

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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To: Chairwoman Marcella Nicholson
Supervisor Felesia A. Martin, Chair, Committee on Audit

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.

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

A copy of the complete audit report can be accessed on the Comptroller’s website via the following link:

<https://county.milwaukee.gov/files/county/comptroller/Audit/Audit-Reports1/2019/UpdatedMedicalExaminerReport01-16-20201.pdf>

Also attached is the Medical Examiner’s most recent status report communicating its progress toward implementation of the audit report recommendations. Based on information provided by the Office of the Medical Examiner, only recommendation 6 remains open.

In its update to recommendation 6, the Medical Examiner’s Office reported that invoices for referral autopsies were sent out and corresponding payments were successfully received using the new billing system. The Medical Examiner’s Office added that its next steps are to add additional vendors (counties seeking autopsy services from the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner’s Office) to the Infor system.

This status report is informational and due to the limited tasks required to fully implement recommendation 6, we do not plan facilitate the submission of any further status reports. However, we will check-in with the Medical Examiner’s Office to confirm that the final tasks are completed.



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Attachments

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