department	X			
Coral Gables Police Department	X			
Doral Police Department	X			
El Portal Police Department	X			
Florida City Police Department				X
Golden Beach Police Department	X			
Hialeah Gardens Police Department				X
Hialeah Police Department				X
Homestead Police Department				X
Indian Creek Village Public Safety Department				X
Key Biscayne Police Department				X
Medley Police Department				X
Miami Beach Police Department				X
Miami Gardens Police Department				X
Miami Police Department				X
Miami Shores Police Department	X			
Miami Springs Police Department				X
Miccosukee Police Department				X
North Bay Village Police Department			X	
North Miami Beach Police Department	X			
North Miami Police Department	X			
Opa Locka Police Department				X
Pinecrest Police Department				X
South Miami Police Department				X
Sunny Isles Beach Police Department				X
Surfside Police Department				X
Sweetwater Police Department				X
Virginia Gardens Police Department	X			
West Miami Police Department				X
Funeral Homes				
A J Manuel Funeral Home Inc				X
Arcelays Funeral Services LLC	X			
Auxiliadora Funeraria Nacional				X
Bain/Range Funeral Services PA				X
Bernardo Garcia Funeral Home Inc - Hialeah				X
Bernardo Garcia Funeral Home Inc - Kendall				X
Bernardo Garcia Funeral Home Inc - Westchester				X
Branham Funeral Home Memorial Plan				X
Caballero Rivero - Coral Gables				X
Caballero Rivero - Hialeah				X
Caballero Rivero - Little Havana				X
Caballero Rivero - Palm Woodlawn				X
Caballero Rivero - Southern	X			
Caballero Rivero - Sunset				X
Caballero Rivero - Westchester				X
Caballero Rivero - Woodlawn South				X
Eden Funeral Services Miami	X			
Emmanuel Funeral Home				X
Eternal Rest Mortuary LLC				X

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	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Ferdinand Funeral Homes LLC				X
Florida Funeral Home & Crematory				X
Funeraria Graceland - Graceland Funeral Home				X
Funeraria Hialeah Memorial Inc				X
Funeraria Latina Emanuel LLC				X
Funeraria Memorial Plan - San Jose				X
Funeraria Memorial Plan - San Jose Palm				X
Funeraria Memorial Plan - Westchester				X
Grace Funeral Home				X
Gregg L. Mason Funeral Home	X			
Hadley Davis Funeral Home LLC	X			
Hall Ferguson & Hewitt Mortuary PA				X
Jay Funeral Home	X			
Jay/Johnson's Funeral Home				X
John Hanks Memorial Service				X
La Paz Funeral Home Inc				X
Lakeside Memorial Park & Funeral Home	X			
Levitt Weinstein Eternal Light Funeral Service Center				X
M A Hall Funeral Services LLC				X
M Athalie Range Chapel of Peaceful Rest				X
Manker Funeral Home				X
Maspons Funeral Home Inc	X			
Maspons Funeral Homes	X			
Mitchell Funeral Home				X
National Funeral Homes				X
Paradise Memorial Funeral Homes & Crematory	X			
Pax-Villa USA Inc				X
Range Funeral Home	X			
Reflexions Funeral Home				X
Richardson Mortuary				X
Riverside Gordon Memorial Chapels - Mount Nebo Kendall				X
Riverside Gordon Memorial Chapels - West Dixie Highway				X
Riyadh UI Jannah				X
Royal Funeral Service Inc	X			
Samuel's Funeral Home Inc				X
Stanfill Funeral Homes				X
Trinity Funeral Chapel LLC				X
Valles Funeral Homes & Crematory	X			
Van Orsdel Funeral Chapel - Coral Gables		X		
Van Orsdel Funeral Chapel - Kendall Drive		X		
Van Orsdel Funeral Chapel - Northside Funeral Chapel		X		
Vior Funeral Home Inc	X			
Vista Funeral Home				X
Wright & Young Funeral Home Inc				X
Medical Societies				
Dade County Medical Association				X

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Assessment of Medical Examiner Services

District 11 Medical Examiner
Emma O. Lew, M.D.

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

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

We have an extremely good relationship with our Medical Examiners Office. We have good lines and means of communication and excellent procedures to accomplish depositions, pre-trial conferences, trial testimony and consults. For The State Attorneys Office, I am a Chief Assistant with 40 years with the office. I am and have been our office attorney liaison and we feel there is nothing we cannot work out with Dr. Lew and her staff.

Completed by:

Signature:

Kathleen Hoague

Date:

1/16/19

Name:

KATHLEEN HOAGUE - CHIEF ASST. STATE ATTORNEY

Agency Name:

Miami Dade County State Attorneys Office (11th Judicial Circuit)

Agency Address:

1350 NW 12th Avenue, Miami, FL 33136

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

None.


Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1/24/19

Name: Carlos A. Gimenez

Agency Name: Miami-Dade County

Agency Address: Stephen P. Clark Center - 111 NW 1 Street, 29th Floor, Miami, FL 33128

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Favorable ☒

The Miami-Dade Police Department's Homicide Bureau has developed a professional relationship with Dr. Emma Lew and the Medical Examiner's Office. Dr. Lew and her staff provide an excellent degree of service to our bureau and the community. They make themselves available to respond to scenes, answer questions from detectives, supervisors and families, and avail themselves for follow-up investigations such as re-enactments, State Attorney case reviews, and Florida Department of Law Enforcement briefings. Dr. Lew is the consummate professional and ensures that her staff follows her leadership.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 3-4-19

Name: Lieutenant Jorge Carreno

Agency Name: Miami-Dade Police Department

Agency Address: 9105 NW 25 Street, Doral, FL 33172

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE, AND WE HAVE NO COMPLAINTS.


Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1/7/2019
Name: Sgt. A. Smith (CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS)
Agency Name: CITY OF AVENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Agency Address: 19200 WCC DR., AVENTURA, FL. 33180

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Date: 1/9/19
Name: Raleigh Flowers, Jr. (Chief of Police)
Agency Name: Bal Harbour Police Dept.
Agency Address: 655 96 st Bal Harbour FL 33154

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Chief Luis E. Cabrera Date: 2/28/19

Name: Chief Luis E. Cabrera

Agency Name: Biscayne Park Police Department

Agency Address: 600 NE 114 Street, Biscayne Park, FL 33161

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1/7/19

Name: EDWARD J. HUDAK JR

Agency Name: COLLIER COUNTY P.D.

Agency Address: 2901 SACRED ST. C-6 FL 33124

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

R.M. Ubieta

Date:

01-07-19

Name:

RAUL M. UBIETA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

Agency Name:

CITY OF DORAL POLICE

Agency Address:

6100 NW 99 AVE DORAL, FL. 33178

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

NONE

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 02-20-19

Name: AT/CHIEF BERNARD SHARPE

Agency Name: EI PORTAL POLICE DEPT.

Agency Address: 500 NE 87 ST, EI PORTAL, FL 33138

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No Opinion ☐

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

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Favorable •

Please give suggestions for improvement.

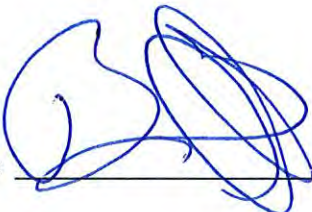
Unfavorable •

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion • XX

Please explain your response. **Our death investigations are handled by the Miami-Dade Police Department. We do not have any direct interaction with the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office.**

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 2/21/2019

Name: Brian Collins, Acting Chief of Police

Agency Name: North Bay Village Police Department

Agency Address: 1666 Kennedy Causeway, # 300, North Bay Village, FL 33141

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  #251 Date: 1/9/19

Name: CAPTAIN JUAN PINEDA

Agency Name: NORTH MEADE BEACH P.D.

Agency Address: 16901 NE 19 AVE N. MEADE BEACH, FL. 33462

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

LOCALIZED TRAINING FOR ANY ISSUES
THAT ARISE / 1/2 DAY → FULL DAY ANNUALLY

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1/25/19

Name: SCOTT D. CROYLE (COMMANDER)

Agency Name: NORTH MIAMI POLICE

Agency Address: 700 NE 124 ST, N. MIAMI, FL

33161

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1-8-19
Name: Chief Raymond H. Campbell
Agency Name: Virginia Gonsou Police Dep
Agency Address: 6448 NW 38 Ave.

