

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: April 20, 2018

To: Sup. Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

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

Subject: Report from the Medical Examiner, submitting a passive review contract to provide autopsy support to Racine County

Issue

Per Wis. Stat. §59.52(31), contracts in excess of \$100,000 but less than \$300,000 require County Board passive review. In accordance with this statute, the Medical Examiner is submitting a contract to provide autopsy support to Racine County for passive review.


Background

Milwaukee and Racine County each have responsibilities under Chapter 59 and 979 of the Wisconsin Statutes regarding the investigation of deaths occurring in its respective counties. Racine County does not employ a board-certified Forensic Pathologist as its Medical Examiner, and has contracted for this service with Milwaukee County since 2012. It will be mutually beneficial to Racine County and Milwaukee County to continue to contract autopsy support as the revenue generated by this contract offsets current fixed costs of the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office.

The contract is from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, with an option to terminate with written notice with a minimum of thirty days' notice. Anticipated revenue generated from this contract is approximately \$99,000/year.

Recommendation

This contract is submitted for passive review only. The revenue generated by this contract has already been included in the Medical Examiner's 2018 budget.



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Medical Examiner

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