# **Colorado Coroners Standards and Training Board**

# **Colorado Coroners Association**



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Meeting Minutes April 20, 2023 ~ 11 a.m. Remote Meeting Web Conferencing Link – Zoom

#### Call to order: 1102am

**Present:** Randy Keller, Chairperson; Raeann Brown, Douglas County Coroner; Jeff Graf, Chaffee County Coroner; Laura Smith, Rio Blanco County Coroner; Leon Kelly, Pathologist Glen Trainor, Winter Park Chief of Police; jen vien, Admin Corelle Spettigue, Assistant Attorney General; Sarah Mudge, Lake County Commissioner; Lori Lawrence, Hinsdale County Coroner; Alexander Krieg, Lake County Coroner; **Absent:** Kathy Chandler-Henry; Jeffrey Chostner

#### Approve January 2023 Minutes – Keller (Handout)

Motion to approve January minutes by Glen Trainor, second by Raeann Brown Minutes approved unanimously.

#### Public Comment - Keller

2022 Submissions - Graf Mr. Graf recommends that the Board approve CE's for: Jelden – Phillips County Laubhan – Gilpin County Vigil – Costilla County Motion to approve submissions as stated Laura Smith; second by Raeann Brown. Motion carried unanimously

#### Lake County Training Plan (Handout)

Comments: Jeff Graf has a question = this plan is to complete hours missed at new coroner training program. He also needs to get 20 hours for CE's for 2022. Plan does include 34 hours.

Randy Keller's concern is that there is no way to track his attendance outside of CCA.

The IACME hours cannot be tracked. He must attend these training sessions in full.

Laura Smith – how does the online training work for IACME. Alex Krieg said he would have to view them. He has every interest in watching as much as possible since the training is tax payer funded. Randy Keller – there are plenty of hours listed to cover deficit, but the new coroner training was built for brand new coroners. Only concern is that the basics will not be taught at these trainings. Not much we can do about that.

Corelle Spettigue – In discussions in the past, New Coroner Institute is a requirement, not discretionary. Time missed is problematic. Board has issues with this. Coroner Krieg has had compliance issues in the past. If the Board feels this training plan will suffice for now, that is a Board decision. How do we have him make up for something he missed that is required for all new coroners.

Jeff Graf – do we need to request that he shows us the syllabus and what types of classes are offered?

Randy would like to suggest – he suggests that we compare the syllabus from the New Coroner Training and make sure that some of the missed items can be made up with our local resources. It is hard to make up training specifically designed for new coroners.

Raeann Brown – attended new coroner training. Has been attending CCA conferences twice a year. She can confirm that information that was learned in new coroner institute cannot be picked up outside of that class. Was he present for EDR and CDPHE courses?

Randy Keller thinks that EDR will be missed in his proposed training plan. Is he using it right now? It will soon be forced on everyone. Coroner Krieg missed most of Friday, we can look at what he missed then, as well as some of the other dates. Let's let him go ahead and work on this plan, but he will need to make up some specifics with CDPHE and EDR.

Dr. Kelly supports that statement. Mission of CCSTB is to provide new coroners with the tools they need, and these conferences are not going to make that up. He needs to figure out what he missed and then make up those specific classes.

Corelle - Does this plan include 2023 credits?

Krieg – I will attend October 2023 Training to cover 2023 credits.

Keller – deficit of 34 hours plus 2023 hours which equals 54 hours. Attend in June and IACME and the attend in October to be caught up on hours.

Keller – Accept plan so he can move forward, myself and another Board member will determine what was missed at new coroner institute, then he submit a report as to what has been made up and who he worked with to the Board, and then Board can reevaluate.

Coroner Krieg was trained on EDR by Coroner Graf. He feels he has adequate training on EDR.

Randy Keller will ask Coroner Krieg to make up some specific trainings. Reiterated that hours needed for this year is 54. Do you understand?

Coroner Kreig responded yes.

Corelle Spettigue – this is a statutory requirement, and if you are accepting his plan to make up what he missed, the Board may decide. You need to vote on this.

Laura Smith - are his wages being withheld at this time?

Randy Keller – Yes they are.

Jeff Graf – would be willing to be a Board Member to help assess what was missed. (As compliance Officer)

Laura Smith will also assist in reviewing hours to make up.

Decision will be that we need to see 34 hours in certificate form showing you have completed the hours. Jeff Graf, Laura Smith and myself will review your submission. I highly suggest you get 2023 hours in there and taken care of also.

Motion from Dr. Kelly to move forward with plan. Second from Laura Smith. Glen Trainor suggests we put a deadline on these requirements. Some kind of deadline needs to be in place to accept this plan. A date of August 1 is a reasonable time frame.

Motion by Dr. Kelly, second from Laura Smith that Alexander Krieg will be in compliance with all make up work by our next Board Meeting July 20, 2023. Randy, Laura and Jeff will work with Alex to get him up to speed.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Board Appointment Update - Vien (Handout)

Appointments to the Board:

Kathy Chandler-Henry – Eagle County Commissioner Leon Kelly – Pathologist Raeann Brown – Douglas County Coroner Laura Smith – Rio Blanco County Coroner Jeff Graf – Chaffee County Coroner

Adjourn 11:38 a.m.

Next Meeting - July 20, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.