

Colorado Coroners Standards and Training Board

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Meeting Minutes October 20, 2022 1:00 p.m. Remote Meeting Web Conferencing Link - Zoom

Call to order: 104 pm

Present: Mr. Randy Keller, Chairperson; Leon Kelly, MD, Vice Chairperson; Coroner Annette Cannon; Commissioner Lora Thomas; Chief Glen Trainor; Commissioner Kevin Grantham; Coroner Jeff Graf

Absent: DA Jeffrey Chostner

Guests: Ms. Corelle Spettigue; Coroner Emma Hall; Coroner Robert Glassmire; Coroner Don Heer; Michael Burson, MD; 2 anonymous phones were present

Chair

Randy Keller
Coroner
Fremont County

Approve July 2022 Minutes - Keller

District Attorney Jeff Chostner needs to be added as absent to the July 2022 Minutes
Vice Chair Kelly motion to approve minutes with correction. Second by Commissioner Thomas.
Motion accepted unanimously.

Vice-Chair

Leon Kelly, MD
Pathologist
El Paso County

Public Comment - Keller

None

Compliance Officer

Jeff Graf
Coroner
Chaffee County

CCA Training Update - Keller

Everything went very well in Grand Junction. We had 90 participants with 17 online.
All went smooth no problems or glitches

2021 Submissions - Graf

Graf has not heard from Dr. Morrow. He has been contacted several times but has not responded
Since his commissioners have been sent a letter, we can move no further

BOARD MEMBERS

Annette Cannon
Coroner
Jefferson County

2022 Submissions - Graf

Graf recommends that the Board approve CE's for:

Lear - Arapahoe
Kern - Cheyenne
Martin - Conejos County
Boren - Delta County
Hankins - Dolores
Crocket - Jackson County
Lorensen - Lincoln County
Yahn - Mesa
Arthurs - Moffat
Kintz - Park County

Lora Thomas
County Commissioner
Douglas County

Glen Trainor
Chief of Police
Winter Park, Colorado

Kevin Grantham
County Commissioner
Fremont County

Jeffrey Chostner
District Attorney
Pueblo, Colorado

Motion by Vice Chair Kelly to approve submissions. Glen Trainor second. Motion accepted unanimously.

Board Vacancy update - Vien

Several Board members have reapplied for their positions. We won't see or know who has applied.

The positions were recruited for on October 1. Additional notices will go out on November 1 and December 1. Deadline to apply is December 31.

Ms. Spettigue - Jeff Graf cannot fill a statutory spot, but we can keep him on as ad hoc until we fill the membership position. He cannot be an official Board Member. Chairperson Keller can appoint him to be an ad hoc member. Vice Chairperson Kelly motion for Jeff Graf to fill the position of Compliance Officer until position is filled. Second by Commissioner Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.

New Coroner Institute - Keller, Vien

We are working on speakers

Emma Hall is willing to help with training

Dr. Kelly has agreed to assist with training

Training location is at Colorado State Vital Records Office

CCA has agreed to allow CCSTB to use their A/V equipment

Hilton Garden Inn Denver/Cherry Creek

Caruso, Kelly, Russell, Matt Reid may need rooms. Is it allowable to put speakers/presenters in a hotel room for a night or two. Is there a problem with paying for rooms.

Ms. Spettigue did not think so. CCA/CCSTBoard has leeway to provide for New Coroner Training.

Presenters will put together presentations to go in a binder

Randy Keller will stay the week

Jen Vien will stay the week

Who do we bill and when do we send the billing out.

Billing should be done after the election and sent to the Commissioners.

Jen can go ahead and send letters about the dates and locations of the New Coroners Institute

Printing quote looks reasonable

Commissioner Thomas - agrees with \$3,500 to be billed to counties.

Property values may drop, and we can reassess the cost in 18 months

Allowing New Coroners to Opt Out of Training - Keller

Letter from Dr. Burson to opt out of New Coroner Training

In the past, the request has been made by others. Dr. Kelly has attended the NCI, as well as Dr. Caruso and Dr. Lear. Chairperson Keller is not keen on waiving the requirement. Vice Chairperson Kelly feels that Pathologist should attend in a sign of solidarity and support of CCA. Medical examiners should go so they can meet new Coroners and develop relationships. Dr. Burson may not get a lot out of the training, but there will be something to gain from the experience. Building relationships is very important.

Chairperson Thomas - when she took over in 2010, Dr. Burson was a great help. If Dr. Burson is required to attend all week, there might be a hardship in his office.

Chief Glen Trainor - has had the pleasure of working with Dr. Burson. Feels he is a consummate professional. He goes out of his way to work with people. If he feels it would be a burden to attend, we need to honor that request.

Commissioner Thomas motion to allow Dr. Burson to opt out of the New Coroner Training, based on education and experience. Second by Chief Glen Trainor. Motion carries unanimously.

Dr. Burson said he would come down and attend if his schedule allows.

Statement of Work - Vien

Jen explained what it was and what it is for. No questions or comments.

Adjourn at 1:43 p.m.

Next Meeting - Thursday, January 19, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.