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 01-11-2019

Name: AJ Arcelay

Agency Name: Arcelay's Funeral Services

Agency Address: 13700 N.W. 19th AVE #80 Palmdale FL 33054

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.


Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1/7/19

Name: Sharnice Givens

Agency Name: Caballero Rivero Southern Funeral Home

Agency Address: 15011 W. Dixie Hwy, North Miami, FL 33181

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

When a cremation is not approved, sometimes physicians do not believe the funeral home that your office is requesting additional etiology

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Perhaps an email statement we can show the private physician can help get a new FAX attestation in a timely manner

Completed by:

Signature:

[Handwritten Signature]

Date:

11/9/19

Name:

ARI OBERSTEIN OWNER Funeral Director

Agency Name:

Eden Funeral Services Miami

Agency Address:

381 N Krome Ave #103 Homestead

33030

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

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Completed by:

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

*Getting Pending Toxicology back sooner, To complete
Death Records of Decease.*

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Date:

Name:

Agency Name:

Agency Address:

Hadley Davis
Nori Hadley Davis / Owen Jones.
02-03-2019.
Hadley Davis Funeral Home, LLC.
Miami Gardens, FL 33054
16505 N.W. 27th Avenue
Phone: 305-816-6862

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: JAN 4, 2019

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: 17420 HOMESTEAD AVE, PERRINE, FL 33157

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Charles R. Lowe

Date: 1/16/2019

Name: Charles R. Lowe

Agency Name: Lakeside Memorial Park

Agency Address: 10301 NW 25th Street Miami FL 33172

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

WORKS WELL AS IS.

NONE NEEDED

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Alina De Leon

Date:

1/10/19

Name:

ALINA DE LEON

Agency Name:

MASPODS FEDERAL HOME

Agency Address:

*3500 SW 8TH ST MIAMI FL 33135
7895 SW 40TH MIAMI FL 33155*

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1-10-19

Name: ERIC MASPONS

Agency Name: MASPONS FUNERAL HOME

Agency Address: 3500 SW 8th ST. MIAMI, FL.

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

Curtis Taylor
1/8/19
Curtis Taylor
Paradise Memorial Funeral Home
14545 Carver Drive
Miami, FL 33176

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

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Date: 1/7/19

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Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

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Favorable ☒ Great!
Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐
Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐
Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Jim Bland Date: 1/8/19
Name: Leon Bland
Agency Name: Royal Fire Dept Service
Agency Address: 17475 N.W. 27 Ave., Miami Gardens, FL
33056

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

No suggestions. In our opinion Medical Exam. & staff have been doing great & effective.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

thank you.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

1/7/2019

Name:

Plutarco Valle's (Owner)

Agency Name:

Valle's Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Agency Address:

12030 NW 42nd Avenue, Opa-locka, FL.

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☒

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Donald Van Orsdel

Date:

2-11-19

Name:

Donald Van Orsdel

Agency Name:

Van Orsdel Family Funeral Chapels

Agency Address:

11240 S.W. 88 St., Miami, FL 33176

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FAMILY FUNERAL CHAPELS & CREMATORY
Honoring Lives in Unique Ways



February 11, 2019

Van Orsdel Family Funeral Chapels is the oldest firm in Miami, 95 years.
We are highly professional and reputable.
Our goal is to help and serve our families in Miami.

I have personally Known Dr. Emma Lew for many years and she has been very courteous and professional towards me.

Unfortunately the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner's office is a very large operation and therefore, should be reviewed and supervised more consistently.

There used to be a non-profit Tissue Donation program inside the ME and now from what I understand, it is run by a for profit company selling body parts-Vinpax.

Recently, I was involved in stopping the scheduled indigent cremation of a millionaire. How is this possible?

I also recently discovered that the ICS through the ME does private cremations for a fee
The ME should not be allowed to compete with the local funeral homes. It sounds to me like a conflict of interest.

Furthermore, all personnel at the ME should be trained in sensitivity toward the public and the professionals they interact with like funeral directors. After all the ME is to protect and serve the public.

I believe it would be extremely beneficial to all if all doctors performing autopsies were required to follow one or two remains to the funeral home to see the challenges of the embalming. It would create a greater understanding between both entities.

Sincerely,

Donald Van Orsdel
President

Kendall Drive
11220 N Kendall Dr.
(305) 279-6644

Coral Gables
4600 SW 8th St.
(305) 446-4412

Midtown Miami
3333 NE 2nd Ave
(305) 573-4310

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March 13, 2019

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(1851 NW 10th Avenue)
Miami, Florida 33136-1133
T 305-545-2400 F 305-545-2412

Mr. Donald Van Orsdel
Van Orsdel Family Funeral Chapels and Crematory
11240 North Kendall Drive
Miami, Florida 33176

Dear Mr. Van Orsdel:

I received a copy of your February 11, 2019, letter to the Florida Medical Examiners Commission from Mr. Steven Lucas at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, on February 14, 2019, after which I contacted you to discuss your concerns. I was pleased that you were able to attend our Department's Funeral Home Meeting last week on March 6, 2019, and allow us to speak in person. During those few minutes, you and I were able to clear up some misconceptions. Allow me to provide a record for your future reference.

Your Concern: There used to be a non-profit Tissue Donation program inside the ME and now from what I understand, it is run by a for profit company selling body parts - Vinpax.

The former University of Miami Tissue Bank was bought by a private company in 2014 - Vivex Biomedical, Inc. Vivex created a not-for-profit UMTB Donor Services Foundation, and it is with this Foundation that the Medical Examiner cooperates to facilitate UMTB's harvesting of tissues for use in living patients; families of decedents are contacted by UMTB prior to any harvesting.

Your Concern: I recently discovered that the ICS, through the ME, does private cremations for a fee. The ME should not be allowed to compete with the local funeral homes. It sounds to me like a conflict of interest.

Indigent Cremation Services (ICS) is a County service to provide disposition for indigent cases and abandoned cases. ICS is housed at the Medical Examiner facility for practical logistical reasons. The County does not cremate bodies. In 2014, Fred Hunter Memorial Services Inc. won a County contract, through a competitive solicitation (invitation to bid), for cremation and interment services until the end of 2020. Indigent families may pay a reduced fee to cover a portion of the costs, and abandoned bodies have no one to pay even a reduced fee, but the County still needs to pay the negotiated contract price to Fred Hunter Memorial Services Inc., so the County actually loses money in those cases.

Your Concern: Recently, I was involved in stopping the scheduled indigent cremation of a millionaire. How is this possible?

When police responded to his residence after Mr. Millionaire died, they could not find next-of-kin or documents that arrange for disposition. ICS completed a background check but found no one to notify about his death. The police cannot call a funeral home. Under these circumstances, the County is required to pick up the body, even if the decedent was wealthy. ICS does not have legal access to a decedent's assets/estate. The body is held in storage while ICS continues its attempts to locate next-of-kin or a legal representative. Mr. Millionaire's attorney contacted ICS, and was able to make arrangements with Van Orsdel - that is when Van Orsdel was notified to pick up the body from storage at Fred Hunter Memorial Services Inc. Mr. Millionaire's body arrived at the Medical Examiner Department on May 25, 2018, at 2:05 A.M. and was transported to Fred Hunter Memorial Services Inc. on June 1, 2018; Van Orsdel picked up the body sometime after June 14, 2018. Once arrangements have been made by next-of-kin or a legal representative, ICS is no longer involved. ICS procedures were followed in the appropriate fashion for Mr. Millionaire.

Your Concern: Furthermore, all personnel at the ME should be trained in sensitivity toward the public and the professionals they interact with like funeral directors. After all the ME is to protect and serve the public.

It is our Investigators who have the most interaction with funeral homes and the general public. Ernest Louis, our Investigations Supervisor, enjoyed speaking with you at the Funeral Home Meeting last week. ICS personnel have a very good rapport with Frank Lopez, Funeral Director with Van Orsdel.

Your Concern: I believe it would be extremely beneficial to all if all doctors performing autopsies were required to follow one or two remains to the funeral home to see the challenges of the embalming. It would create a greater understanding between both entities.

I like that idea and will add viewing the embalming process as part of the orientation for our new Forensic Pathology Fellows.

Should your embalmers have complaints about the autopsy procedure, please request that they provide you with specifics as to the case and nature of the complaint so that I may investigate.

