

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
**Inter-Office Communication**

Date: November 25, 2022

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Wieslawa Tlomak, M.D., Interim Chief Medical Examiner

Subject: Report from the Medical Examiner, submitting a passive review contract to contract with Medical College of Wisconsin for autopsy support

**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 with the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) for autopsy support for passive review.

**Background**

Due to the retirement of the Medical Examiner and the on-going vacancy of an Assistant Medical Examiner, our office currently has four remaining forensic pathologists. Without contracting for emergent support from MCW, the Medical Examiner's Office faces severe limitations in providing critical services as required by state statute.

MCW will provide one Board-Certified Forensic Pathologist to provide ongoing autopsy support in 2023. The autopsies will be conducted at the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office under the supervision of existing staff.

The contract is from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

**Recommendation**

This contract is submitted for passive review only. Budgeted funds are available in the Medical Examiner's Office budget.

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