

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION  
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**July 24, 2012**

The Honorable,  
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Beavers, Butler, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioners Collins (1)

Also Present: Dr. Stephen J. Cina, M.D., FCAP; Robin Kelly – Chief Administrative Officer; Maureen O'Donnell – Chief, Bureau of Human Resources; Timothy Evans – Chief Judge; Patrick Driscoll, Jr. – Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at the hour of 12:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Committee has considered the following items and, upon adoption of this report, the recommendations are as follows:

319026 CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER (APPOINTMENT). Transmitting a Communication, dated July 6, 2012 from Toni Preckwinkle, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Pursuant to the authority granted by Cook County Code, I hereby appoint Dr. Stephen J. Cina, M.D., FCAP as the Chief Medical Examiner to replace Dr. Nancy Jones.

Dr. Cina is a board-certified anatomic and forensic pathologist with twenty years of forensic autopsy experience. He is currently the Associate Medical Director of the University of Miami Tissue Bank and has served in consulting, deputy and chief medical examiner positions throughout his career, including a position as a Regional Medical Examiner in the United States Air Force. Dr. Cina has served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Medical Examiners and as President of the Florida Association of Medical Examiners. Dr. Cina holds a Bachelor of Arts from Johns Hopkins University, an M. D. from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and has authored over 100 scientific publications. Dr. Cina's extensive experience in the field of forensic pathology and management experience will be an asset to Cook County and the Office of the Cook County Medical Examiner.

Dr. Cina's term as Chief Medical Examiner would not commence until after Dr. Jones' retirement and confirmation of his appointment by the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

I submit this appointment for your advice and consent.

**\*Referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee on July 10, 2012.**

Chairman Suffredin requested that the resume of Stephen J. Cina, M.D., FCAP be entered into the record.

Chairman Suffredin requested that the following letters of recommendation on Dr. Cina's behalf be entered into the record:

1. Patricia L. Darrigan – Director, Donor Programs, University of Miami Tissue Bank
2. Michael Graham, M.D. – Professor of Pathology, Saint Louis University and Chief Medical Examiner, City of St. Louis, Missouri
3. Darin Trelka, M.D., Ph.D – Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, Broward County, Florida, Office of the Medical Examiner and Trauma Services
4. Craig T. Mallak, M.D., J.D.
5. Bruce A. Hyma, M.D. – Director and Chief Medical Examiner, Miami-Dade County (District 11) and Chairman – Medical Examiners Commission
6. David R. Fowler, M.D. – Chief Medical Examiner, State of Maryland, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
7. Dallas County, Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences
8. James Feig. Lt Col, USAF, MC, Department of the Air Force
9. Sheriff John Cooke, Weld County Sheriff's Office
10. Brian T. Cavanagh
11. Aida Shafer – President, Coral Gables High School PTSA
12. Edmund R. Donoghue, M.D.
13. Roy J. Dames – Former CEO, Cook County Medical Examiner's Office, Retired
14. Enrique Beckmann, M.D., Ph.D – Chief Executive Officer, MetroSouth Medical Center
15. Stephen G. Ruby, M.D., MBA – President and Robert P. DeCresce, M.D., MBA – Senior Director, Illinois Society of Pathologists

16. Isaac McCoy – Vice President of Operations and Public Affairs, Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action, Inc.

17. Susan J. Dyer, LFD, LE, Dyer PrepCare PC

Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code, Sec. 1-5-4-30.

1. Dr. Ram Raju – Chief Executive Officer, Cook County Health and Hospitals System
2. Sandra Martell – Interim Director, Cook County Department of Public Health
3. Patrick Reardon – First Assistant Public Defender, Cook County Public Defender's Office
4. Susan J. Dyer – Funeral Director, Medical Examiner's Advisory Board
5. Jack Lynch – Director of Community Affairs, Gift of Hope
6. Paul Dudek – Executive Vice President, Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois
7. Clark Melverlene – Consultant/Concerned Citizen
8. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen

**Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, moved to Approve Communication No. 315458. Commissioner Suffredin called for a Roll Call Vote on the Motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Roll Call on Motion to Approve Communication No. 319026**

**Yeas: Chairman Suffredin, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (13)**

**Nays: Vice Chairman Fritchey (1)**

**Present: Commissioner Beavers (1)**

**Absent: Commissioners Collins and Reyes (2)**

**The motion carried, and Communication No. 319026 was recommended for Approval.**

318517 JUVENILE TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER ADVISORY BOARD (PROPOSED ORDINANCE). Submitting a Proposed Ordinance sponsored by Toni Perckwinkle, President, Bridget Gainer, Earlean Collins, Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman, Joan Patricia Murphy and Deborah Sims, Cook County Commissioners.

**JUVENILE TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER ADVISORY BOARD**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 Administration, Article VI. Boards, Commissions and Committees, Division 2. Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board, Sec. 2-511 through 2-521 of the Cook County Code are hereby enacted as follows:

**ARTICLE VI. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

**DIVISION 3. JUVENILE TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER ADVISORY BOARD**

**Sec. 2-511. Short title.**

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Ordinance Establishing the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board."

**Sec. 2-512. Purpose of the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board.**

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to establish an advocacy and resource group to provide public recommendations to the Executive Director of the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center ("JTDC"), the Chief Judge, the County Board and the President on matters relating to the policies and operations of the JTDC.

**Sec. 2-513. Declaration.**

- (a) The County Board hereby establishes the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board ("Advisory Board"). The County Board hereby finds and declares that the Advisory Board shall:
- (1) Make public recommendations to the, Executive Director of the JTDC, the Chief Judge, the County Board and the President regarding administrative policies and procedures for operating the JTDC.
  - (2) Provide a public recommendation to maximize the use of existing resources at the JTDC.
  - (3) Provide recommendations regarding the educational, physical, social, and psychological needs of the population.
  - (4) Establish performance measures to track and measure the achievement of the JTDC's mission.
  - (5) Use the collective and individual talents of the members of the Advisory Board to advise the Executive Director of the JTDC, Chief Judge, the County Board and the President on all matters that relate to the effective and efficient general operations of the JTDC.
  - (6) Provide recommendations as needed to ensure the general health, mental health, educational, physical, social and psychological needs of the population at the JTDC are being recognized and addressed.

**Sec. 2-514. Definitions.**

For purposes of this article, the following words or terms shall have the meaning or construction ascribed to them in this section:

*Advisory Board* means the nine (9) member board charged with advising the Executive Director of the JTDC, the Chief Judge, the County Board and the President on all matters relating to the policies and operations of the JTDC.

*Chairperson* means the chairperson of the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board.

*County Board* means the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois.

*Member* means a member of the Advisory Board.

*Ordinance* means the Ordinance Establishing the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board Ordinance, as amended.

*President* means the President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois.

**Sec. 2-515. Establishment of the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board ("Advisory Board").**

- (a) The Advisory Board is hereby created and established. The Advisory Board shall consist of nine (9) members called "Members." The purpose of the Advisory Board is to establish an advocacy and resource group to provide public recommendations to the Executive Director of the JTDC, the Chief Judge, the County Board and the President on matters relating to the policies and operations of the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center.

**Sec. 2-516. Members of the JTDC Advisory Board.**

- (a) *General.* The appointed Members are not employees of the County and shall receive no compensation for their service, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while serving on the JTDC Advisory Board. Pursuant to the relevant legal requirements regarding juvenile records, medical records, mental health records or any other law regulating sensitive and/or personal information, Members shall keep any and all such information confidential.

- (b) *Number of Members.* There shall be nine (9) Members of the JTDC Advisory Board.

(c) *Appointment of Members.* Two of the Nine Members shall be Ex-Officio Members; one of the Ex-Officio Members shall be the Executive Director of the Cook County Justice Advisory Council and the other ex-officio Member shall be a Cook County Board Commissioner, ex-officio Members shall be direct appointments of the President. The remaining seven (7) Members shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the County Board.

(1) Ex-Officio Members. The ex-officio Members shall be voting Members of the JTDC Advisory Board. The Cook County Board Commissioner ex-officio Member shall serve as a liaison between the County Board and the JTDC Advisory Board and the Executive Director of the Cook County Justice Advisory Council ex-officio Member shall serve as a liaison between the President and the JTDC Advisory Board.

(2) The Members appointed by the President subject to the approval of the County Board shall include youth community advocates, youth development experts, educators, mental health specialists, physicians, and attorneys to ensure that the various needs of this population are recognized and served.