Your Concern: You previously requested that Van Orsdel be removed from the "Indigent Cremation Services (ICS) Alternatives Low-cost options" list, and that has been done. Please see the related link. <https://www.miamidade.gov/medicalexaminer/library/indigent-cremation-services-low-cost-alternatives.pdf>

It was a pleasure to see you again, Mr. Van Orsdel. I hope that I have addressed your concerns. As always, I offer to make myself available to discuss items of mutual interest, at any time.

Yours sincerely,



Emma O. Lew, M.D
Director and Chief Medical Examiner

EOL:lac
c: Medical Examiners Commission

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.


Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1/7/19
Name: Jorge Rivero
Agency Name: Vior Funeral Home
Agency Address: 291 NW 37 Ave miami FL 33125

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	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Courts				
State Attorney's Office 12th Judicial Circuit	X			
Public Defender's Office 12th Judicial Circuit	X			
Sheriff's Offices				
DeSoto County Sheriff's Office	X			
Manatee County Sheriff's Office	X			
Sarasota County Sheriff's Office	X			
Commissioners				
DeSoto County Administrator	X			
Manatee County Administrator	X			
Sarasota County Administrator	X			
Police Departments				
Arcadia Police Department	X			
Bradenton Beach Police Department	X			
Bradenton Police Department	X			
Holmes Beach Police Department	X			
Longboat Key Police Department	X			
North Port Police Department	X			
Palmetto Police Department	X			
Sarasota Police Department	X			
Venice Police Department	X			
Funeral Homes				
Abundant Favor Mortuary Inc	X			
All Veterans-All Families Funerals & Cremations LLC				X
Apostle I Funeral Home LLC				X
Baldwin Fairchild at Chapel Hill				X
Brasota Services Inc	X			
Brown & Sons Funeral Home - 26th St. West				X
Brown & Sons Funeral Home - 43rd St. West				X
Chandler's Funeral Home				X
Covell Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc	X			
D Alan Moore Licensed Funeral Director				X
Englewood Community Funeral Home Inc				X
Farley Funeral Home Inc - Center Road				X
Farley Funeral Home Inc - S Bisbcayne Drive				X
Farley Funeral Home Inc - S Nokomis Ave	X			
Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc	X			
Griffith-Cline Funeral & Cremation Services Inc				X
Groover Funeral Home at Mansion Memorial Park	X			
Hebrew Memorial Funeral Services				X
Hickson Funeral Home				X
Jennings Funeral Home & Crematory Inc				X
Jones Funeral Home				X
Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Homes & Cremation				X
Lemon Bay Funeral Home & Cremation Services	X			
Maloney Funeral Home LLC	X			
McKee Funeral Home - Cremation Centers of America				X
National Cremation & Burial Society				X
Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral & Cremation Services	X			
Robert Toale & Sons Funeral Home - Mansota Memorial Park				X
Robert Toale & Sons Funeral Home - Palms Memorial Park				X
Robert Toale & Sons Funeral Home - Wiegand Chapel				X
Shannon Funeral Homes PA - 14th Street W				X
Shannon Funeral Homes PA - Westview Chapel				X
Sound Choice Cremation & Burials	X			
Sound Choice Cremation & Burials - Bee Ridge Road				X
Toale Brothers Funeral Home - Colonial Chapel				X
Toale Brothers Funeral Home - Gulf Gate				X
Toale Brothers Funeral Home - South				X

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	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Toale Brothers Inc				X
Westside Funeral Home Inc				X
Your Traditions Cremation & Funeral Chapel				X
LifeLink	X			

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Highly recommend reappointment

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Ed Brodsky

Date:

1/9/19

Name:

Ed Brodsky

Agency Name:

State Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit

Agency Address:

*2071 Ringling Blvd Suite 400
Sarasota, FL 34237*

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.


Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 01-09-19

Name: SHERIFF JAMES F. POTTER

Agency Name: DE SOTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Agency Address: 208 EAST CYPRESS STREET, ARCADIA FL. 34266

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Charles R. Wells Date: 1-8-19

Name: Charles R. Wells

Agency Name: Manatee County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 600 301 Blvd. West, Suite 202, Bradenton, FL 34205

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: SMH/VZ Date: 01-09-19

Name: Thomas M. Knight - Sheriff

Agency Name: SARASOTA COUNTY Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 6010 CATTLEBRIDGE ROAD, SARASOTA, FL. 34232

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Mandy Hines Date: 1/8/19
Name: Mandy Hines
Agency Name: Desoto County Board of County Commissioners
Agency Address: 201 E. OAK ST. Ste. 201 Arcadia, FL 34266

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 2/19/2019

Name: Robert L. Smith

Agency Name: Manatee County Government, Department of Public Safety

Agency Address: PO Box 1000 Bradenton, FL 34206

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

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Agency Name: _____

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Scott C. Anderson Date: 1-28-2019

Name: Scott A. Anderson

Agency Name: Bradley Police Dept

Agency Address: 725 N Brevard Ave Bradley FL 34266

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1/7/2019

Name: SAM J. SPECIALE

Agency Name: BRANDSTON BEACH POLICE

Agency Address: 403 HIGHLAND AVE, BRANDSTON BEACH, FL
34217

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Paul R. Muecke Date: 1-24-2018

Name: Paul R. Muecke Assistant Chief

Agency Name: Bradenton Police Department

Agency Address: 100 10 St. West
Bradenton FL 34205

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.


Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1/10/19

Name: DET/SGT. BRIAN HALL

Agency Name: HOLMES BEACH POLICE

Agency Address: 5801 MARINA DR. HOLMES BEACH, FL 34217

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

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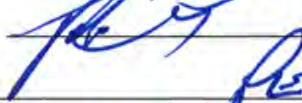
Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1/9/2019
Name: PETER Cummins
Agency Name: LONG BOAT KEY POLICE DEPT.
Agency Address: 5460 GULF OF MEXICO DR. 34228

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: CHIEF [Signature] Date: 01-09-19

Name: CHIEF TODD R. GARRISON

Agency Name: NORTH PORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 4980 CITY HALL BLVD.
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Scott O. Tyler

Date: 1/7/19

Name: Scott O. Tyler

Agency Name: Palmetto Police Department

Agency Address: 1115 10th St W, Palmetto, FL 34227

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Dr Russell is a pleasure to work with and we feel he is a true asset to our community

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Bernadette DiPino Date: 1-11-19

Name: Chief Bernadette DiPino

Agency Name: Sarasota Police Dept

Agency Address: 2099 Adams Ln
Sarasota, FL 34237

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: March 27, 2019

Name: Tom Mattmuller

Agency Name: Venice Police Department

Agency Address: 1350 Ridgewood Ave Venice Fl 34292

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

We have not had any problems, and get good support.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Margie B. Workman Date: *2/5/2019*

Name:

Margie B. Workman

Agency Name:

Abundant Favor Mortuary, Inc.

Agency Address:

916 13th St. W - Bradenton, FL 34205

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: CL A Hague IV Date: 1-9-15

Name: Charles A Hague IV

Agency Name: Brasota Services Inc

Agency Address: 1410 Commerce Blvd unit R, Sarasota, FL 34243

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Favorable ☒ *Quicker paper work & Be carefull on autopsies
Re: Not cutting arteries too short*
Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Douglas Covell, F.D. Date: Jan. 10, 2019
Name: Douglas Covell
Agency Name: Covell
Agency Address: Funeral Home & Cremation Services

4232 26th Street West
Bradenton, Florida 34205
Phone (941) 739-5500
Fax (941) 727-4311

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1/7/18

Name: John Williams

Agency Name: Farley Funeral Home Inc.

Agency Address: 265 Nokomis Ave. S.

Venice, FL 334285

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Paul Henderson Date: 1-7-2019

Name: GENDRON FUNERAL HOME INC.

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: 135 North Lime Ave, Sarasota, FL

34237

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

1/07/2019

Name:

RICK GROOVER

Agency Name:

GROOVER FUNERAL HOME

Agency Address:

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:



Date:

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Name:

SCOTT DAUGHENBAUGH

Agency Name:

LEMON BAY FUNERAL HOME

Agency Address:

2 BUCHANS LANDING, ENGLEWOOD, FL 34223

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Ralph Dean Maloney

Date:

1-15-2019

Name:

Ralph Dean Maloney

Agency Name:

Maloney Funeral Home, LLC

Agency Address:

2401 Cattlemen Rd. Sarasota, FL 34232

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1/10/19

Name: Allyson P. Christ

Agency Name: Fonger-Kays-Grady F. H.

