

Colorado Coroners and Members,

I hope this email finds you well. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, and the concern for the health and safety of our members, the Colorado Coroners Association (CCA) Board has decided to cancel the 2020 October Conference in Colorado Springs. The Education Committee and the CCA Board are taking a very close look at the June 2021 Conference and preparing for an in-person conference and/or online education if applicable. With this decision of cancellation, the CCA Board approached the Colorado Coroners Standards and Training (CCST) Board for some guidance for Colorado Coroners to comply with their continuing education statute requirements. Through conversation with CCST and the Attorney General's Office, the recommendation for continuing education credits compliance will be reviewed as follows.

Due to the ongoing cancellation of annual training conferences relied upon by Colorado Coroners for continuing education credits due to the COVID-19 pandemic - most notably the cancellation of the Colorado Coroners Association's annual June and October training conferences - the CCSTB is providing the following guidance to address continuing education compliance for Colorado Coroners in the year 2020:

**(1) CORONERS SHOULD SEEK ALTERNATIVE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

The CCSTB strongly encourages all Coroners to seek any available alternative training opportunities to meet the 20 continuing education credit requirement for 2020, including approved online trainings.

CCSTB-approved training can be found on the [CCSTB webpage](#). (Click on the link to go to the page)

To submit a request to approve a training opportunity to the CCSTB, please email **CCSTBoard@gmail.com**.

**Please Note:** The El Paso County Coroner's Office has offered to provide training opportunities to Coroners seeking credit hours for 2020. Other counties are also encouraged to collaborate. Please reach out to **CCSTBoard@gmail.com** for more information.

**(2) IF A CORONER CANNOT MEET THE 20 CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENT, THE CORONER SHOULD SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQUEST TO CCSTB FOR CONSIDERATION**

If a Coroner has expended all reasonable efforts to seek available alternatives to meet the continuing education requirements for 2020, but was unable to complete the credits as required, the Coroner must submit a written request to the CCSTB.

A Coroner may choose to submit EITHER a:

- (A) Request for Extension of Time: Coroners may submit a request for an extension of time to complete the in-service training requirements for 2020. To be considered for such an extension, a Coroner must provide: (i) an explanation of why the Coroner was unable to obtain the required training hours for 2020, and (ii) an extended timeline within which the Coroner believes he or she will complete the required credit hours for 2020; or
- (B) Request for a Waiver: Alternatively, Coroners may submit a request for a waiver of the in-service training requirements for 2020. To be considered for such a waiver, a Coroner must provide: (i) an explanation of why they were unable to obtain the required training hours for 2020, and (ii) evidence that a combination of the Coroner's education, experience, and training should satisfy the in-service training requirement for 2020.

**Please Note:** If a Coroner acquired more than 20 in-service training hours in 2019, the surplus credits may be submitted to CCSTB, by proof of a certificate, as evidence that the Coroner's education, experience, and training should satisfy the annual in-service training requirement for 2020.

The CCSTB will review submissions on a case-by-case basis and determine whether to approve an extension or a waiver, per statute.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Coroners are encouraged to reach out to the CCSTB via email at [CCSTBoard@gmail.com](mailto:CCSTBoard@gmail.com) with any questions or to seek approval of training providers.

***All continuing education credits, practical training, and written requests will be reviewed by the Compliance Officer of the Colorado Coroner's Standards and Training Board.***

Sincerely,

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