(3) The Cook County Justice Advisory Council shall solicit and accept written nominations of interested and qualified persons to sit on the JTDC Advisory Board within 60 days of approval and adoption of this ordinance. Within 45 days thereafter, the Chair of the Cook County Justice Advisory Council shall submit at least fourteen (14) nominations to the President in writing for consideration. Nominated candidates shall at a minimum satisfy the qualifications listed in Section 2-517. The President shall appoint seven (7) individuals from the list of nominees to serve on the JTDC Advisory Board subject to the approval of the Cook County Board. Should a nominee withdraw or should the President or County Board not accept a nomination, the President shall request the Cook County Justice Advisory Council to submit additional nominations to the President in writing for consideration.

(d) *Terms of Members.*

(1) *Ex-Officio Members.*

a. The President's Cook County Board Commissioner ex-officio Member shall serve as the President's County Board appointment for the length of the Commissioner's term. Upon an appointment or election change for the representative from the County Board, the President will provide notice to the County Board and the JTDC Advisory Board of any such change in ex-officio member appointment.

- b. Upon an appointment by the President the successor Executive Director of the Cook County Justice Advisory Council shall immediately and automatically replace the prior Member as ex-officio Member.
- (2) *The remaining Members.* The remaining seven (7) Members of the JTDC Advisory Board shall serve terms as follows:
- a. For the initial Members,
    1. Three (3) of the Members appointed by the President subject to the approval of the County Board, other than the ex-officio Members, shall serve terms that expire on June 30, 2013.
    2. Two (2) of the Members appointed by the President subject to the approval of the County Board, other than the ex-officio Members, shall serve terms that expire on June 30, 2014.
    3. Two (2) of the Members appointed by the President subject to the approval of the County Board, other than the ex-officio Members, shall serve terms that expire on June 30, 2015.
  - b. Thereafter, all Members other than the ex-officio members appointed shall serve a term of three (3) years.
    1. Each appointed Member, whether Initial or subsequent, shall hold office until a successor is appointed.
    2. Any appointed Member who is appointed to fill a vacancy, other than a vacancy caused by the expiration of the predecessor's term, shall serve until the expiration of his or her predecessor's term.
- (e) *Vacancy.* A vacancy shall occur upon the:
- (1) Expiration of Member's term,
  - (2) Resignation,
  - (3) Death,

- (4) Conviction of a felony, or
  - (5) Removal from the office of an appointed Member as set forth in paragraph (f) of this section.
- (f) *Removal of Members.* A JTDC Advisory Board Member may be removed for good cause by the President, subject to approval by the County Board. Good cause includes inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance, or any cause which renders the Member unfit for the position or unable to perform the duties of the position. The President shall provide written notice to that Member, the Executive Director of the JTDC, the Chief Judge and the County Board of the proposed removal of that Member from office; such notice shall state the specific grounds which constitute cause for removal. The Member, in receipt of such notice, may request to appear before the County Board and present reasons in support of his or her retention. Thereafter, the County Board shall vote upon whether there are sufficient grounds to remove that Member from office. The President shall notify the subject Member of the final action of the County Board.

**Sec. 2-517. Qualifications of appointed non ex-officio Members.**

- (a) The seven Members nominated by the Cook County Justice Advisory Council and appointed by the President subject to the approval of the County Board shall be comprised of persons with expertise in youth development, education, law enforcement, juvenile probation, juvenile corrections, mental health, substance abuse, including, but not limited to, physicians and attorneys.
- (b) Criteria to be considered in nominating or appointing individuals to serve as members shall include:
  - (1) Background and skills needed on the JTDC Advisory Board;
  - (2) Resident of Cook County, Illinois;
  - (3) Availability and willingness to attend a minimum of nine JTDC Advisory Board meetings annually; and
  - (4) Willingness to acquire the knowledge and skills required to advise on complex juvenile detention center issues.
- (c) Duties of individual Members include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:
  - (1) Promptly relate community input to the JTDC Advisory Board;

- (2) Learn sufficient details about JTDC management and operations in order to effectively evaluate proposed actions and reports; and
- (3) Accept and fulfill reasonable assignments from the Chairperson of the JTDC Advisory Board.

**Sec. 2-518. Chairperson/officers of the Advisory Board.**

- (a) The Members shall select the initial Chairperson of the JTDC Advisory Board from among the initial Members. The Chairperson shall serve a one-year term and, thereafter, the JTDC Advisory Board shall annually elect a chairperson from among the Members.
  - (1) The Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the JTDC Advisory Board, and is entitled to vote on all matters before the JTDC Advisory Board.
  - (2) A Member may be elected to serve successive terms as Chairperson.

**Sec. 2-519. Meetings of the JTDC Advisory Board.**

- (a) The President shall call the first meeting of the JTDC Advisory Board. Thereafter, the Members shall prescribe the times and places for their meetings and the manner in which regular and special meetings may be called.
- (b) Meetings shall be held at the call of the Chairperson, however, no less than 12 meetings shall be held annually.
- (c) A majority of the voting Members shall constitute a quorum. Recommendations of the JTDC Advisory Board shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the JTDC Advisory Board present and voting at the meeting at which the action is taken.
- (d) To the extent feasible, the JTDC Advisory Board shall provide for and encourage participation by the public in the development and review of recommendations for JTDC. The JTDC Advisory Board may hold public hearings as it deems appropriate to the performance of any of its responsibilities.
- (e) The JTDC Advisory Board shall comply in all respects with the Open Meetings Act, as now or hereafter amended, and found at 5 ILCS 120/1, et seq.

- (f) The JTDC Advisory Board shall be subject to the Local Records Act, as now or hereafter amended, and found at 50 ILCS 205/1, et seq..

**Sec. 2-520. Annual report of the JTDC Advisory Board.**

- (a) The JTDC Advisory Board shall submit to the Executive Director of the JTDC, the Chief Judge, the Board of Commissioners and the President an annual report prior to the end of the Cook County fiscal year.
- (b) Included in the report shall be any recommendations for additional legislation or other action which may be necessary to carry out the mission, purpose and intent of the JTDC.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

**\*Referred to the Committee on Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations on 6/5/12.**

**\*\*6/19/12 Deferred for 30 days.**

**Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, moved to Defer Communication No. 318517. The motion carried.**

**Commissioner Daley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.**

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION  
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER NAMED HEREIN:**

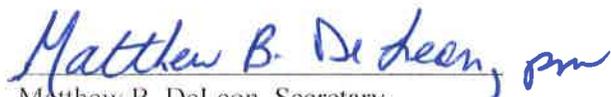
Communication Number 318517      Deferred  
Communication Number 319026      Approved

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Legislation and  
Intergovernmental Relations

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Larry Suffredin, Chairman

Attest:

  
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Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

\*A video recording of this meeting is available on the Office of the Secretary to the Board's website on the Video Page at <http://blog.cookcountyil.gov/secretarytotheboard/county-board-proceedings/county-board-video-and-audio/>.

**Stephen J. Cina, M.D., FCAP**  
**Anatomic and Forensic Pathologist**

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**EDUCATION**

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine-Doctor of Medicine, May 1992.

University College Hospital, London, England-one month of training in autopsy pathology and immunocytochemical techniques, May 1990.

The Johns Hopkins University-Bachelor of Arts, Natural Sciences Major, May 1988.

**TRAINING**

Fellow in Forensic Pathology, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, State of Maryland, July 1, 1996-June 30, 1997 (John E. Smialek, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner).

Senior Clinical Fellow in Surgical Pathology, Johns Hopkins Hospital, July 1, 1995-June 30, 1996 (Frederic B. Askin, M.D., Preceptor; Fred Sanfilippo, M.D., Ph.D., Chairman).

Resident in Anatomic Pathology, Medical University of South Carolina, July 1, 1992-June 30, 1995 (A. Julian Garvin, M.D., Ph.D., Chairman).

**MILITARY SERVICE**

Major, USAF Medical Corps, 59<sup>th</sup> Medical Wing, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Staff Pathologist and Regional Medical Examiner, August 1997-July 2001, Honorable discharge, Meritorious Service Medal.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Associate Medical Director, University of Miami Tissue Bank, May 2011-the present.

Consultant Medical Examiner, U.S. Virgin Islands, September 2010-March 2011.

Associate Medical Examiner, District 19, Florida, December 2011-the present.

Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, District 17, Broward County, FL, January 2007-May 2011.

