

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 14, 2012

To: Chris Abele, County Executive
Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Willie Johnson, Jr., & David Cullen, Co-Chairman,
Committee on Finance, Personnel and Audit

From: Brian L. Peterson, M.D., Medical Examiner

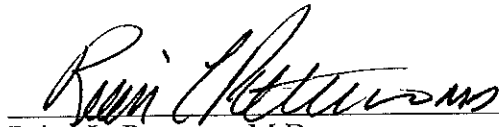
Subject: 2012 Revenue Deficit – Medical Examiner

As required by Milwaukee County Ordinance 56.02, the Medical Examiner's Office is reporting a revenue deficit of approximately \$150,000 for 2012.

The revenue deficit is caused primarily by the following factors:

- Death certificate, cremation permit, and body conveyance fees are approximately 10 percent less than budgeted amounts.
- Due to competition, private autopsy requests have decreased significantly from prior years.
- Waived fees due to the indigency status of decedents have increased significantly from previous years.

To offset the revenue reduction, an Assistant Medical Examiner position is being left vacant.



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Medical Examiner

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