

Risk Review

Risk #: 2024686

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| Review Title: | Agreement with the District Six Medical Examiner for professional services related to the Medical Examiner's Office and Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory. | | |
| Granicus#: | 20-1390A | PID #: | Amount: \$6,256,350.00 |
| Point of Contact: | Daisy Rodriguez | Dept: | Human Svcs Type of Review: Service Agreement |
| Dates/Term: | 10/1/20 – 9/30/21 | History: | 18-1118A; 17-1442A; 16-1302A |
| Partners/Vendors: | Jon R Thogmartin, MD, PA – District Six Medical Examiner | | |
| If PE to PE, \$768.28? | | Name of JPA: | |
| <i>Additional Insured?</i> | | | |

| Required Coverages | Add'l Language / Exclusions | Limits | Justification |
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| WC/EL | | 500K Person 500K Disease 500K Disease limit | Examiner performing work at County facility |
| CGL | | 1M Occurrence 2M Aggregate | Examiner performing work at County facility |
| AL | | 1M Occurrence 1M Aggregate | M.E. office vehicles used for investigation and delivery |
| Professional | | 1M Occurrence 3M Aggregate | Provides professional medical examinations |
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Comments: 7/24/20 Approval and execution by the Board of County Commissioners with Jon R. Thogmartin, M.D., P.A., District Six Medical Examiner (Medical Examiner) for professional services related to the Medical Examiner's Office and Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory. The provision of forensic laboratory services and medical examiner services is an integral part of the criminal justice system. Services performed by the Medical Examiner's Office include but are not limited to autopsies, laboratory testing for analysis of evidence, and cremation services. This Agreement provides funding in the amount of \$6,256,350.00 for professional services. **Reviewed Medical Examiner Agreement and Staff Report. Attached Historical Review under 19-1321A. Assigned same limits. Risk is moderate and limits reflect this.**

Notes: This Agreement provides funding for Medical Examiner operations and Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory services in accordance with Chapter 406, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 11G, Florida Administrative Code. The Medical Examiner will furnish all services and personnel necessary for Medical Examiner operations within Pinellas County.

The Medical Examiner's Office provides both forensic medicine services (investigation of sudden, unexpected, or suspicious death) and forensic laboratory services (chemical and drug analyses) to Pinellas County. Medical Examiner operations comprises roughly 60% of the agreement budget and Forensic Laboratory operations including Chemistry/Fire/Debris Section, the DUI Section, and the DNA Section at roughly 40% of the budget. Under Section 406.06(3) and 406.08(1), Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners is responsible for the payment of the Medical Examiner fees, salaries, and expenses. The annual workload summary for the Medical Examiner's Office reports 12,900 deaths in Pinellas County in 2019. Of those, 1,561 became Medical Examiner cases, with 957 autopsies (up 12.5% from FY18 to FY19) and 604 external examinations performed. Trends relating to substance abuse, illicit

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drugs and sexual assault kit requirements continue to drive forensic lab demand with caseload up 12% from FY18 to FY19.

Reviewer: Valerie Edmons

Date
7/24/2020

Manager: Rick Kahler

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