Associate Medical Examiner (secondary), Monroe County, FL, 2009-the present.

Chair, Department of Pathology, McKee Medical Center, May 2004-August 2006.

Coroner/Medical Examiner, Weld County, CO, January 2003-December 2006.

Vice-Chair, Department of Pathology, McKee Medical Center, July 2001-May 2004.

Partner, Colorado Pathology Associates, Loveland CO, July 2001-December 2006.

Deputy Coroner/Medical Examiner, Larimer County, CO, December 2000-December 2006.

Medical Examiner, Nueces County Forensic Sciences Center, Corpus Christi, Texas  
September 1999-December 2000.

Deputy Medical Examiner, Travis County Forensic Sciences Center, Austin, Texas  
August 1998-October 1999.

Medical Examiner, Bexar County Forensic Sciences Center, San Antonio, Texas  
May 1998-December 2000.

Regional Medical Examiner, Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner, December 1997-July 2001.

Director of Autopsy Services, Wilford Hall Medical Center, August 1997-July 2001.

Staff Pathologist, Wilford Hall Medical Center, August 1997-July 2001.

Surgical Pathology faculty, the Johns Hopkins Hospital, July 1997.

Associate Pathologist, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, State of Maryland, July 1996-June 1997.

Deputy Medical Examiner, Charleston County, South Carolina, October 1992-June 1995.

#### **LICENSURE/ACCREDITATION**

Diplomate, American Board of Pathology, Anatomic and Forensic Pathology, September 1997.

Florida medical license: ME97510, Active

Colorado medical license: 38283, Active

Wyoming medical license: 6508A (voluntarily relinquished December 2006).

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Appointed to Colorado Coroners Standards and Training Board by Governor Bill Owens, February 2006-December 2006.

Letter of Commendation, Larimer County Sheriff's Office, February 2002.

Distinguished Graduate, Aerospace Medicine Primary Course, USAFSAM, May 1998.

Stowell-Orbison Award, Certificate of Merit, United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology, March 1996, for "Immunohistochemical staining for Ki-67 antigen, p53 protein, and CEA in the differential diagnosis of adenoma malignum of the cervix."

Recipient of Golden Apple Special Recognition Award (highest faculty appreciation award at Medical University of South Carolina; only resident honored) from Medical University of South Carolina's Class of 1997.

Nominated for Golden Apple (highest faculty teaching award at Medical University of South Carolina; only resident nominated) by Medical University of South Carolina's Class of 1996.

Recipient of Faculty Appreciation Award, Medical University of South Carolina (outstanding faculty teaching award voted upon by the medical students; only resident honored) from Medical University of South Carolina's Class of 1996.

Young Investigator Award, 8th Annual Meeting of the Society of Clinical Cytometrists, September 1993, for "Flow cytometric evaluation of DNA degradation: A reliable predictor of postmortem interval?"

Outstanding Officer, USAF Officer Indoctrination Course- July 1988.

U.S. Air Force Health Professions Scholarship winner (merit based).

AED Pre-Medical Honor Society, The Johns Hopkins University.

Beneficial-Hodsen Scholarship recipient (merit based), the Johns Hopkins University.

### **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS**

International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (2010-the present)

Florida Society of Pathologists (2008-the present).

Broward County Medical Association (2007-the present).

Florida Association of Forensic Professionals (2007-2010).

Florida Medical Association (2006-the present).

Florida Association of Medical Examiners (2007-the present).

National Association of Medical Examiners (1993-the present).

American Academy of Forensic Sciences (1993-the present).

College of American Pathologists (1992-the present).

Colorado Medical Association (2001-2006).

Larimer County Medical Association (2001-2006).

Colorado Society of Clinical Pathologists (2001- 2006).

International Society of Urological Pathologists (2000- the present).

Arthur Purdy Stout Society (2002- the present).

United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (1994- 2006).

American Society of Clinical Pathologists (1992-1998 and 2001-2004).

San Antonio Society of Pathologists (1997-2001).

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Vice-chair, Medical Review Board, University of Miami Tissue Bank, May 2011-the present.

External Advisor, Tissue Transplant and Procurement Committee, federal Strategic Working Group for Medicolegal Death Investigation (SWGMDI), March 2011-the present.

Editorial Board, Academic Forensic Pathology, January 2011-the present.

NAME Structure and Organization Committee, January 2010-December 2010.

Chair, Anatomic Pathology Cluster, Council on Scientific Affairs, CAP, January 2010-the present.

Council on Scientific Affairs, CAP, January 2010-the present.

NAME Ad Hoc Committee on SAM and MOC, September 2009-the present.

President, Florida Association of Medical Examiners, August 2009-June 2011.

CAP Advocacy School, Washington D.C., May 2009.

Spokesperson for Forensic Issues, College of American Pathologists, January 2009-the present.

CAP representative to CFSO Roundtable Discussions, Washington DC, March 2009-the present.

Chair, CAP Forensic Pathology Committee, January 2009-the present.

NAME Ad Hoc Committee on Organ and Tissue Retention, January 2009-December 2010.

Consultant, United States Department of Justice, Public Safety Officers Benefits Program, January 2008-the present.

Vice-chair, College of American Pathologists, Forensic Pathology Committee, January 2008-December 2008.  
CAP representative to Virtopsy Conference, Bern, Switzerland – March 2008.

Co-editor, Forensic Pathology Section, eMedicine on-line medical encyclopedia, January 2008 - the present.

Board of Directors of CEME, Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, January 2007-May 2011.

NAME Ad Hoc Committee for Membership Categories, January 2007-December 2008.

NAME Subcommittee on Forensic Pathology Fellowship Training, January 2007-May 2011.

Broward County Child Fatality Review Committee, January 2007-February 2008.

Director of AOA Fellowship Training, Broward County Medical Examiners Office, January 2007-May 2011.

Ad Hoc Committee for Evaluation and Staffing of the NAME Home Office, January 2007-December 2009.

Vice Chair, NAME Foundation Board of Trustees, October 2006-the present.

Member, NAME Foundation Board of Trustees, October 2006-the present.

Chair, CAP Foundation Nominating Committee, February 2006- December 2006.

College of American Pathologists, Forensic Pathology Committee, January 2007-the present.

College of American Pathologists, Autopsy Committee, January 2006-December 2006.

Board of Directors, CAP Foundation, April 2005- December 2006.

National Association of Medical Examiners, Standards Committee, March 2003-December 2004.

Educational Program Chair, Colorado Society of Clinical Pathologists, July 2004-July 2005.

National Association of Medical Examiners, Strategic Planning Committee, January 2004-December 2005.

National Association of Medical Examiners, Membership and Credentials Committee, August 2003-December 2004.

Surgery QI Committee, McKee Medical Center, August 2001-December 2005.

Cancer Committee, McKee Medical Center, August 2001-October 2006.

Tumor Board, McKee Medical Center, August 2001- December 2006.

Medical Executive Committee, McKee Medical Center, August 2001-September 2005.

Delegate for Colorado to CAP House of Delegates, July 2001- October 2004.

National Association of Medical Examiners, Subcommittee on NAME Best Resident

Paper, October 1996-December 2006.

National Association of Medical Examiners, Subcommittee for Forensic Pathology Training, November 1998-December 2005.

National Association of Medical Examiners, Subcommittee for NAME News, February 2001-December 2004.

Board of Directors, National Association of Medical Examiners, October 1998-December 2004.

Board of Editors, American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology, April 1998-December 2009.

College of American Pathologists, Forensic Pathology Committee, January 1998- December 2004.

Editor, NAME News, February 2001-December 2003.

Reviewer, The Forensic Panel Letter, October 2000-January 2001.

Reviewer, Practical Reviews in Forensic Medicine and Science, January 2000-December 2000.

President, San Antonio Society of Pathologists, May 1999-May 2000.

Chair, National Association of Medical Examiners Ad-Hoc Committee on Policies and Procedures Manual, March 1999-October 2000.

National Association of Medical Examiners Ad-Hoc Committee on Assistance to NAME Membership, January 1999-December 2003.

Prostate Cancer Prevention Trial (PCPT) Steering Committee, 1997-February 2000.

Paleopathology consultant with National Geographic team examining "The Peruvian Princess" (500 year old mummy), Johns Hopkins Hospital, May 1996.

Vice-Chair, College of American Pathologists Residents' Forum, April 1994-April 1995.

College of American Pathologists Residents' Forum Education Committee, October 1993-June 1996 (Chairman, April 1994-April 1995).

