

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: September 24, 2019

To: Supervisor James "Luigi" Schmitt, Chair, Committee on Finance & Audit
Supervisor Anthony Staskunas, Chair, Committee on Judiciary, Safety & General Services

From: Jennifer L. Folliard, Director of Audits

Subject: Status Report – Medical Examiner's Office Audit (File No. 19-348)

At their April 2019 meetings, the Committees on Finance & Audit and Judiciary, Safety and General Services reviewed our audit report "Milwaukee County Autopsies have Increased 7.8% Since 2013, Autopsies for Referral Counties Increased 111.7%. A lack of Contracts for Most of the Referral Counties is a Concern," and adopted a resolution indicating County Board concurrence with the report recommendations.

A copy of the audit report can be accessed on the Comptroller's website through the following link:

<https://county.milwaukee.gov/files/county/comptroller/Audit/Audit-Reports1/2019/MedicalExaminerReport-FINAL.pdf>

Attached is a copy of the executive summary page from the audit report for your reference.

Also attached is the Medical Examiner's status report communicating its progress toward implementation of the audit report recommendations. Based on information provided in the status report and our recent inquiries of the Medical Examiner's Office, we have concluded that two of the seven recommendations have been implemented.

This status report is informational and due to the remaining efforts required to fully implement the five outstanding recommendations, we will facilitate the submission of the Medical Examiner's next status report for the May 2020 committee meeting cycle.


Jennifer L. Folliard

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Attachments

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