Agency Address: 50 N. Hillsborough Ave
Arcadia, FL 34266

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Unfavorable ☐

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No Opinion ☐

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Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

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Favorable ☒

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Liz Lehr Date: 1/17/19

Name: Liz Lehr

Agency Name: LifeLink of Florida

Agency Address: 9601 Delaney Creek Blvd, Tampa, FL 33619

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District 13 Assessment (Home Rule) - Kelly G. Devers, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Courts				
State Attorney's Office 13th Judicial Circuit	X			
Public Defender's Office 13th Judicial Circuit	X			
Sheriff's Office				
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office	X			
Commissioners				
Hillsborough County Administrator	X			
Police Departments				
Plant City Police Department	X			
Tampa Police Department	X			
Temple Terrace Police Department	X			
Funeral Homes				
A Life Tribute Funeral Care				X
Adams & Jennings Funeral Home				X
Aden Funeral Home				X
Aikens Funeral Home				X
Blount & Curry Funeral Home - Carrollwood Chapel				X
Blount & Curry Funeral Home - Garden of Memories				X
Blount & Curry Funeral Home - Macdill Chapel	X			
Blount & Curry Funeral Home - Oldsmar/West Hillsborough Chapel				X
Blount & Curry Funeral Home - Terrace Oaks Chapel				X
Boza & Roel Funeral Home				X
Brandon Cremation & Funeral Services Inc				X
Brewer & Sons Funeral Homes & Cremation Services				X
Charlow Funeral Home				X
Dignity Memorial Funeral & Cremation Services				X
Florida Mortuary, Funeral, & Cremation Services				X
Gonzalez Funeral Home				X
Gudes Funeral Home Inc				X
Harmon Funeral Home Inc				X
Haught Funeral Home				X
Hillsborough Memorial Funeral Home	X			
Hopewell Funeral Home Inc				X
Integrity Funeral Services of Tampa FL Inc				X
Jackson Funeral Home	X			
James C Boyd Funeral Home & Cremations Inc				X
Loyless Funeral Home				X
Macdonald Funeral Home & Cremation Inc				X
National Cremation & Burial Society				X
Ray Williams Funeral Home				X
Scrivens Johnson Mortuary Service LLC				X
Segal Funeral Home - Beth David Chapel				X
Serenity Meadows Memorial Park Funeral Home				X
Southern Funeral Care & Cremation Services Inc				X
Stone's Memorial Funeral Home				X
Stone's Memorial Parlor Corp				X
Stowers Funeral Home	X			
Sun City Center Funeral Home				X
Sunset Funeral Home & Memory Gardens				X
Swilley Funeral Home & Cremation Service Inc				X
Washington Funeral Home				X
Well Memorial & Event Center				X
Wilson Brothers Incorporated				X
Winslow Honors Funeral Chapel				X
Zipperer's Funeral Home	X			
Medical Societies				
Hillsborough County Medical Association			X	

District 13 Assessment (Home Rule) - Kelly G. Devers, M.D.				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
LifeLink	X			

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: 2-4-19

Name: _____

JAY PROWER

Agency Name: _____

STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 13th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Agency Address: _____

419 N. PIERCE ST TAMPA FL 33602

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 3-28-18

Name: Julianne M. Hout

Agency Name: 13th Judicial Circuit Public Defender

Agency Address: Box 172417 TPA 33672

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement. *THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS A VERY GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MEO STAFF.*

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1.9.19

Name: LIEUTENANT C. P. HOLLIS #5603 - CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Agency Name: HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Agency Address: 2008 E. 8TH AVE, TAMPA, FL 33605

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

No suggestions. Dr. Devers has been doing a great job since taking the position 6 months ago.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Mary K. Mainland Date: 2/21/2019
Name: Mary K. Mainland (Soc County Administrator Mike Merrill)
Agency Name: Hillsborough County, FL
Agency Address: 601 E. Kennedy Blvd, Tampa, FL 33602

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Ed Duncan

Date: 1-9-19

Name: Ed Duncan

Agency Name: Plant City Police Department

Agency Address: One Police Place, Police Center Dr.

Plant City, FL 33566

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Date:

Name:

Agency Name:

Agency Address:

Brian Dugan 2-25-19
BRIAN DUGAN, CHIEF OF POLICE
TAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT
411 N. FRANKLIN ST. TAMPA FL 33602

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Capt. H. Michael Lowell Date: 01/16/2019
Name: Capt. H. Michael Lowell
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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Bridgett Koechlin Date: 1/9/19

Name: Bridgett Koechlin

Agency Name: Blaunt + Cumy MacDill

Agency Address: 605 S. MacDill Ave TPA, FL 33609

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

None

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Rebecca Bailey

Date: 1/10/19

Name: Rebecca Bailey

Agency Name: Hillsboro Memorial Funeral Home

Agency Address: 2323 W. Brandon Blvd Brandon, FL 33511

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

The remains we receive as in accordance to the standards and the records we need are available to us.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: *Ronald J. Depp, Sr.*

Date: Jan 16, 2019

Name: DONALD J. DEPP, SR.

Agency Name: JACKSON FUNERAL HOME

Agency Address: 4605 N. 34th Street

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Great team & very responsive to concerns.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Rebecca Bailey Date: 1-12-19

Name: Rebecca Bailey / Gen Mgr.

Agency Name: Stowers F.H.

Agency Address: 401 W. Brandon Blvd., Brandon, FL
33511

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Tony Zipperer Date: 1-7-19
Name: Tony Zipperer
Agency Name: Zipperer's Funeral Home
Agency Address: 1520 33rd St. SE. Ruskin, FL 33570

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

Dr. Devers is an ACTIVE member of the Hillsborough County Medical Assoc, in good standing.

Completed by:

Signature:

McLubin

Date:

1-7-2019

Name:

M. Elke Lubin, Executive Assistant

Agency Name:

Hillsborough County Medical Assn

Agency Address:

606 S. Boulevard, Tpa 33606

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

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Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

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	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Courts				
State Attorney's Office 14th Judicial Circuit	X			
Public Defender's Office 14th Judicial Circuit	X			
Sheriff's Offices				
Bay County Sheriff's Office	X			
Calhoun County Sheriff's Office	X			
Gulf County Sheriff's Office	X			
Holmes County Sheriff's Office	X			
Jackson County Sheriff's Office	X			
Washington County Sheriff's Office	X			
Commissioners				
Bay County Administrator	X			
Calhoun Board of County Commissioners	X			
Gulf County Administrator				X
Holmes Board of County Commissioners			X	
Jackson County Administrator	X			
Washington County Administrator	X			
Police Departments				
Altha Police Department				X
Blountstown Police Department	X			
Bonifay Police Department				X
Chipley Police Department	X			
Cottondale Police Department	X			
Graceville Police Department	X			
Lynn Haven Police Department	X			
Marianna Police Department	X			
Mexico Beach Police Department				X
Panama City Beach Police Department	X			
Panama City Police Department				X
Parker Police Department	X			
Port St. Joe Police Department				X
Sneads Police Department	X			
Springfield Police Department	X			
Funeral Homes				
Adams Funeral Homes Inc				X
Affordable Funeral Care by Yorkshire				X
Battle Memorial Funeral Home	X			
Brown Funeral Home				X
Christian Memorial Chapel	X			
Comforter Funeral Home - Port St. Joe				X
Comforter Funeral Home - Wewahitchka				X
Cooper Funeral Home	X			
Emerald Shores Cremation Centre				X
Heritage Funeral Home & Cremation Services LLC				X
Heritage Shores Funeral Home & Cremation Centre	X			
James & Lipford Funeral Home				X
James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel - Marianna	X			
James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel - Sneads				X
Kent Forest Lawn Funeral Home				X
Marianna Chapel Funeral Home	X			
Mcalpin Funeral Home Inc Doing Business As Lanier-Andler Funeral Home	X			
McKinnie Funeral Home	X			
Pasco Gainer Sr Funeral Home Inc				X
Peavy Funeral Home				X
Peel Funeral Home	X			
Peel Funeral Home Vernon Chapel				X
Peoples Funeral Home	X			
Richardson's Family Funeral Care of Panama City				X
Russell Allen Wright Sr Mortuary	X			
Shane Obert Funeral Home Inc	X			
Sims Funeral Home				X
Southerland Family Funeral Home	X			
Vann's Funeral Home	X			
Whatley Funeral Services LLC				X
Williams Funeral Home				X
Wilson Funeral Home	X			
Medical Societies				
Emerald Coast Medical Association	X			
LifeQuest				X

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Recommendation for Reappointment

District 14 Medical Examiner
Jay Radtke, M.D.