College of American Pathologists Ad Hoc Committee on Public Affairs, December 1994.

College of American Pathologists Residents' Forum Recruitment and Retention Committee, November 1993-October 1994.

Representative for South Carolina, College of American Pathologists Residents' Forum, September 1993-April 1994.

#### **FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

Clinical Professor, Division of Pathology, Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, July 2007-the present.

Voluntary Professor of Pathology, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, April 2010-May 2011.

Voluntary Associate Professor of Pathology, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, November 2009-April 2010.

Visiting Professor, College America, November 2004- December 2006.

Visiting Associate Clinical Professor of Pathology, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, May 2002- December 2006.

Lecturer in Pathology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, July 1996-June 1997.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITY/EDUCATION

Invited Lecturer, Westminster Christian School, Introduction to Forensic Pathology, April 2012.

Invited Lecturer, Coral Gables Senior High School, DUI Prevention class, March 2012.

Invited Lecturer, Coral Gables Senior High School Pro-Chat Program, January 2012.

Invited Lecturer, "Management of High Profile Fatalities," The Johns Hopkins University Alumni Association, September 2011.

Invited Lecturer, "The Role of the Forensic Pathologist in the Criminal Justice System", Criminal Justice class, Broward Community College with Judge Joel Lazarus, May and September 2011.

Invited Lecturer, "The Party's Over", DUI Prevention class, Coral Gables High School, March 2011.

DUI lectures, Broward County Youth Offenders program, March 2008-February 2011.

Invited Lecturer, "Forensic case studies", Criminal Justice class, Broward Community College, February 2011.

Invited Lecturer, "Forensic Pathology for Attorneys", Office of Regional Counsel, Fort Lauderdale, January 2011.

Invited Lecturer, "Homicide or not?" Criminal Justice class, Broward Community College, September 2010.

Invited Lecturer, "Deathstyles of the Rich and Famous," Broward General emergency Medicine, Department Grand Rounds, June 2010.

Invited Lecturer, Coral Gables Senior High School, DUI/Prom Prevention Program, March 2010.

Invited Lecturer, "Introduction to Forensic Pathology," 2009 Summer Health Careers Camp, Nova Southeastern University, June 2009.

Invited Lecturer, "Introduction to Forensic Pathology," Broward County Public Defenders, Office, June 2009.

Invited Lecturer, "The Myths of CSI," Newcomer's Club, Plantation FL, April 2009.

Invited Lecturer, "Introduction to Forensic Sciences," Northeastern High School, April 2009.

Invited Lecturer, "The Myths of CSI," The Johns Hopkins University Alumni Association, November 2008.

Invited Lecturer, "Blunt and Sharp Force Injuries," North Broward Medical Center, July 2008.

Invited Lecturer, "Tales from the Crypt," Broward General Medical Center, May 2008.

Invited Lecturer, "The Horrors of CSI," Memorial Regional Medical Center, May 2008.

Invited Lecturer, University School DUI/Prom Prevention Program, April 2008.

Invited Lecturer, Trauma Grand Rounds, Broward General Medical Center, April 2008.

Invited Lecturer, Emergency Department Grand Rounds, Broward General Medical Center, November 2007.

Invited Lecturer, Trauma Grand Rounds, Hollywood Memorial Hospital, September 2007.

Annual "First there-First Care" Conference, May 2007, "10 Ways not to Upset the Medical Examiner."

Archbishop McCarthy High School, April 2007, Prom Promise" Alcohol Awareness lecture.

Cancer Survivor group, McKee Medical Center, September 2006, "The Pathologist and Cancer."

University of Northern Colorado, Basic Forensic Pathology for Law Enforcement and Death Investigators course, August 2006, "Sharp vs. Blunt Force Injuries."

PARTY Program for high school students, McKee Medical Center, October 2001-May 2006.

Estes Park Medical Center, May 2006, "Cooperation with the Coroner's Office."

McKee Medical Center, "Man-to-Man" Prostate Cancer Support group, May 2006, "Prostate Cancer."

Banner NCMC Monthly Trauma Services meeting, November 2005, "Differential Diagnosis in Forensic Medicine-Part I (Cases 1-3)."

Banner Regional Laboratory Directors meeting, November 2005, "The Lincoln-Booth Debate."

Banner Health System Regional Emergency Department staff, February 2005, "Forensic Evidence Collection in the Emergency Department."

Thompson Valley EMS, December 2004, "Preservation of Forensic Evidence."

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Banner Total Trauma Care Conference, August 2004, "Differential Diagnosis in Forensic Medicine."

McKee Medical Center, "Man-to-Man" Prostate Cancer Support group, March 2004, "Prostate Cancer."

Colorado State Patrol, Weld County, CO, December 2002, "Traffic Fatalities."

Area Defense Council Meeting, San Antonio, TX, October, 1999, "The Forensic Expert."

Roper Hospital, Charleston, SC, laboratory technicians continuing medical education conference, "Topics in Forensic Medicine", February 1994.

#### **ACADEMIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Invited Lecturer, "Deathstyles of the Rich and Famous," Georgia Health Sciences University Annual Coroners Symposium, January 2012.

Invited Lecturer, "The Myths of CSI," Georgia Health Sciences University Annual Coroners Symposium, January 2012.

Invited Lecturer, "Good Witness, Bad Witness: Pitfalls in Expert Testimony," College of American Pathologists CAP '11 annual meeting, Dallas, Texas, September 2011.

Invited Lecturer, "Management of High Profile Fatalities", ABMDI Master's Course, July 2011.

Invited Lecturer, "Forensic Histology", Florida Association of Medical Examiners annual meeting, June 2011.

Invited Lecturer, "Time of Death and Postmortem Changes", International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners annual meeting, June 2011.

Invited Lecturer, NALI annual meeting, "The Myths of CSI" and practicum, February 2011.

Invited Lecturer, "Time of Death", Colorado New Coroner Institute, December 2010.

Invited Lecturer, "Identification of Remains", Colorado New Coroner Institute, December 2010.

Invited Lecturer, "Management of High Profile Fatalities", Colorado New Coroner Institute, December 2010.

Invited Lecturer, "Deathstyles of the Rich and Famous," University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Pathology Department Grand Rounds, October 2009.

Invited Lecturer, "Guidelines to High Profile Fatality Investigation," Florida Association of Medical Examiners Annual Meeting, Sarasota, FL, August 2009.

Invited Lecturer, "Forensic Histology," New England Seminar in Forensic Sciences, Maine, August 2009.

Invited Lecturer, "The Myths of CSI," New England Seminar in Forensic Sciences, Maine, August 2009.

Invited Lecturer, "Deathstyles of the Rich and Famous," Maine Medicolegal Society Dinner, August 2009.

Invited Lecturer, "The Myths of CSI," 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Seminar, Broward County Chapter of American Association of Critical Care Nurses, April 2009.

Invited Lecturer, Death Certification and Introduction to the Forensic Autopsy, Nova Southeastern School of Osteopathic Medicine, January 2009.

Invited Lecturer, "Postmortem Changes and Time of Death," *Forensic Sciences: Then and Now Symposium*, Nova Southeastern University College of Dentistry, November 2008.

Invited Lecturer, "The Myths of CSI," *Forensic Sciences: Then and Now Symposium*, Nova Southeastern University College of Dentistry, November 2008.

Invited Lecturer, "Mock Trial," *Forensic Sciences: Then and Now Symposium*, Nova Southeastern University College of Dentistry, November 2008.

Invited Lecturer, Death Certification and Introduction to the Forensic Autopsy, Nova Southeastern School of Osteopathic Medicine, January 2008.

College of American Pathologists CAP '07 national meeting, October 2007, "Blunt and Sharp Force Injuries."

Colorado Coroner Training and Statute "New Coroner Institute", December 2006, "Time of Death and Postmortem Changes."

Colorado Coroner Training and Statute "New Coroner Institute", December 2006, "Death Certification."

College of American Pathologists CAP '06 national meeting, September 2006, "Death Certification."

College of American Pathologists CAP '06 national meeting, September 2006, "Contrasting the Hospital and Forensic Autopsy."

College of American Pathologists CAP '06 national meeting, September 2006, "Time of Death and Postmortem Changes."

Colorado Society of Histotechnologists meeting, April 2006, "Time of Death and Post-mortem Changes."

Air Force Office of Special Investigations Forensic Science Short Course, November 2005, "Contrasting Sharp and Blunt Force Injuries."

