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AGENDA

AD HOC COMMITTEE – Regional Forensic Pathology Facility

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

Governmental Center, 400 Boardman, Traverse City

2nd floor, Committee Room

1. Call to Order (Pledge of Allegiance)
2. Approval of Minutes of 6-19-18
3. Public Comment
4. Reports from Committee Members
5. Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners
6. Public Comment:
7. Adjournment:

Ad Hoc Committee

Cheryl Gore Follette, Chair

Carol Crawford

Dan Jonkhoff

T.J. Phillips

Dr. David Martin

Minutes of Meeting of Regional Forensic Pathology Facility Ad Hoc committee
6/19/18

Meeting called to order at 5:35. Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Judge TJ Phillips, Dr. David Martin, Carol Crawford, Dan Jonkhoff,
Cheryl Gore Follette, Chair.

There was no Public Comment.

Follette reported on her trip to Big Rapids which included a tour of their forensic pathology facility. Pictures of the facility were shared with committee members. The facility was built within an existing building, which reduced their construction costs; however, the facility is not in compliance with a number of national standards, including separate viewing space, showers, loading/unloading protocols, etc. The Mecosta facility is seeking their own forensic pathologist and is soliciting "memberships" from outlying counties.

Follette also reported that following that visit she made the unilateral decision to cancel a tour of Camp Pugsley. That site is significantly larger than required, and is also in a difficult location.

Dr. Joyce DeJong presented information on the need for regional forensic facilities. Although we currently receive services from her facility in Kalamazoo, she offered to provide a licensed forensic pathologist from her practice if we are able to get a facility up and running. She is a zealous advocate for providing forensic services throughout the state, and sees Traverse City and Marquette as logical locations for facilities, with neighboring counties utilizing their services. There were extensive materials provided by the health department. A free-flowing discussion ensued.

The committee agreed to take July and August off, and to reconvene in September. In the interim, the goal is to have the health department, the treasurer, and administration take a look at a budget and potential for a local facility. The two members of the committee who are commissioners (Crawford and Follette) will try to visit neighboring counties and speak to their boards about the feasibility of utilizing our services.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35.