Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023 ~ 11 a.m.
Remote Meeting
Web Conferencing Link - Zoom

Call to order: 1103 a.m.

Present: Randy Keller, Chair; Leon Kelly, MD, Vice-Chair; Jeff Graf, Compliance Officer; Kevin Grantham – Fremont County; Glen Trainor – Winter Park; Annette Cannon – Jefferson County; Lora Thomas – Douglas County; Jeff Chostner – Pueblo County; jen vien, Admin;

Guests: Corelle Spettigue – Assistant Attorney General; Laura Smith - Rio Blanco; Glen Boyd - Ouray; Lori Lawrence - Hinsdale County; Rob Glassmire – Garfield County; Jill Ratliff – Teller County;

Approve October 2022 Minutes - Keller (Handout)

Motion to approve October 2022 minutes – Ms. Thomas. Second by Ms Cannon. Motion carries unanimously.

Public Comment - Keller No public comments

New Coroner Training Update - Keller

17 Newly elected Coroners

16 in attendance (2 new were excused from training)
1 Newly appointed Coroner (Hinsdale)
Lake County?
CDPHE collected \$56,000 (Handout)
CCA is billing CDPHE \$11,096.53 (Handout)

Lake County attendance (Response from Ms. Spettigue is a handout)

Mr. Keller wanted to discuss the issue with the CCSTBoard. On the first day of the training, Mr. Keller talked with Coroner Krieg about attendance – advised that he needed to be there in attendance each day for the full week. Coroner Krieg said he understood. He then proceeded to miss at least two to three hours per day, and then was not present for more than 4 hours on Friday. He had made statements about resigning as Coroner, but we haven't heard anything further. Mr. Keller has not contacted Lake County Commissioners yet, pending a decision of the CCSTBoard. Krieg did not complete the training due to excessive absenteeism.

Ms. Spettigue – Statutes state a newly elected coroner MUST attend.

A coroner can request to not attend the 40 hours. We have not received a request. He is not in compliance so a letter should be sent to Commissioners describing compliance deficit and advising to withhold pay. If a coroner fails to comply with that requirement, the Board shall notify the County Commissioners.

Dr. Kelly – agrees with Ms. Spettigue and Mr. Keller. Firsthand experience he does not have. If we offer this every 4 years, how does he gain the education. It needs to be a significant amount. CCA has the June and October events. These are not the basic skills we teach at the New Coroner Training. The Board could allow him to attend some CCA training, but the problem is that he missed the basic information. This could present a problem.

Ms. Spettigue – Essentially, the statute does allow at the request of the Coroner to substitute with other educational opportunities. It is his responsibility to come to the Board, since this is a once every 4 years, and the statute is clear. The Board needs to come up with something significant to discourage this type of behaviour.

Ms. Thomas – I arrived at 830. All the participants were there taking notes and asking questions. He left during my presentation and did not return for the next two presentations. I am backing up what Mr. Keller is saying.

Mr. Keller - This is a bad situation. The county spent money on the hotel and the course, and he did not take advantage of that. I recommend we submit a letter to the county commissioners advising that he did not fulfil his statutory requirements and that his pay be withheld.

Motion from Dr. Kelly to send a letter to the Lake County Commissioners to withhold Coroner Krieg's pay. Second from Ms. Cannon. Motion carries unanimously.

2022 CE Submissions - Graf

Review list:

Broncucia-Jordan - Adams

Bishop - Archuleta Arthurs - Moffat
Morrow - Baca Fowler - Otero
Gibson - Crowley Ayers - Pitkin

Caruso - Denver

Bettis - Eagle

Kelly - El Paso

Glassmire - Garfield

Hunzeker - Rio Grande

Metzler - San Juan

Sante - San Miguel

Burson - Weld

Valdez - Huerfano Cannon - Jeffco Brown - Kiowa

Reminders were sent to:

Vigil - Costilla Laubhan - Gilpin Krieg - Lake Jelden - Phillips

Motion to approve 2022 CE submissions that Mr. Graf reviewed – Mr. Chostner; Second by Ms. Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

Late submissions:

Vigil is working on his
Laubhan submitted late
Jelden is always late

View has not submitted an aenter

Krieg has not submitted or contacted CCSTB

2022 MLDI submissions: Mr. Graf recommends that we approve the following:

Dzuris – Alamosa Hanks - Larimer
Bailey – Grand Dahl - Morgan
Lawrence – Hinsdale Boyd - Ouray
Dunagan- Prowers Locke – Routt
Flenniken – Summit Tomsky – Teller
Jones – Yuma Brown – Douglas
Fellabaum – Montrose Harris – Sedgwick

Baltzly - Custer

Krieg (Lake) did not complete the course

Motion to approve MLDI that were just read – Mr. Trainor; Second by Dr. Kelly Motion carried unanimously.

With regards to letter being sent to Lake County Commissioners, Krieg is also behind on 2022 submissions. Currently in default and trying to communicate with him to come current. (Krieg was appointed by Lake County in November 2021 and served for all of 2022)

Board Vacancy update - Vien

Open for appointment:

Lora Thomas – County Commissioner with a population of fifty thousand or more

Annette Cannon – Coroner of a County with a population of fifty thousand or more

Leon Kelly, MD – Pathologist who is actively engaged in performing PM's for a County in this state
and who is a member of the Colorado Medical Society

Jeffrey Graf – Coroner of a County with a population of fifteen thousand or less

Kevin Grantham – County Commissioner with a population of less than fifty thousand

Review submissions and make recommendations (Handout) Send all applications to the Governor's Office for appointment Boyd, Brown, Cannon, Chostner, Ortiz, Smith, Thomas

Leon Kelly, MD asked for an application. Kevin Grantham asked for an application.

Adjourn 1129