

Colorado Coroners Standards and Training Board

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Coroner
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Meeting Agenda July 20, 2023 ~ 11 a.m. Remote Meeting Web Conferencing Link - Zoom

Call to order: 11:02 a.m.

Present: Randy Keller, Chair; Leon Kelly, MD, Vice Chair; Jeff Graf, Compliance Officer; Laura Smith; Glen Trainor;
Kathy Chandler-Henry; Jeff Chostner; Laura Smith;
Absent: Raeann Brown
Guests: Corelle Spettigue; Alexander Krieg; Amber Flenniken

Approve April 2023 Minutes - Keller (Handout)

Any questions? Motion to approve minutes, Glen Trainor. Second by Laura Smith.
Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment - Keller

Guest - Katie Black, Resource Analyst for North Central All-Hazards Region

2023 Submissions - Graf

Mr. Graf motions that the Board approve CE's for:

Broncuchia-Jordan - Adams

Verquer - Las Animas

Cannon - Jeffco

Keller - Fremont

Dahl - Morgan

Arthurs - Moffat

Nichols - Bent

Barnes - Gunnison

Brown - Kiowa

Vigil - Costilla

Bailey - Grand

Lorensen - Lincoln

Lawrence - Hinsdale

Fellabaum - Montrose

Dzuris - Alamosa

Crocket - Jackson

Boren - Delta

Jelden - Phillips

Valdez - Huerfano

Smith - La Plata

Smith - Rio Blanco

Gorton - Kit Carson

Hegmann - Clear Creek

Dunagan - Archuleta

Sante - San Miguel

Cotter - Pueblo

Motion to approve the CEU's, Leon Kelly. Second by Jeff Chostner. Motion carries unanimously.

Lake County Training Plan Update – Graf

Coroner Krieg has completed all requirements other than the 10 scene investigations. With his lack of pay, it is difficult for him to get away from the office to complete this requirement. While in County, he covers his office so his Deputies can have time off. I believe this is an important part of his training. He is asking that the CCSTBoard allow him additional time to complete this requirement, and in the meantime reinstate his pay. This is a very important part of the required training plan.

Keller – Is 2023 continuing education part of his completed tasks?

Graf – Coroner Krieg has completed his 2022 CEUs, using the June 2023 credits, and then using October 2023 Training for his 2023 CEU's. He should be in compliance once those educational requirements are met.

Chairperson Keller is reading the letter from Coroner Krieg out loud:
(The letter is available in print and on the recording of the meeting)

Randy Keller feels the investigations are important and must be included and completed.

Dr. Kelly – agrees this must get done, maybe not before pay gets reinstated. 1) We do a lot of Lake County cases. Why doesn't he just stay and go on scenes with my staff while he is here for autopsy. 2) What happens if we get to January and the task is not completed? What repercussions are in place prior to us agreeing on this extension.

Corelle Spettigue – Mandatory requirement to notify commissioners that coroner is out of compliance. Also, must notify commissioners once coroner is in compliance. A letter will need to be sent to his commissioners as to his status regarding compliance.

Randy Keller – If I understand this, Coroner Krieg is out of compliance.

Corelle Spettigue – Coroner Krieg missed the New Coroner Institute, so he needs to make up the lost time. If the Board is saying he must complete this task in order to be in compliance, then the Board cannot send a letter to his commissioners reinstating his pay because he is out of compliance.

Randy Keller – He does need to complete these investigations. I agree with Dr. Kelly in that Coroner Krieg could get these investigations taken care of within a day or so. At this point, regarding his request, we must ask for a motion regarding his compliance.

Trainor – He would not be in this position if he had completed the training. Here we are 6 months out and he is still out of compliance. How much longer does this need to go on. He is in the position he is due to his own actions, and not the fault of anyone else.

Motion to accept or deny the request for an extension until January 1, 2024

Dr. Kelly motion to deny, second by Kathy Chandler-Henry.

Motion carried unanimously.

Keller – Mr. Krieg, I don't feel that anyone is trying to work against you. We just need you to come into compliance. El Paso is willing to help as am I. There are several counties you can work with and have this knocked out within a week. Please understand this Board has a job to do and we need to make sure this is taken care of.

Amber Flenniken has also offered her office to assist.

Anything else to come before the Board?

Adjourn: 11:25 a.m.

Next Meeting – October 19, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.