Region VII CSH and NSH Meeting, April 2005, "Contrasting Sharp and Blunt Force Injuries."

Southern Institute of Forensic Sciences conference, October 2004, "Contrasting Sharp and Blunt Force Injuries."

Colorado Coroners Association, June 2004, "Aircraft Mishaps."

University of Northern Colorado, Advanced Chemistry seminar, April 2004, "Forensic Toxicology."

Colorado State University, Pathology Seminars, February 2004, "Time of Death."

Wyoming State Coroners Association, Fremont County, WY, December 2003, "Topics in Forensic Pathology."

Colorado Coroners Association, Golden, CO, June 2002, "Differential Diagnosis in Forensic Pathology."

United States and Canadian Academy of Pathologists Short Course, Chicago, February 2002, "Differential Diagnosis in Forensic Pathology."

Physical Anthropology Course, University of Wyoming, November 2001, "An Introduction to Forensic Pathology."

Forensic Dentistry Course, Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio, TX, June 2000, "An Introduction to the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System" and "Identification of Human Remains."

Visiting Professor, Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, IN, April 2000, "Current topics in Forensic and Genitourinary Pathology."

College of American Pathologists Spring meeting, Boston, MA, April 2000, "Adjuncts to the Medical Autopsy."

College of American Pathologists Fall meeting, New Orleans, LA, September 1999, "The Borderline Lesions of Medicolegal Diagnostics."

College of American Pathologists Fall meeting, New Orleans, LA, September 1999, "Investigation of Sports-Related Deaths."

Forensic Dentistry Course, Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio, TX, June 1999, "Differential Diagnosis in Forensic Pathology."

Critical Issues in Surgical Pathology, Johns Hopkins Seminar, Baltimore, MD, May 1999, "Forensic Pathology for the Private Practice Pathologist."

OSI Forensic Science Workshop, San Antonio, TX, October 1998, "Drug Related Deaths" and "Time of Death/Postmortem Changes."

Southwest Oncology Group, Prostate Cancer Prevention Trial Clinical Investigators Seminar, San Antonio, TX, October 1998, "Morphology of Adenocarcinoma of the Prostate."

College of American Pathologists Fall meeting, Washington, D.C., October 1998, "The Great Lincoln-Booth Debate."

Forensic Dentistry Workshop, Lackland AFB, June 1998, "Introduction to Forensic Pathology."

Moderator, American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting, San Francisco, CA, February 1998.

San Antonio Society of Pathologists, February 1998, "Forensic Pathology: A Shrinking Specialty."

OSI Forensic Science Workshop, San Antonio, TX, October 1997, "Drug Related Deaths" and "Time of Death/Postmortem Changes."

Moderator, National Association of Medical Examiners meeting, Baltimore, MD, September 1997.

Grand Rounds, Department of Emergency Medicine, the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, March 1997, "Gunshot Wounds."

Maryland Transplant Resource Center, Baltimore, January 1997, "Drug Related Deaths."

University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center, Baltimore, December 1996, "Gunshot Wounds."

South Carolina Society of Laboratory Technicians, Myrtle Beach, SC, September 1994, "Fifty Reasons to do an Autopsy."

1994 M.U.S.C. Forensic Pathology Seminar, Charleston, SC -"Cutting and Stabbing Injuries."

"Medical Jurisprudence" course, University of South Carolina School of Law, "Topics in Forensic Medicine", October 1993-November 1994.

### TEACHING

Topics in Forensic Pathology, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Pathology Residency Program, April 2011-the present.

"Death certification", Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine 2<sup>nd</sup> year Class, Pathology course, January 2008-January 2012.

Morgue practicum, Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine 2<sup>nd</sup> year Class, Pathology course, January 2008-April 2011.

Autopsy hands-on demonstrations, various groups visiting BMEO, January 2007-April 2011.

Broward County Medical Examiner Forensic lecture series, March 2007-May 2011.

Pathology Seminar leader, medical school pathology course, UCHSC, May 2002-May 2006.

Genitourinary conference, monthly, Wilford Hall Medical Center, July 1998-May 2001.

"Morgue Rounds", bimonthly conference, Wilford Hall Medical Center, September 1997-May 2001.

"Topics in Forensic Pathology", 5:15 lecture series, Department of Pathology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, monthly from September 1995-July 1997.

Instructor in General Pathology Course, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, September 1995.

Annual lectures on "Cutting and Stabbing Injuries" and "Identification of Human Remains" Forensic Pathology elective, M.U.S.C. School of Medicine, 1993-1994.

Pathology laboratory instructor and seminar leader, MUSC School of Medicine, 1992-1995.

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Postmortem histology, time of death and postmortem changes, epidemiology, death certification.

### GRANTS AWARDED

USDOJ, 2010 NFSIA Coverdell grant, \$5500, April 2010.

USDOJ, 2009 NFSIA Coverdell grant, \$4234, November 2009.

USDOJ, 2009 NFSIA Coverdell grant, Digital Radiology Project, \$124,500, October 2009.

#### PAPERS/POSTERS PRESENTED

National Association of Medical Examiners meeting, Alaska, August 2011-"Controversies in Forensic Pathology."

National Association of Medical Examiners meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2009-"Morselization by woodchipper."

National Association of Medical Examiners meeting, Louisville, KY, September 2008-"The accuracy of death certificate completion in a suburban community"-a poster with R Cambridge.

National Association of Medical Examiners meeting, Louisville, KY, September 2008-"Algor mortis: An erroneous measurement following postmortem refrigeration"-a paper with K Wardak.

National Association of Medical Examiners meeting, Louisville, KY, September 2008-"Errors on death certificates requiring amendments: The Broward County Experience"-a paper with D Fischtein.

National Association of Medical Examiners meeting, Louisville, KY, September 2008-"Drug toxicity and urinary bladder retention"-a paper with D White.

National Association of Medical Examiners meeting, Savannah, GA, October 2007-"Health in the Workplace: Survey and Summary"-a paper with R Hanzlick.

National Association of Medical Examiners meeting, Savannah, GA, October 2007-"Is Lymphocytic Thyroiditis Associated with Suicide"- a poster.

United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology meeting, Atlanta GA, March 2001-"Revisiting the Utility and Usefulness of Dual Staining"-a poster with C Bee.

American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Seattle, WA, February 2001-"Evaluating the Utility of the Triage® Drugs of Abuse Panel in the Autopsy Suite: A Pilot Study"-a poster with B Levy.

College of American Pathologists, San Diego, CA, October 2000-"Natural Deaths in Children"- moderator.

National Association of Medical Examiners, Indianapolis, IN, September 2000-"Stereolithography: A Potential Tool for the Forensic Pathologist"-a poster.

United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2000-"Correlation of Cystoscopic Impression with the Histologic Diagnosis of Urothelial Biopsies"-a paper.

United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2000-"Evaluating p53 and Ki-67 Expression in Urothelial Biopsies Graded Using the Revised WHO Classification"-a poster.

National Association of Medical Examiners, Minneapolis, MN, October 1999-"A Study of Various Morphologic Variables and Troponin I in Pericardial Fluid as Possible Discriminators of Sudden Cardiac Death"- a paper.

National Association of Medical Examiners, Minneapolis, MN, October 1999-"Multifactorial Analysis of Firearm Wounds to the Head with Attention to Anatomic Location"-a paper.

American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Orlando, FL, February 1999-"Identification of Female Cells in Post-coital Penile Swabs using FISH and PCR: Application in Sexual Assault"-a paper.

Texas Society of Pathologists, Dallas, TX, January 1999-"The Role of *Clostridium septicum* in Paraneoplastic Sepsis"-a poster with J Pelletier.

Texas Society of Pathologists, Dallas, TX, January 1999-"Postmortem Coronary Angiography"-a poster with M Smith.

United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 1999-"Concentrations of Cardiac Troponin I in Postmortem Body Fluids: A Laboratory Marker for Sudden Cardiac Death?"-a poster with D Brown.

United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 1999-"Pathology residents using a Web-based tutorial to improve Gleason grading of prostate carcinoma in needle biopsies"-a paper with JD Kronz.

National Association of Medical Examiners, Albuquerque, NM, November 1998-"Invasive group A streptococcus infection: A reemerging infectious threat"-a poster with Olivere J and Meier P.

National Association of Medical Examiners, Albuquerque, NM, November 1998-"Postmortem serum concentrations of cTnI: a laboratory marker for sudden death"-a paper with Brown DK.

