

Medical Examiner

Memo

To: Chris Abele, County Executive
Lee Holloway, Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
Johnny L. Thomas, Supervisor, Finance and Audit Committee

From: Brian L. Peterson, MD, Medical Examiner

Date: October 19, 2011

RE: 2011 Revenue Deficit

As required by Milwaukee County Ordinance 56.02, the Medical Examiner's Office is reporting a revenue deficit of approximately \$250,000 for 2011.

The revenue deficit is caused primarily by the following factors:

- Death certificate, cremation permit, and body conveyance fees are approximately 15 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, a Forensic Technical Supervisor position is being left vacant. We are also continuing to explore other revenue options and are currently negotiating with surrounding counties to provide autopsy support.

Respectfully,



Brian L. Peterson, MD
Medical Examiner

cc: Patrick Farley, Director, Department of Administrative Services
Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, County Board of Supervisors
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