

MEDICAL EXAMINER ADHOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 3, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.

HOWARD MALE CONFERENCE ROOM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Robert Adrian, Chair
Don Gilmet
Kevin Osbourne

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Hall, Emergency Services Coordinator
John Grimshaw, Michigan State Police
Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski
David Turner, Lead Medical Examiner Investigator, MMMEG
Kim Elkie, Board Assistant
Lisa Kaspriak, via telephone, Administrator, MMMEG

INFORMATION ITEM: An update was requested from Lisa Kaspriak, Administrator for Mid Michigan Medical Examiner Group, regarding current operations. She informed the Committee monthly reports are submitted that contain case-by-case information. MMMEG recently offered training on child death investigation. They continue to update their staff on all aspects of ME investigations, based on government regulations and requirements.

INFORMATION ITEM: F/Lt. Grimshaw and Sheriff Kieliszewski informed the Committee that everything seems to be working quite well, from a law enforcement vantage; there are no complaints regarding the Medical Examination Investigators. Commissioner Adrian recently spoke with Chief Jett and he concurred. Lisa Kaspriak has also had communication with the Prosecutor's Office to ensure their satisfaction.

INFORMATION ITEM: On-scene examination policy/procedures were discussed. Ms. Kaspriak informed the Committee that, following previous concerns, MMMEG held special training, specifically, "Dignity and the Body/Family" which was completed by all MEIs.

INFORMATION ITEM: A complaint form was discussed as well as a formal process to resolve concerns and prevent repeat problems. David Turner offered that MMMEG will create a form and forward to the County for review. Any completed/submitted complaint forms should be forwarded to Commissioner Adrian. Mr. Turner stated they have spoken with most funeral homes in the area regarding MMMEG's procedures; they were encouraged to contact the remaining funeral homes as well, to clarify procedures.

INFORMATION ITEM: Commissioner Adrian informed the Committee the mortuary cooler is up and running. Suggestions for policy/procedures regarding access were discussed at length.

INFORMATION ITEM: Timeline for 2022 budget was discussed.

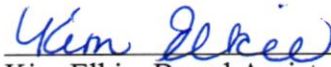
INFORMATION ITEM: Cremation permit fee capping was discussed. Lisa informed the Committee that Alpena County is currently charging \$50.00, well below the proposed legislative cap of \$75.00.

INFORMATION ITEM: Ms. Kaspriak reported there has been one autopsy so far in 2021; toxicology requests have doubled over 2020. She also noted that the pathologist and MEIs have no knowledge of the budget; decisions regarding diagnostics are made on a case-by-case basis.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Hall with support by Commissioner Gilmet. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.



Robert Adrian, Chair



Kim Elkie, Board Assistant

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