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

Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

*Our serious crimes unit
is very supportive.*

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: *Glenn Hess*

Date: 1-7-2019

Name: Glenn Hess, State Attorney

Agency Name: Office of the State Attorney, Glenn Hess

Agency Address: 421 Magnolia Avenue 14th Judicial Circuit
Panama City, Florida 32401

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Henry M. Sims Date: 1/9/19
Name: Henry M. Sims
Agency Name: Public Defender 14th Circuit
Agency Address: P.O. Box 636, Marianna, FL 32447

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 3/27/19

Name: Sheriff Tom Ford

Agency Name: Bay County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 3421 Hwy 77, Panama City FL 32405

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: 03-27-2019

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

Glenn Kimbrel
Calhoun County Sheriff's Office
20776 Central Avenue East Blountstown, FL 32424

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Visit rural counties and provide training on what services are available from the MEO.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Mike Harrison Date: 1-10-19

Name: MIKE HARRISON

Agency Name: GULF COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Michael Raley Date: 1-8-18

Name: Michael Raley

Agency Name: Holmes Co S.D.

Agency Address: 24 N Oklahoma St

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: SLUCAS for Sheriff Roberts Date: 4/2/2019

Name: Louis S. Roberts, III

Agency Name: Jackson County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 4012 Lafayette St. Marianna, FL 32446

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.


Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 03/27/19
Name: Kevin Crews
Agency Name: Washington County Sheriff's Office
Agency Address: 711 Third Street Chipley, FL 32428

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Robert J. Miska Date: 2/26/19
Name: Robert J. Miska
Agency Name: Bay County Board of Commissioners
Agency Address: 840 W. 11th St. P.O., FL 32401

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Gene Bailey

Date:

1/25/19

Name:

Gene Bailey, BOCC Chairman

Agency Name:

Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners

Agency Address:

20859 Central Ave East Blountstown, FL 32424

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Favorable ☐

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☒

Please explain your response.

*Do to only working here since Feb 2019, I have not met him.
So truthfully, I have no opinion.*

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 3/28/2019

Name: David Corbin (Project Director)

Agency Name: Holmes Co. Board of County Commissioners

Agency Address: 107 E. Virginia Ave Bonifay FL, 32425

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Wilanne Daniels Date: 4-5-19

Name: Wilanne Daniels

Agency Name: Jackson County BOCC

Agency Address: 2801 Madison St., Marianna, FL 32448

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

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Signature: John W. Hawkins

Date: 1/16/19

Name: John W. Hawkins

Agency Name: Washington County BOCC

Agency Address: _____

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Unfavorable ☐

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No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Mark Mallory Date: 1-8-19
Name: Chief Mark Mallory
Agency Name: Blountstown Police Department
Agency Address: 16865 SE River St - Blountstown, FL

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No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: [Signature], Chief Date: 01/08/19

Name: Scott Thompson, CHIEF

Agency Name: Chipley Police Dept.

Agency Address: 1430 JACKSON AVE. CHIPLEY FL 32428

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No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Chief William Watford Date: 1-7-19
Name: William Watford
Agency Name: Cottondale Police Dept.
Agency Address: P.O. Box 398 Cottondale, FL 32431

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No Opinion ☐

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Completed by:

Signature: Jason Barley Date: 1/10/2019

Name: Jason Barley

Agency Name: Graceville Police Department

Agency Address: 5348 Child St. Graceville FL 32440

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Unfavorable ☐

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No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Matthew E Riemen

Date: 01-10-19

Name: MATTHEW E RIEMEN

Agency Name: LYNN HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 108 - EAST 9TH STREET LYNN HAVEN FL 32444

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No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Hayes Baggett Date: 1-7-2019

Name: Hayes Baggett

Agency Name: Marianna Police Dept

Agency Address: P.O. Box 936 Marianna, FL 32447

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 01-10-2019

Name: CHIEF DREW R. WHITMAN

Agency Name: PANAMA CITY BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Address: 17115 PANAMA CITY BEACH PKWY PCB FL 32413

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Unfavorable ☐

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No Opinion ☐

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

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Unfavorable ☐

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No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1/7/2019

Name: Chief Michael Miller

Agency Name: Sneads Police Dept.

Agency Address: 2033 Third Ave Sneads, FL 32460

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Unfavorable ☐

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No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Barry RA Date: 1-8-2019
Name: Barry Roberts
Agency Name: Springfield Police Dept.
Agency Address: 408 School Ave, Springfield, FL 32404

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Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

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Unfavorable ☐

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No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature

Donald J. Plitman

Date:

1-4-19

Name:

DONALD J. PLITMAN

Agency Name:

CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Agency Address:

5441 COOPER ST. GRACEVILLE, FL 32440

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No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Zannie R. Cooper Date: 2-8-2019
Name: Zannie R. Cooper
Agency Name: Cooper Funeral Home
Agency Address: P.O. Box 66, Chipley, FL 32428

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Justin M. Kent

Date: Jan 7 2019

Name: Justin M. Kent

Agency Name: Hentage Funeral Home

Agency Address: 247. N. TYNDALL PARKWAY

Panama City FL
32404

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No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 01.09.19

Name: JAMES K. ROGERS

Agency Name: JAMES & SIKES FUNERAL HOME

Agency Address: 4278 LAFAYETTE ST. MARIANNA, FL. 32446

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Unfavorable ☐

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No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1-7-19

Name: Jared B. Whitehead

Agency Name: Marianna Chapel

Agency Address: 3900 Lafayette Street
Marianna, FL 32446

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Laura D. McAlpin

Date: 1/7/2019

Name: Laura D. McAlpin

Agency Name: McAlpin Funeral Home

Agency Address: P.O. Box 280 Sneads FL 32460

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Alex B. McKinnie Date: 8 JAN 2019

Name: Alex B. McKinnie

Agency Name: McKinnie Funeral Home

Agency Address: 5304 Bowden Hill Road
P.O. Box 187
Campbellton, Florida 32426

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Veronica Peel Date: 1-9-2019

Name: Veronica Peel

Agency Name: Peel Funeral Home

Agency Address: 301 East Evans Avenue Bonifay, FL 32425

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Favorable ☒

Please give suggestions for improvement.

No suggestions @ this time

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Steven S. Long

Date:

January 18, 2019

Name:

Steven S. Long

Agency Name:

Peoples Funeral Home

Agency Address:

2876 Orange St Marianna, Florida 32448

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1-8-19

Name: Dr. Russell Allen Wright, Sr., L.F.D.I.C.

Agency Name: Russell Allen Wright, Sr. Mortuary

Agency Address: 1547 Lisenby Avenue Panama City, FL 32405

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: 

Date: 1-7-19

Name: Sharon Ober

Agency Name: Ober Funeral Home

Agency Address: 1536 Brickyard Rd. Chipley, FL 32428

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Please give suggestions for improvement.

*Pleasure to work with
including his staff.*

Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: Stacy D. Sotherland Date: 1-11-19

Name: Stacey D. Sotherland

Agency Name: Sotherland Family Funeral Home

Agency Address: and Affordable Funeral Care
1112 Ohio Ave Lynn Haven FL 32906

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Unfavorable ☐

Please give reasons for negative response.

No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature:

Charles B. Vann

Date:

1-15-19

Name:

Vann Funeral Home

Agency Name:

Charles B. Vann

Agency Address:

4265 St. Andrews St. Marianna FL 32448

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No Opinion ☐

Please explain your response.