United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology meeting, Orlando, FL, March 1997-"Adenocarcinoma of the prostate with atrophic features"-a poster.

American Academy of Forensic Sciences, New York, NY, February 1997- "Prospects for the utility and usefulness of percutaneous core biopsy of the liver in the investigation of alcohol-related deaths"-a poster.

National Association of Medical Examiners meeting, Traverse City, MI, September 1996- "Prospects for the utilization of postmortem cytology"-a paper.

United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology meeting, Washington DC, March 1996-"Immunohistochemical staining for p53 protein, Ki-67 antigen and CEA in the differential diagnosis of adenoma malignum of the cervix "-presented at the Stowell-Orbison poster session.

National Association of Medical Examiners meeting, San Diego, CA, October 1995-"Primary cardiac tumors causing sudden death"-a paper.

National Association of Medical Examiners meeting, San Diego, CA, October 1995-"Death by self-flagylation"-a paper.

American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting, Seattle, WA, February 1995-"Flow cytometry: A new tool for the forensic pathologist"-a paper (presented by Paul L. Gelven, M.D., Stephen J. Cina, M.D. author).

Ninth Annual Meeting of Clinical Cytometrists, Charleston, SC, September 1994-"Dusting for DNA fingerprints: Flow cytometric screening for HMW-DNA"-a poster.

National Association of Medical Examiners meeting, Charleston, SC, September 1994-"A history of homicide in Charleston"-a paper.

American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting, San Antonio, TX, February 1994-"Train-pedestrian accidents: The Charleston experience"-a paper.

College of American Pathologists meeting, Orlando, FL, October 1993-"The diagnosis is clear: Accentuation of nuclear detail and delineation of mitotic figures using DAPI"-a poster.

National Association of Medical Examiners meeting, Fort Worth, TX, September 1993-"Fatal ingestion of hydrogen peroxide"-a paper.

Eighth Annual meeting of the Society of Clinical Cytometrists, Charleston, SC, September 1993-"Flow cytometric evaluation of DNA degradation: A reliable predictor of postmortem interval?"-a poster.

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July 17, 2012

Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
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Re: Dr. Stephen Cina Recommendation

Dear Honorable Toni Preckwinkle:

I am happy to provide the information requested by your office regarding Dr. Stephen Cina, with the understanding that this information will be kept confidential and only shared with Cook County Board Committee Members and not shared with the media especially as it relates to the use of my name.

In my role at the University of Miami Tissue Bank (UMTB), I reported directly to Dr. Stephen Cina, Associate Medical Director and Chief Administrative Officer, during his tenure with the company as the Director of Donor Programs. Typically, in the tissue banking industry, there is a huge learning curve however Dr. Cina grasped the tissue banking industry processes, standards and regulations very quickly which allowed for him to significantly contribute to the success of the organization almost immediately. His leadership style is conducive to developing high performing teams and promoting camaraderie between departments. He is fair, communicative, consistent, firm and personable. Although he held a C-level position, Dr. Cina actively participated in day-to-day operational tasks to facilitate and accelerate initiatives that were either cost-saving and/or improve efficiencies.

UMTB's fiscal year begins June 1<sup>st</sup> and ends May 31<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Cina joined UMTB at the end of FY11. In FY11, UMTB had 325 donors from our local donor service area (DSA) and 171 outside DSA for a total of 496 donors. In comparison, FY12, UMTB had 407 donors from the local DSA and 389 outside DSA for a total of 796 donors overall for the year. This equates to 25% increase in donors in the local DSA and 127% increase in donors outside DSA with an overall increase of 61% increase in donors over FY11. This is a direct result of Dr. Cina's leadership.

In closing, there is a saying; one man's loss is another's gain. Although I am happy that Dr. Cina has a wonderful opportunity to join your team as the Chief Medical Examiner Cook County, it is with sadness to see him go. Dr. Cina, and his proven successful track record, will contribute significantly to providing excellent leadership to your team.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia L. Darrigan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the last name.

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Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
President, Cook County Board

Re: Stephen Cina, M.D.

It is my pleasure to recommend without reservation that Dr. Cina be confirmed as the Chief Medical Examiner of Cook County.

Since meeting Dr. Cina nearly 15 years ago, I have had the good fortune to get to know him personally as well as professionally. I have had the opportunity to observe his work in various national organizations and have discussed many individual cases and forensic issues with him. We have served together on various committees in national professional organizations and I am currently the vice-chair of the Forensic Resource Committee of the College of American Pathologists, a committee that Dr. Cina chairs.

Dr. Cina is a very talented forensic pathologist well-versed in both the art and science of forensic pathology. He also has the personality, knowledge and experience to oversee the medicolegal office of a large metropolitan area. He adheres to high professional and ethical standards. He gets along well with others, both peers and subordinates. He is well-known and respected within the forensic pathology community and is very active in a variety of national professional organizations. He has good insight into issues and consistently uses good judgement.

The citizens of Cook County will be well-served having Dr. Cina as their Chief Medical Examiner. I look forward to welcoming Steve to the Midwest forensic pathology contingent and continuing to work with him both on national and regional issues.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter with me.

Sincerely

  
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Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
President, Cook County Board

July 19, 2012

This is a letter in support of Dr. Stephen Cina. I have known Dr. Cina since August 2009 when I began working under him as an associate medical examiner at the Broward County Medical Examiner's Office. Dr. Cina was always professional, is a very accomplished and well-published forensic pathologist and has become one of the leaders in our field.

Not only is he a great pathologist, but also he has a unique business sense borne out of experience with his own private practice in Colorado which will serve him well in the administrative side of being a chief medical examiner.

In closing, Dr. Cina was a great boss, role model and colleague, and I miss working with him. It is my opinion that he will be a tremendous asset to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office and will work diligently to meet the needs of the people and jurisdictions of Cook County.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time at the number below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darin Trelka". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

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**TO: The Honorable Toni Preckwinkle, President , Cook County Board**  
**FROM: Craig T. Mallak, M.D., J.D.**  
**DATE: 18 JUL 2012**

**RE: Letter of Recommendation ICO, Stephen J. Cina, M.D.**

Dear President Preckwinkle:

I am writing in support of Dr. Stephen Cina to become the next Cook County Medical Examiner. This letter is written in my personal capacity and the opinions contained within are solely those of the writer. They do not reflect the opinion(s) of my current employer, Broward County or the State of Florida. I have recently started the process of retiring from US Naval Service and am working in Broward County, per Department of Defense regulations, during my period of terminal leave. As such, I am still technically on active duty as a commissioned officer. This letter does not reflect the opinion(s) of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System, The United States Army Medical Research and Materials Command, the United States military components, or the United States Government.

I have known Dr. Cina since 1996 when we trained together as fellows in forensic pathology in Baltimore, MD. Since that time we have stayed in contact and worked professionally on various forensically related committees and projects. We were on active duty at the same time, but never worked together in the military. We have never worked in the same medical examiner office or ever had an employee/employer relationship. Our personal /family relationships have been sporadic and usually associated with a professional function or meeting.

Dr. Cina is a top forensic and clinical pathologist. His knowledge base is wide ranging in fields of medicine beyond forensic pathology and he has applied this knowledge to expand the field of medicine through numerous research reports and studies. From what I know, he ran a very successful private medical practice in Colorado before moving to Florida.

I believe that with the appropriate support from the County, he has the skills and background to serve as a compassionate and knowledgeable Chief Medical Examiner.

If I may be of further assistance, please contact me.



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July 19, 2012

Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
 President, Cook County Board

**Re: Recommendation for Dr. Stephen Cina**

Dear President Preckwinkle:

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Dr. Stephen Cina. I have known Dr. Cina since his Anatomic Pathology residency at the Medical University of South Carolina and have observed his professional growth to become a highly respected leader in the medicolegal death investigation community. His leadership in the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) and the College of American Pathologists (CAP) is respected and admired. Most recently, I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Cina in his role as the President of the Florida Association of Medical Examiners (FAME) and as a colleague in my neighboring medical examiner district of Broward County, Florida (District 17). Dr. Cina's medical knowledge is superior and his work ethic is exemplary. His fund of knowledge, professional reputation, experience, and keen understanding of the death investigation process are critical attributes he will bring as the new Cook County Medical Examiner.

Although many of us would like to see Dr. Cina as a District Medical Examiner in the Florida system, I wish him all the best in his new position as the Chief Medical Examiner of Cook County, Illinois.

