

Colorado Coroners Standards and Training Board

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Colorado Coroners Standards and Training Board (CCSTB)

January 21, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Call to order

Randy Keller, Chairperson, called the January 21, 2021 Colorado Coroners Standards and Training Board (CCSTB) meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. This meeting was remote only via ZOOM.

Roll call

A quorum was established.

Members present: Mr. Keller, Chair; Dr. Leon Kelly, Vice-Chair; Mr. Graf, Compliance Officer; Commissioner Thomas, Sheriff Schroetlin

Absent - Mr. Chostner

Office of the Attorney General: Ms. Spettigue, Assistant Attorney General

CCSTB Staff: jen vien

Guests - Coroner Laura Smith, Coroner Rob Glassmire, Coroner Randy Gorton

Approve October minutes (Keller)

Commissioner Thomas motions to approve the October 15, 2020 Minutes. Second by Dr. Kelly. Motion approved Unanimously.

Public Comments (Keller)

No public comments

Membership updates (Staff)

Mr. Keller has reapplied for 3 more years.

Sheriff Schroetlin's term is up. His position has been posted.

Ron Engels - Commissioner for Gilpin - was not reelected. His position has been posted.

Officers (Keller)

July is Election month for the CCSTBoard. The Board will hold elections at the July meeting.

2018/2019 Continuing Education Compliance (Graf)

Kent, Lake County

Mr. Graf has a letter to read regarding Kent's hours

Mr. Graf has been speaking with Shannon Kent. Shannon had letters from former CCSTBoard Administrator. Prior to December 2018, he had submitted a certificate for training from ABMDI. The certificate was missing hours. He was submitting hours (24.5). He continued to send and continued to hear it was not received. All hours match up.

For 2019 Shannon has attended Darren Dake's course and submitted documentation. Has submitted letter for extension for 2020. Mr. Keller—transcript should suffice.

This is the best we are going to get. A lot of Coroners have used Darren Dake's course.

Ms. Spettigue - Do we want to accept transcripts, or do we need a certificate. (setting a precedents) Can Shannon use his online course taken in 2020 to satisfy 2019 hours.

Mr. Graf is recommending approval of 2018 and 2019. Using 2020 hours for 2019, and recommends that we accept Shannon's request for an extension for 2020, provided he becomes compliant for 2020 hours by April 1, 2021.

Commissioner Thomas motions to accept the ABMDI training for 2018 and the 2019 hours from Darren Dake for Lake County Commissioner Shannon Kent and his letter of extension for 2020. Dr. Kelly second. Motion accepted unanimously.

We need to send a letter to his commissioners to reinstate his pay.

Ms. Spettigue and Jen Vien will work on this. Now that he is in compliance - with an extension. How long should we allow the extension. Mr. Graf - he needs to have his 2020 CE's submitted by the April 2021 meeting. Encourage/require him to work at being in compliance for 2021.

We have received nothing from Dr. Dennis Jelden as far as compliance for 2018 and 2019. Even though we have gone as far as possible, we need to keep this name in front of the Board and discuss at each meeting.

2020 CE Submissions (Graf)

Lear - Arapahoe
Hall - Boulder
Caruso - DenverHankins - Dolores
Valdez - Huerfano
Smith - La Plata County
Lorensen - Lincoln County
Heer - Morgan County
Fowler - Otero County
Bishop - Archuleta
Kelly - El Paso
Brown - Kiowa
Adelman - Mineral
Hollenbeck - Ouray
Smith - Rio Blanco
Sante - San Miguel
Larson - Alamosa
Gorton - Kit Carson
Tennant - Logan
Graeff - Elbert
Kern - Cheyenne
Cooper - Sedgwick
Glassmire - Garfield
Jill Romann - needs further discussion

At this time, Mr. Graf is recommending approval for all of the individuals listed, with the exception of Jill Romann. Motion to approve CE's for all of the individuals listed, excluding Jill Romann - motion by Sheriff Schroetlin, second by Commissioner Thomas. Motion was accepted unanimously.

Discussion about Jill Romann - Douglas County (Texas POST)

Mr. Graf received certificates for Jill Romann's 2020 hours. Two of them are fine, but there is one from Texas Forensic Science Academy that is in question. This one is approved by AMBDI for POST Certification in Texas. Coroners have been notified that if they wish to attend a class that is not on our approved list, they are to get preapproval. Coroner Romann has submitted 26.4 hours, and the class in question is for 16 of those hours. Said class is for Fingerprint Analysis/Foundations of Fingerprint Comparison. Mr. Graf is bringing this to the Board because it is out of our parameters. Normally this class would not be accepted, but with this being a "weird" year, he wants to put this before the Board.

Mr. Keller - Dr. Caruso has assisted in the past, when decision about accepting courses was in play. Suggests that Mr. Graf seek his advice. Mr. Graf - wants to follow the rules about requiring approval before attending a class that is not on our list. He has no problem approving the 10 hours submitted, but would like counsel/approval from Dr. Caruso. Mr. Graf does not recommend approving this class, but will research and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Graf recommends at this time to approve 10 hours, and table the remainder while he researches.

Commissioner Thomas recommends we follow the standards that have been set.

Mr. Keller - If Jill Romann does not agree with decision, she can submit a request for further review. At this time, the CCSTBoard will follow recommendation of Compliance Officer Jeff Graf.

Commissioner Thomas motions to approve 10 hours of CE for Coroner Romann, second by Sheriff Schroetlin. Motion approved unanimously.

Letters of Extension for CE (Graf)

Kent, Lake County

Mr. Graf discussed this earlier.

Upcoming CCA Training (Keller)

June 9-11, 2021 - Hotel Elegante' in Colorado Springs

October 6-8, 2021 - DoubleTree in Grand Junction

Next Meeting: April 15, 2021 9:30 a.m.

ZOOM platform

Adjourn: 1007 a.m.