Completed by:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

JSW
1-8-19
John S. Wilson
Wilson Funeral Home
214 AIRPORT Rd, Panama City FL 32405

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Completed by:

Signature:  Date: 1/8/19

Name: Toni Pennington, MD, President

Agency Name: Emerald Coast Medical Association

Agency Address: _____

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2019 Paul Coverdell Grant Summary

Total Amount Requested by Districts (18)	\$55,206.81
Total Allotment for Medical Examiners	\$45,262.00

**2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/16/19)
District Two Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Two Medical Examiner Office requests funds for the purchase of an autopsy saw. Both their primary saw and their backup saw are beginning to deteriorate due to extensive use on an almost daily basis. This saw would replace their current backup saw, in case anything was to happen to their primary saw. The lack of a properly functioning saw can delay cases significantly, as the brain portion of the investigation cannot be completed.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Autopsy saw	\$2,050.00

Total Request Amount: \$2,050.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$2,050.00

**2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/17/19)
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 autopsy scale on a wheeled cart makes it more maneuverable and quicker to move around the morgue and will help determine the weight of objects removed from decedents during autopsies. The autopsy saw is needed to replace aging equipment and is the newest technology available for autopsy saws.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Autopsy saw with bow, ring, and perforated pan	\$718.75
1	Autopsy scale bow & ring set with perforated pan	\$236.49
1	Autopsy scale stand, wheeled	\$1,030.00
1	Autopsy saw, Mopec 5000	\$2,080.00

Total Request Amount: \$4,215.24

Staff Recommendation:

Category: Equipment

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1	Autopsy scale bow & ring set with perforated pan	\$236.49
1	Autopsy scale stand, wheeled	\$1,030.00

Total Proposed Amount: \$2,136.00

2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/15/19)
District Five Medical Examiner Office

Category: Other

The District Five Medical Examiner Office requests funds for continuing education for staffed investigators to maintain certification while they are working toward certification through the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators. Funds are also being requested for three DSLR cameras.

Quantity	Item	Cost
5	Death Investigation Training–Advanced Topics (\$150.00 each)	\$750.00
9	Death Investigation Training–Terminology & Disease (\$90.00 each)	\$810.00

Category: Equipment

The District Five Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase three DSLR cameras. The cameras will replace the current cameras that are dated and damaged from daily usage and will be used to conduct scene investigations and process decedents in the morgue more efficiently and effectively.

Quantity	Item	Cost
3	DSLR cameras (\$459.00 each)	\$1,377.00

Total Request Amount: \$2,937.00

Staff Recommendation:

Category: Other

The District Five Medical Examiner Office requests funds for continuing education for staffed investigators to maintain certification while they are working toward certification through the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators. Funds are also being requested for three DSLR cameras.

Quantity	Item	Cost
5	Death Investigation Training–Advanced Topics (\$150.00 each)	\$750.00
9	Death Investigation Training–Terminology & Disease (\$90.00 each)	\$810.00

Category: Equipment

The District Five Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase two DSLR cameras and funds toward a third DSLR camera. The cameras will replace the current cameras that are dated and damaged from daily usage and will be used to conduct scene investigations and process decedents in the morgue more efficiently and effectively.

Quantity	Item	Cost
2	DSLR cameras (\$459.00 each)	\$918.00
1	Funds toward third camera	\$281.00

Total Proposed Amount: \$2,759.00

**2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/18/19)
District Six Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Six Medical Examiner Office requests funds for the purchase of digital SLR cameras and external flashes. During the year of 2018, the District Six Medical Examiner's Office responded to 1,218 death scenes in which a detailed scene investigation was performed, including digital photography documentation. While at the Medical Examiner's Office, 1,859 decedents were processed and prepared for examination and/or autopsy using digital photography. The digital SLR cameras used during scene investigation and decedent processing within the autopsy suite provide for high quality digital image documentation during these functions. The quality images are extremely beneficial for all agencies within the criminal justice system that the office serves.

Quantity	Item	Cost
4	Digital SLR camera with lens (\$496.95 each)	\$1,987.80
3	External camera flash (\$326.95 each)	\$980.85

Total Request Amount: \$2,968.65

Staff Recommendation:

Category: Equipment

The District Six Medical Examiner Office requests funds for the purchase of digital SLR cameras and external flashes. During the year of 2018, the District Six Medical Examiner's Office responded to 1,218 death scenes in which a detailed scene investigation was performed, including digital photography documentation. While at the Medical Examiner's Office, 1,859 decedents were processed and prepared for examination and/or autopsy using digital photography. The digital SLR cameras used during scene investigation and decedent processing within the autopsy suite provide for high quality digital image documentation during these functions. The quality images are extremely beneficial for all agencies within the criminal justice system that the office serves.

Quantity	Item	Cost
4	Digital SLR camera with lens (\$496.95 each)	\$1,987.80
2	External camera flash (\$326.95 each)	\$653.90

Total Proposed Amount: \$2,642.00

**2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/17/19)
District Seven Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Seven Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase DSLR cameras, DSLR camera lenses, a DSLR camera external flash, and a utility cart. Taking quality scene and autopsy photos are vital functions of the medical examiner. Having the cameras and the lenses will aid in fulfilling that function. The external flash will be particularly useful for scenes at night such as car accidents. The cart would be used in the morgue for equipment used during autopsies. Having a cart easily within reach of autopsy tables will aid in making autopsy procedures more efficient.

Quantity	Item	Cost
2	DSLR cameras (\$696.95 each)	\$1,400.00
2	DSLR camera lenses (\$346.95 each)	\$700.00
2	DSLR camera external flash (\$326.95 each)	\$700.00
1	Utility cart	\$200.00

Total Request Amount: \$3,000.00

Staff Recommendation

Category: Equipment

The District Seven Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase DSLR cameras, DSLR camera lenses, a DSLR camera external flash, and a utility cart. Taking quality scene and autopsy photos are vital functions of the medical examiner. Having the cameras and the lenses will aid in fulfilling that function. The external flash will be particularly useful for scenes at night such as car accidents.

Quantity	Item	Cost
2	DSLR cameras	\$1,393.90
2	DSLR camera lenses	\$693.90
2	DSLR camera external flash	\$653.90

Total Proposed Amount: \$2,742.00

**2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/18/19)
District Eight Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The **District Eight Medical Examiner Office** requests funds to purchase one new Stryker autopsy saw and one file storage cabinet. The autopsy saw be used for the opening of the cranium, bone marrow dissection, and cast removal. These tasks are routinely performed by the medical examiner, associate medical examiners, and forensic autopsy technicians. The file storage cabinet will be used to store administrative paperwork associated with the medical examiner's office including original copies of autopsy reports.

Quantity	Item	Total Cost
1	Stryker autopsy saw	\$2,679.00
1	Block storage file cabinet	\$539.00

Category: Indirect Costs

The **District Eight Medical Examiner Office** requests funds to offset indirect costs associated with the above purchase.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Indirect Costs (10%)	\$321.80

Total Requested Amount: \$3,539.80

Staff Recommendation:

Category: Equipment

The **District Eight Medical Examiner Office** requests funds to purchase one new Stryker autopsy saw. The autopsy saw be used for the opening of the cranium, bone marrow dissection, and cast removal. These tasks are routinely performed by the medical examiner, associate medical examiners, and forensic autopsy technicians.

Quantity	Item	Total Cost
1	Stryker autopsy saw	\$2,679.00

Category: Indirect Costs

The **District Eight Medical Examiner Office** requests funds to offset indirect costs associated with the above purchase.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Indirect Costs (10%)	\$267.90

Total Proposed Amount: \$2,947.00

2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/15/19)
District Nine Medical Examiner Office

Category: Equipment

The District Nine Medical Examiner Office requests funds for an autopsy saw. Due to an increase in caseload, office staffing has increased and so has the need for additional autopsy saws. This is compounded by the fact that the life span of an autopsy saw is not long, so one must have one or two on standby in the event one in service becomes irreparable. Because the autopsy saw is used daily, it is essential to have the necessary equipment on hand. By allocating funds for the saw, they will not experience any potential delays in performing examinations due to lack of equipment or equipment failures.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Autopsy Saw	\$2,399.00

Total Request Amount: \$2,399.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$2,399.00

**2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/04/19)
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: \$2,760

**2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/14/19)
District Eleven Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Eleven Medical Examiner Office requests funds for three HP ProDesk 600 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 District Eleven's 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 ProDesk 600 PCs (3 @ \$1,173.00 each)	\$3,519.00

Total Request Amount: \$3,519.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$2,760.00

**2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/03/19)
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: \$2,760

**2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/18/19)
District Fourteen Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Fourteen Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase a dry ice maker. This dry ice maker will allow the district to make dry-ice to be used when shipping specimens.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Dry Ice Maker	\$1,223.28

Total Request Amount: \$1,223.28

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$1,224.00

**2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/18/19)
District Fifteen Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Fifteen Medical Examiner Office requests funds for four Nikon DSLR camera bodies. The cameras will replace the current Nikon Coolpix 500j cameras the Medical Examiner's Office currently has while enhancing the photographic experience for testifying on criminal and/or civil cases. The higher quality of photographic evidence will improve the quality of work for documenting autopsy findings for families and loved ones of decedents as well as the district's State Attorney and Public Defender.