Sincerely,

**Bruce A. Hyma, M.D**  
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Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
President, Cook County Board

July 18, 2012

Dear President Preckwinkle,

I have known Dr Stephen Cina since July 1, 1996 when he joined the staff at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner as a fellow in forensic pathology. The Fellowship program is designed to take someone who is qualified as a hospital pathologist and give them the additional training and knowledge to become a forensic pathologist and medical examiner.

At that time I was an assistant medical examiner and directly supervising the fellows in training. I had daily interactions with Dr. Cina as we investigated death cases together. From the very beginning he was an exceptionally motivated, highly intelligent, well trained, and extremely pleasant individual to work with. He was well-liked by all of the professional and support staff and treated every person he came in contact with, including families, in a calm and professional manner.

He was unusual in his fellowship in that he actively sought out the more complex death investigations than most and thrived on the challenge. During his time here he far exceeded the number of death investigations that is required as part of the training to the point where he closely approached the maximum number allowed by national practice standards and we had to restrain him.

In addition he actively sought out opportunities and made himself available out of hours to do additional scene investigations. During his time at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner he had the opportunity to testify in court four times. This is no small achievement given that the lag time between the death and a case being prosecuted usually exceeds nine months.

All in all during his fellowship Dr. Cina was an absolute pleasure to have on staff. All of the staff were sorry to see him leave at the end of his year of training as he had military commitments. If it was not for those military commitments I feel confident that he would have been offered a position and joined the staff here in Baltimore.

If at any time a position opened up here in Baltimore at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and Dr. Cina was interested in it, he would be one of the top candidates without any question.

After Dr. Cina left the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner we have remained in contact and I usually have the opportunity of seeing him at professional meetings several times a year. He has done multiple presentations to the national meetings, published multiple papers and been very active on multiple committees and the board of directors of our national professional organization. He is also the representative of our professional organization to the College of American Pathologists.



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July 18, 2012

Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
President, Cook County Board

**Re: Dr. Stephen Cina recommendation**

Dear Ms. Preckwinkle,

I offer this letter in strong support of Dr. Stephen Cina for the position of Chief Medical Examiner for Cook County.

I have known Dr. Cina for over a decade. I have worked with him for several years on committee work for both the National Association of Medical Examiners and the College of American Pathologists. He has served in leadership roles in both of those organizations, and his exceptional contributions to them are widely recognized in our field.

One of Dr. Cina's particular strengths is that he is quite adept at troubleshooting systems-based problems and implementing solutions. He is not only a top-notch forensic pathologist but also a keen administrator. A perfect example of this is his work with the United States Virgin Islands. That jurisdiction was experiencing difficulties with their medical examiner system at the most basic level: the provision of services. He approached them about providing high quality forensic pathology services, worked out a service agreement, and put together a group of medical examiners (which included myself) to rotate traveling there to provide interim coverage during a time of critical need.

I also work closely with Dr. Cina in my role as Editor-In-Chief of Academic Forensic Pathology: The Official Publication of the National Association of Medical Examiners. He is a member of the Editorial Board of that journal. He has published extensively in this and other journals as well.

Dr. Cina has consistently demonstrated professionalism, integrity, and adherence to the highest ethical standards. His attention to detail, quality, and service is superb. He is deeply committed to forensic pathology and thrives on diving into challenging environments and implementing solutions. He is highly regarded within the forensic pathology community.

On a personal note, I met Dr. Cina at the very beginning of my career, and throughout that time he has mentored me and given me valuable advice. I admire and look up to him as an outstanding mentor and colleague, and he is also as a close personal friend. I give him the



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**18 July 2012**

**MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE  
PRESIDENT, COOK COUNTY BOARD**

**From: Dr. James Feig**

**Re: Reference for Dr. Stephen Cina**

**Honorable Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Board of Commissioners;**

**It is my pleasure to provide a letter of reference for Dr. Stephen Cina. I worked with him from 1997 to 2001 when I was a Pathology resident at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, TX. He was recruited to the United States Air Force as a staff pathologist and Armed Forces Medical Examiner.**

**During this time he acted as a mentor to me and other residents, cementing my own interest in Forensic Pathology. Dr. Cina displayed a unique ability to balance busy service work with teaching duties and academic endeavors (he has been a prolific author throughout his career). He is extremely intelligent, organized, and congenial. I believe he is a perfect choice for appointment as Chief Medical Examiner of Cook County and recommend him without any hesitation or reservation whatsoever. He is a consummate team leader and commands respect; qualities that will serve him well in this post.**

**In conclusion, I highly endorse the selection of Dr. Cina as Chief Medical Examiner of Cook County. I may be reached at 210-292-5522 if I can answer any further questions of the Board.**

**Sincerely,**

  
**James Feig, Lt Col, USAF, MC**  
**Chief of Anatomic Pathology and Regional Armed Forces Medical Examiner**  
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Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
President, Cook County Board

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Dr. Stephen Cina

Dear Board President Preckwinkle,

It is my privilege and honor to recommend Dr. Stephen Cina for the position of Chief Medical Examiner for Cook County Illinois. I met Dr. Cina several years ago after he was appointed Coroner for Weld County.

When I first met Dr. Cina I was a member of the Coroner Oversight Committee. In that position I was able to observe Dr. Cina's professionalism and dedication. Dr. Cina took over the Coroner's Office at a time when there was much change and confusion occurring in the Office. Due to his leadership the Coroner's Office quickly turned around and became a very competent and respected entity.

Dr. Cina is very intelligent and knowledgeable. Recently Dr. Cina was flown back to Colorado by the Coroner's Association to teach several classes to the newly elected Coroners. Several of them told me afterwards how informative and interesting Dr. Cina's classes were.

There is no doubt that Dr. Cina will represent Cook County with the highest level of ethical standards and professionalism. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Sheriff John Cooke  
Weld County Sheriff's Office

**BRIAN T. CAVANAGH**  
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July 19, 2012

**In Re Recommendation of Dr. Stephen J. Cina, M.D.**

To Whom it Might Concern:

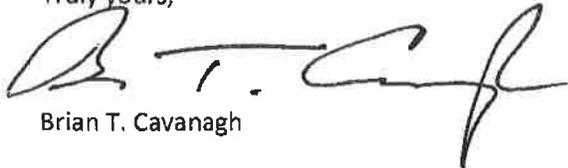
I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. Stephen J. Cina for many years in his capacity as Deputy Chief Medical Examiner for Broward County, Florida.

I have been a prosecuting attorney in the Broward County State Attorney's Office for over 34 years, specializing solely in homicide cases for the past 23 years. For the last 7 years I have been Chief of the Homicide Unit. In my capacity as a prosecutor I have had the occasion to interact with Dr. Cina on countless occasions involving innumerable homicides and suspicious deaths. Dr. Cina's knowledge, insight and professionalism as a forensic pathologist have always been at an outstanding level. Moreover, Dr. Cina has continually conducted himself with a spirit of cooperation and what has been noted to comprise an abiding view toward what is just and right.

In my considered opinion, Dr. Cina is an exceptional doctor, an extraordinarily fine witness and a consummate gentleman. His conduct on and off the witness stand has always been exemplary and of the highest order. Dr. Cina's superb diligence and equanimity of temperament are tremendous assets as well as testaments to his character. He was a credit to his office and to this County during all his years in which he served our community so well.

I would strongly and wholeheartedly recommend Dr. Cina for the position of Medical Examiner for Cook County.

Truly yours,



Brian T. Cavanagh

## **Coral Gables High School PTSA**

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**Mr. Adolfo Costa, Principal  
Ms. Aida Shafer, PTSA President**



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Dear Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
President, Cook County Board

It is our honor to write a letter of recommendation for Dr. Stephen Cina for the position of Chief Medical Examiner of Cook County. The Coral Gables Senior High School PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association) has been extremely fortunate that Dr. Cina volunteered to head a panel presentation for drivers and passengers regarding the dangers and consequences of driving or riding with someone under the influence or distracted. Dr. Cina combined his extensive experience and knowledge with his ability to reach high school students on these critical subjects.

Dr. Cina informed the attendees of the dangers, potential physical and emotional injury, or even fatal consequences of driving under the influence of illegal drugs, over the counter drugs, and/or alcohol. He also shared with us the possible consequences of driving while distracted (texting, phone calls, music, etc.). He helped the audience realize the critical importance for drivers and passengers to use sound judgment in their decisions about driving, and about with whom they get into a car.

