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COMMISSION ON MEDICOLEGAL INVESTIGATIONS MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2024

The meeting of the Commission on Medicolegal Investigations was held at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) in Farmington, CT on Friday, June 14, 2024

Present: Todd D. Fernow, J.D., Chairman (Present)
Sidney M. Hopfer, Ph.D., Secretary (Present)
Jennifer Bourn, Esq. (Remotely)
Elizabeth Frugale, DPH (Remotely)
Susan Keane Baker, MHA (Remotely)

Not Present: John H. Sinard, M.D., Ph.D., Vice Chairman
Michael Krinsky, M.D.
Celia F. Pinzi
Maura E. DeJoseph, D.O., Deputy Chief Medical Examiner

Also Present: James R. Gill, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner
Lincoln Dwayne Gordon, OCME Administrator
Holly Cuomo, Executive Secretary

Opening Remarks and Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Fernow called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

The minutes from the March 8, 2024 meeting were adopted without corrections.

Medical Examiner Summary

Dr. Gill provided the Chief Medical Examiner Report.

Autopsy Workload and Turnaround Times:

Dr. Gill provided information regarding the projected 2024 autopsy numbers, which are consistent with the number completed in 2023.

Case completion data was reviewed. All Medical Examiners are projected to completed less than 250 full autopsies this year.

OCME Updates:

We have one fellow starting in July 2024. We have also matched with a fellow for the July 2025 fellowship. There were 80 fellowship positions country wide, and only 45 candidates applied.

The three vacant AME positions have been filled.

Fiscal Summary

Lincoln Dwayne Gordon provide the fiscal update for OCME.

Agency Staffing

A copy of the OCME organizational chart was provided to all members.

Old Business:

There were no requests to elect new Officers, so an election did not take place.

New Business:

The final Auditor's Report for fiscal years June 30, 2022, and 2023 was reviewed.

Executive Session:

An Executive Session was not needed.

Adjournment

There were no additional matters to address. Followed by a motion to adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.

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Signed minutes will be published once approved at the September meeting.

Sidney M. Hopfer, Ph.D.
Secretary