Quantity	Item	Cost
4	Nikon DSLR camera bodies (\$695.95 each)	\$2,783.80

Total Request Amount: \$2,900.00

Staff Recommendation:

Category: Equipment

The District Fifteen Medical Examiner Office requests funds for four Nikon DSLR camera bodies. The cameras will replace the current Nikon Coolpix 500j cameras the Medical Examiner's Office currently has while enhancing the photographic experience for testifying on criminal and/or civil cases. The higher quality of photographic evidence will improve the quality of work for documenting autopsy findings for families and loved ones of decedents as well as the district's State Attorney and Public Defender.

Quantity	Item	Cost
4	Nikon DSLR camera bodies (\$695.95 each)	\$2,783.80

Total Proposed Amount: \$2,784.00

**2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/18/19)
District Sixteen Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Sixteen Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase a biological microscope. Currently the district does not have a standard microscope and the Medical Examiner's Office has been using a personal microscope belonging to the District Medical Examiner.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Biological Microscope	\$2,695.00

Total Request Amount: \$2,695.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$2,695.00

2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/04/19)
District Seventeen Medical Examiner Office

Category: Other

The District Seventeen Medical Examiner Office requests funds for continuing education for forensic pathologists, forensic pathologist fellows, and investigators (18 participants) toward certifications with the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators. The expense of this program will exceed the maximum possible offering of \$3,000.

Quantity	Item	Cost
18	Classes for the Forensic Pathology Program at the College of American Pathologists.	\$3,000.00

Total Request Amount: \$3,000.00

Staff Recommendation:

Category: Other

The District Seventeen Medical Examiner Office requests funds toward continuing education for forensic pathologists, forensic pathologist fellows, and investigators (18 participants) toward certifications with the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators. .

Quantity	Item	Cost
18	Classes for the Forensic Pathology Program at the College of American Pathologists.	\$2,760.00

Total Proposed Amount: \$2,760.00

**2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/08/19)
District Eighteen Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment & Supplies

The District Eighteen Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase two stainless steel wall cabinets, a chest freezer, and disposable coveralls. The cabinets will be used for additional storage for supplies needed in the morgue during autopsies to better streamline efficiency. The chest freezer will be used to store homicide evidence, which is required to be kept indefinitely. The coveralls will be used for additional protection from the environment for investigators at certain types of on-scene cases.

Quantity	Item	Cost
2	Stainless steel wall cabinet (\$918.00 each)	\$1,836.00
1	Chest freezer	\$949.00
1	Case of disposable coveralls, size L	\$77.00
1	Case of disposable coveralls, size XL	\$77.00
1	Case of disposable coveralls, size 2XL	\$81.75

Total Request Amount: \$3,020.75

Staff Recommendation:

Category: Equipment

The District Eighteen Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase two stainless steel wall cabinets, a chest freezer, and disposable coveralls. The cabinets will be used for additional storage for supplies needed in the morgue during autopsies to better streamline efficiency. The chest freezer will be used to store homicide evidence, which is required to be kept indefinitely.

Quantity	Item	Cost
2	Stainless steel wall cabinet (\$918.00 each)	\$1,836.00
1	Chest freezer	\$949.00

Total Proposed Amount: \$2,785.00

**2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/16/19)
District Nineteen Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Nineteen Medical Examiner Office requests funds to purchase six battery packs to replace expired battery packs for their respirators. The respirators are necessary personal protection equipment for the Medical Examiner employees to use in case of a respiratory disaster (i.e. biological terrorist attacks).

Quantity	Item	Cost
6	Respirator Battery Pack	\$2,202.24

Total Request Amount: \$2,202.24

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$2,203.00

**2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/16/19)
District Twenty-One Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Twenty-One Medical Examiner Office requests funds for the purchase of an autopsy saw and a zoom lens. Autopsy saws are essential in performing autopsies. With the increased caseload of the office, this additional saw is critical, especially in the event an autopsy saw breaks down. The zoom lens will assist in enhancing autopsy photographs.

Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Autopsy saw with extended warranty	\$1,961.70
1	Zoom lens for Digital Camera	\$196.95

Total Request Amount: \$2,158.65

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$2,159.00

**2019 Paul Coverdell Grant
Expenditure List (Received 01/18/19)
District Twenty-Three Medical Examiner Office**

Category: Equipment

The District Twenty-Three Medical Examiner Office requests funds for the purchase of Nuance Dragon Medical Dictation software with a SpeechMike microphone and two additional SpeechMike microphones. The benefits of Dragon dictation software are numerous, including decreased turnaround time for autopsy reports, less mistakes in investigative reports, and less burdensome on administrative transcription staff.

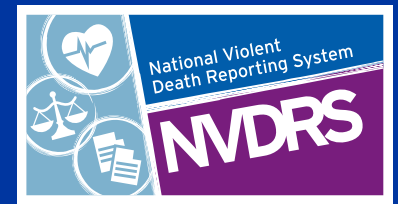
Quantity	Item	Cost
1	Dictation Software with SpeechMike Dictation Microphone	\$1,994.99
2	SpeechMike Dictation Microphones	\$698.00

Total Request Amount: \$2,700.00

Staff Recommendation:

Total Proposed Amount: \$2,693.00

CDC's National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)



Violence is a Major Public Health Problem

In the United States, seven people per hour die a violent death. More than **19,000 people were victims of homicide** and almost **45,000 people died by suicide** in 2016 alone. The economic costs are staggering—with suicide costing the U.S. economy **\$57 billion** and homicide **\$30 billion**, and this is just the costs for medical care and lost work. Other costs, including the emotional toll on victims' families and the costs to the criminal justice system for arrest and incarceration of offenders are substantial and not included in this estimate. Also, many Americans survive violent experiences and are left struggling with long-term physical, psychological, and emotional consequences. Violence erodes entire communities—reducing productivity, decreasing property values, disrupting social services, and making people feel unsafe in the places where they live, work, and learn.



A Comprehensive Look at Violent Deaths

NVDRS covers all types of violent deaths—including homicides and suicides—in all settings and for all age groups. NVDRS includes **over 600 unique data elements** that provide valuable context about violent deaths such as relationship problems; mental health problems and treatment; toxicology results; and life stressors, including recent problems with a job, finances, or physical health problems. Extensive information about the incidents, such as weapons used, characteristics of suspects, and locations where they occurred are included. Such data are far more comprehensive than what is available elsewhere.

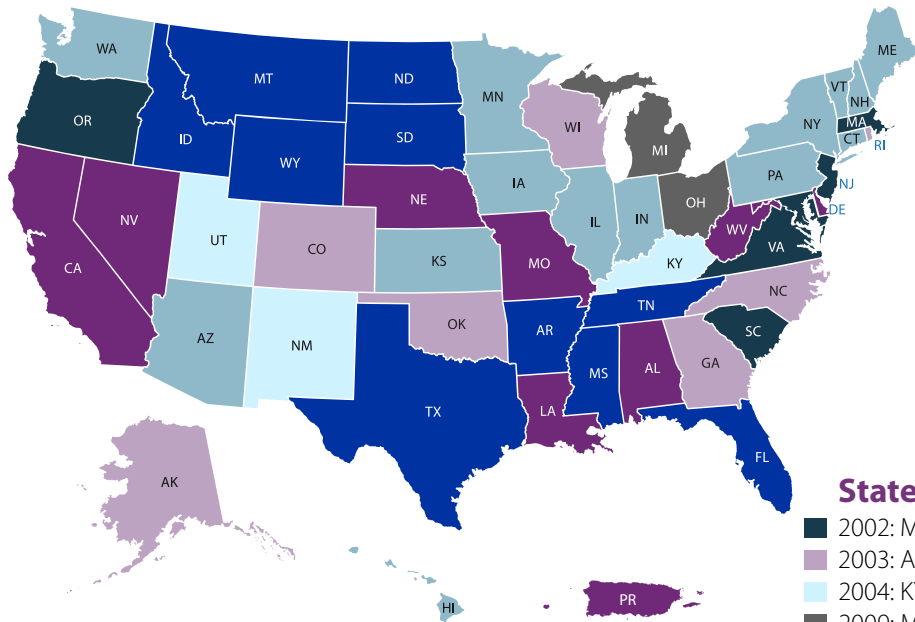


Linking Data to Get the Whole Story

To help find answers to prevent violent deaths, we need to know the facts. CDC's NVDRS links information about the **"who, when, where, and how"** from data on violent deaths and provides insights about **"why"** they occurred.