Along with Dr. Cina, our aim was to give students a better shot at a good and long life. We felt that if we achieved our goal of raising awareness and keeping even one teen from being hurt or hurting someone else, it would be more than worth it. Dr. Cina certainly exceeded that goal.

Dr. Cina has graciously presented this powerful, informative and effective program for at least 3 years. Generally, very few students attend our PTSA meetings, however, they came for Dr. Cina's program. The first presentation was so impressive that the school administration asked Dr. Cina to present a second session during school hours for all seniors before they attended the prom. Students and parents approached Dr. Cina after the presentation to request further information. We received wonderful feedback from many attendees thanking us for the program and informing us about the impact it had made on them.

It may seem unusual to include this point in his recommendation, however we would like to add that Dr. Cina is extremely approachable and personable, with a ready smile and delightful sense of humor.

We wish Dr. Cina much happiness and reward in his new endeavors.

Sincerely,

Aida Shafer, PTSA President and  
Gail Poe-Liu, Immediate Past President, Current Vice President - Administration

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Re: Stephen J. Cina, M.D., Recommendation

Dear President Preckwinkle:

This letter is submitted in strong support of the appointment of Stephen J. Cina, M.D., as chief medical examiner of Cook County. I have known Dr. Cina for 16 years; my contacts with him have been primarily through forensic science professional organizations and educational meetings. Dr. Cina is an outstanding forensic pathologist of national repute and is held in high regard by his colleagues.

Dr. Cina received his undergraduate education at Johns Hopkins University and earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from Vanderbilt University. He has had outstanding training in anatomic and surgical pathology at the Medical University of South Carolina and Johns Hopkins Hospital. He received his training in forensic pathology at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of Maryland in Baltimore, a system that is very similar to Cook County in size and complexity.

Dr. Cina is certified by the American Board of Pathology in anatomic and forensic pathology. He is licensed to practice medicine in Florida and Colorado. He has held clinical or voluntary faculty appointments at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Cina has extensive experience working in coroner and medical examiner offices in Colorado and Florida.

Dr. Cina is a charismatic speaker and lecturer. He has published numerous scientific papers in the field of forensic pathology. His presentations to professional colleagues are always well received. His excellent training and teaching ability will make it possible for him to create the educational environment necessary for maintaining the residency training program in the Office of the Medical Examiner of Cook County.

Dr. Cina is an affable and diplomatic person, and is honest and straight forward in his dealings with people. He will work well with medical examiner employees and other agencies. Dr. Cina's national reputation in forensic pathology will attract other excellent forensic pathologists

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**July 19, 2012**

**Honorable Toni Preckwinkle**  
**President, Cook County Board**  
**118 N. Clark, Room 500**  
**Chicago, IL 60612**

**Dear President Preckwinkle,**

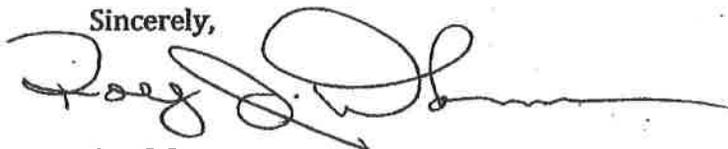
**I am pleased to recommend Dr. Stephen Cina for the position of Chief Medical Examiner of Cook County.**

**I have known Dr. Cina for over 20 years and have always found him to be the consummate professional. Dr. Cina is known to be an outstanding forensic pathologist and is held in high regard by the forensic community.**

**I feel Cook County is fortunate to have someone as qualified and capable as Dr. Cina applying for this position.**

**I am sure Dr. Cina will be a wonderful servant to the people of Cook County. If I can be of further service, please feel free to contact me.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy J. Dames", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Roy J. Dames**  
**Former CEO**  
**Cook County Medical Examiner's Office**  
**Retired**



July 20, 2012

President Toni Preckwinkle  
Cook County Bureau of Administration  
118 N. Clark Street, Room 537  
Chicago, IL 60602

RE: Stephen J. Cina, MD, FCAP

Dear President Preckwinkle:

I had the pleasure of meeting with Dr Stephen J. Cina on July 19, 2012, along with other members of the Medical Examiner's Advisory Committee.

Dr Cina made a compelling presentation. He described his career track in detail, emphasizing his excellent training, his diverse and extensive experience in the scientific aspects of pathology and forensic pathology, and also wide and pertinent experience in management at operational and executive levels.

Following his presentation, Dr Cina responded to numerous questions regarding his expectations for the committee and his plans for the Office of the Medical Examiner of Cook County. His responses were thorough and detailed. It was evident that he understood clearly the important elements of the challenges facing him as future leader of this troubled entity. He described practical interim steps to stabilize the Office and is in a very good position, if properly supported by the County, to start to right the ship. This is a multiyear project that he is eminently qualified and desirous to lead. In addition to his qualifications, he has very good personal reasons to come to Chicago, which is reassuring given that the problems facing him will require him to make a long-term commitment. I found Dr Cina to be a very good and articulate communicator, which are essential elements to the position under consideration, particularly as he must reverse the recent negative public perceptions.

The current situation of the Office of the Medical Examiner of Cook County can only be described as a crisis. The citizens of Cook County are fortunate to have a candidate of the caliber of Dr Cina to consider. In my judgment given sustained support and patience by the President and the Board of Commissioners and the right level of financial support he will lead this service back to a place where it must be given the size and importance of this Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Enrique Beckmann, MD, PhD  
Chief Executive Officer



July 20, 2012

Letitia Close  
Special Assistant, Governmental and Legislative Affairs  
Cook County Board of Commissioners  
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Dear Ms. Close,

The Illinois Society of Pathologists (ISP), the leading group for pathologists in Illinois and the Midwest, strongly endorses Dr. Steve Cina for Cook County Medical Examiner.

Dr. Cina's outstanding credentials - his medical and post-graduate education, Anatomic and Clinical Pathology experience, specific training as a forensic pathologist and prior employment as a medical examiner clearly make him an outstanding choice for this important position. His commitment to medical education and involvement in organized medicine activities will enhance the Office's reputation and facilitate recruitment of professional staff.

Please know that ISP supports Dr. Cina's appointment at the highest level. Thank you for receiving our letter of support, and we look forward to a productive relationship with the Cook County ME Office.

Sincerely,

Stephen G. Ruby, MD, MBA  
President

Robert P. DeCresce, MD, MBA  
Senior Director

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Robin Kelly  
**Chief Administrative Officer**  
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Dear Robin Kelly,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with Dr. Stephen Cina (on July 2, 2012) about the role of Chief Medical Examiner of Cook County. The conversation started with an overview of his qualifications (education, work experience, research, lectures, etc.) and then we discussed why this opportunity is a good fit for him at this stage of his career. Then we discussed obstacles with accepting this position. The obstacles included appropriate staffing levels (and quality of staff), fiscal capacity and support (from President Preckwinkle and Robin Kelly). He reiterated several times that he needs capacity and support to carry-out his vision for the department. And then concluded with how he will communicate with the general public to reassure them the Medical Examiner (ME) office is moving in the right direction.

In addressing the few questions I posed, he spoke with enthusiasm and optimism that with the appropriate resources and support he can take the department from a negative perception to a national model of excellence. His approach to educating community stakeholders (political and community leaders to the everyday citizen) on the duties, responsibilities and importance of the ME office will be a fundamental component in moving this department in the right direction.

I will support your decision to offer Dr. Stephen Cina the position of Chief Medical Officer of Cook County. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Isaac McCoy  
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Monday, July 23, 2012

President Toni Preckwinkle  
Cook County Board of Commissioners  
Office of the President  
118 N. Clark, Room 820  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear President Preckwinkle,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet Dr. Stephen J. Cina last Thursday. As a member of the Medical Examiner Advisory Board I am in support of conferring the appointment of Dr. Cina as the Chief Medical Examiner of Cook County.

Although our meeting was rather brief, my impression of him was positive, and I believe he appreciates the enormity of the task he is about to embark on. He stated that his first priority will be to reestablish the trust of the citizens of Cook County, restore dignity to the office and begin active and aggressive recruitment of qualified Forensic Pathologists. Among other ideas, Dr. Cina suggested that conducting a thorough audit of the facility will be helpful to identify deficiencies and improve efficiencies as soon as possible.

Dr. Cina assured us that he was committed to serving Cook County long-term and working closely with the Board of Commissioners, the Advisory Board and the dedicated doctors and staff of the Office of the Medical Examiner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Dyer, LFD, LE

Cc: L. Close