Frontline investigators including law enforcement, coroners, and medical examiners collect valuable information about violent deaths. However, these data are seldom combined in a systematic manner to provide a complete picture.

NVDRS provides a clearer understanding of violent deaths. NVDRS is the only state-based surveillance (reporting) system that pools data on violent deaths and their circumstances from multiple sources into one anonymous database. No personally identifiable information is collected.



The Reach of NVDRS

NVDRS began collecting data on violent deaths from six states in 2002, followed by progressive additions to the system over several years. **In 2018, NVDRS was expanded to include data collection from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.** This expansion brings NVDRS closer to the goal of providing a complete picture of violent deaths across the nation

States added by year:

- 2002: MA, MD, NJ, OR, SC, VA
- 2003: AK, CO, GA, NC, OK, RI, WI
- 2004: KY, NM, UT
- 2009: MI, OH
- 2014: AZ, CT, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, ME, MN, NH, NY, PA, VT, WA
- 2016: AL, CA, DE, DC, LA, MO, NE, NV, Puerto Rico, WV
- 2018: AR, FL, ID, MS, MT, ND, SD, TN, TX, WY



What NVDRS Can Do

- **Inform decision makers** and program planners about the magnitude, trends, and characteristics of violent deaths.
- **Educate your community** about circumstances that contribute to violence in your county, state, or territory.
- **Develop and tailor** violence prevention efforts to maximize benefits.
- **Evaluate the impact** of prevention programs and strategies.



Accessing NVDRS

CDC's Injury Center distributes information from NVDRS at the state and national level in both summary and topic-specific **reports**.

NVDRS data are stored in an incident-based database. Descriptive data can be accessed free of charge from **Web-Based Injury Statistics Query And Reporting System (WISQARS)**.



What Makes NVDRS Unique

Other data systems mainly count deaths and provide basic demographic information. In contrast, NVDRS:

- **Gathers and links** detailed investigative information from several sources, including law enforcement, medical examiners and coroners, toxicology, and death certificates. With this linked information, NVDRS is able to provide a more complete picture of the circumstances that contribute to violent deaths.
- **Helps identify** emerging issues, such as veteran suicide.
- **Combines data about deaths** that occurred during the same violent event to help identify circumstances of multiple homicides or homicides followed by the suicide of the homicide suspect.
- **Collects information** on the suspect and the relationship of the victim to the suspect to better characterize homicides.

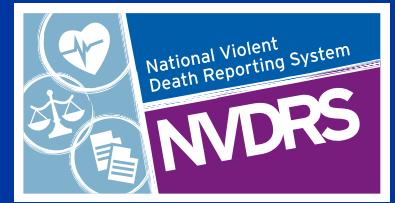
CDC provides technical assistance for NVDRS

in the form of manuals and complementary resources.

For further information on NVDRS, visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nvdrs>.

CDC's National Violent Death Reporting System & Coroner/Medical Examiner Partners



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) links details of violent deaths – the who, when, where and how – and shares insights into why they occurred.

NVDRS relies on information from coroner/medical examiner reports (including toxicology), law enforcement reports, and death certificates to pool anonymized data on violent deaths and their circumstances into one database. Such data are far more comprehensive than what is available elsewhere and decision-makers and program planners can use this information to develop and tailor violence prevention efforts.

For which types of deaths is information collected?

NVDRS compiles data for these types of cases:

- Suicides
- Homicides
- Deaths that occur while in custody of law enforcement or a correctional facility (excluding legal executions)
- All firearm related deaths
- Deaths of undetermined manner, including undetermined drug overdose deaths

Why does NVDRS collect information on deaths of undetermined intent?

NVDRS collects information on deaths with an undetermined intent because this:

- Provides a more complete picture of violent deaths that may be intentional
- Allows public health professionals or data analysts to examine what unique factors result in an undetermined classification of manner of death
- Sheds light on drug overdose deaths that could not be classified as suicide or unintentional (the most common type of death of undetermined intent in NVDRS)

What types of data are collected?

Trained abstractors enter information into the encrypted, anonymized system according to standardized CDC guidelines. NVDRS collects data for all age groups and includes information on:

- Injury characteristics (e.g., cause of death, type of location)
- Demographics (e.g., sex, race/ethnicity)
- Circumstances that preceded or were related to a victim's death
- Mental health diagnoses
- Toxicology
- Narratives that provide a brief summary of the incident based on law enforcement and coroner/ medical examiner reports
- More than 600 other unique data elements

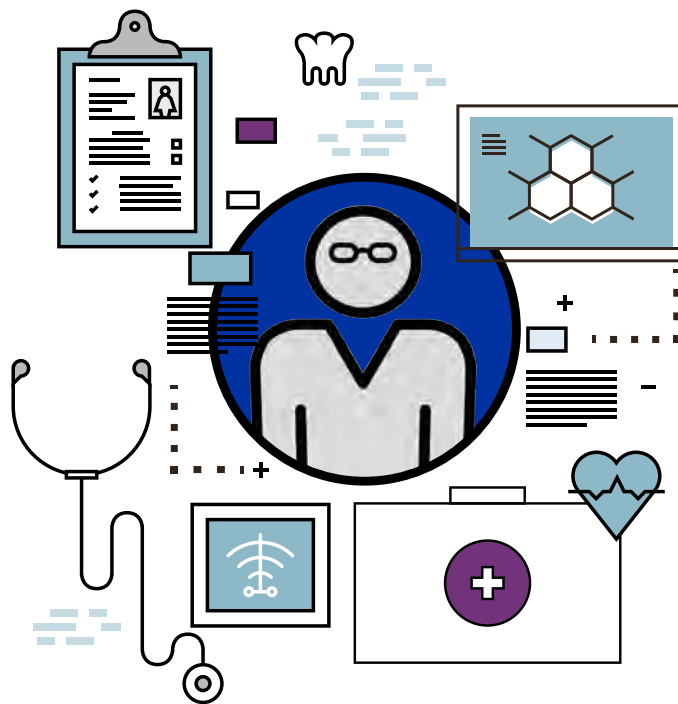


What can NVDRS data be used to do?

- **Uncover timely topics** and emerging issues related to violent deaths
- **Reveal important variations** in patterns of violent deaths across locations, populations, and over time
- **Better understand the circumstances** that contribute to violence in the county, state, or territory
- **Guide, inform, and help** target and evaluate violence prevention efforts, including suicide prevention

Leading to...

- **Greater understanding** of violent and undermined deaths
- **More effective use** of violence prevention resources
- **Healthier, safer** communities



What is the role of Coroners/Medical Examiners in NVDRS?

Coroners and medical examiners and the data they provide are an essential component of the NVDRS. Without their partnership, NVDRS could not assess circumstances of violent deaths or patterns in injury characteristics and other critical information that help local communities identify the most important contributing factors to violent deaths, which in turn help prevention partners develop effective prevention strategies.

When coroners and medical examiners provide detailed information in their reports, NVDRS can be used to develop more thorough insights into why these violent deaths occurred and identify ways to prevent future violent deaths.



Is the information in NVDRS secure? What protections are in place?

Since NVDRS data collection began in 2003, there have been no reported data breaches. Participating NVDRS states enter data into an encrypted, web-based system. The VDRS states submit this information to CDC using the most up-to-date security protocols. Local laws that protect other types of health department records, such as communicable disease records, also apply to NVDRS files.

For further information on NVDRS, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nvdrs>.