

**Office of the Chief Medical Examiner  
Board of Medicolegal Investigations 342**

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**Agency Mission**

The mission of the Board of Medicolegal Investigations and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is to protect public health and the safety of Oklahoma through the scientific investigations of deaths as prescribed by the statutes of the State of Oklahoma. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner operates under the direction of the Board of Medicolegal Investigations through the provisions of Title 63, O.S. 931-954 of the Oklahoma State Statues.

**Division and Program Descriptions**

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>0100001-Administration</b>         |  |
| <b>1000001-Central Office</b>         |  |
| <b>1000002-Eastern Office</b>         |  |
| <b>8800010-Information Services</b>   |  |
| <b>9000002-Tulsa Office Expansion</b> |  |

**FY'21 Budgeted Department Funding By Source**

| Dept. #      | Department Name        | Appropriations       | Federal          | Revolving           | Local <sup>1</sup> | Other <sup>2</sup> | Total                |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 0100001      | Administration         | \$ 1,286,632         | \$ 25,020        | \$ 30,950           |                    |                    | \$ 1,342,602         |
| 1000001      | Central Office         | \$ 7,030,701         | \$ 34,000        | \$ 3,389,231        |                    |                    | \$ 10,453,932        |
| 1000002      | Eastern Office-Tulsa   | \$ 3,954,370         | \$ 22,117        | \$ 1,013,300        |                    |                    | \$ 4,989,787         |
| 8800010      | Information Services   |                      |                  | \$ 1,162,045        |                    |                    | \$ 1,162,045         |
| 9000002      | Tulsa Office Expansion | \$ 5,500,000         |                  | \$ 500,000          |                    |                    | \$ 6,000,000         |
| <b>Total</b> |                        | <b>\$ 17,771,703</b> | <b>\$ 81,137</b> | <b>\$ 6,095,526</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>      | <b>\$0.00</b>      | <b>\$ 23,948,366</b> |

**FY'20 Carryover by Funding Source**

|           | Appropriations | Federal | Revolving | Local <sup>1</sup> | Other <sup>2</sup> | Total        |
|-----------|----------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Carryover | \$ 1,691,297   | \$0.00  | \$0.00    | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$ 1,691,297 |
|           | \$0            |         |           |                    |                    | \$0          |

**What changes did the agency make between FY'20 and FY'21?**

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| 1.) Are there any services no longer provided because of budget cuts?                       | No.   |
| 2.) What services are provided at a higher cost to the user?                                | None. |
| 3.) What services are still provided but with a slower response rate?                       | None. |
| 4.) Did the agency provide any pay raises that were not legislatively/statutorily required? | No.   |

**FY'22 Requested Funding By Department and Source**

| Dept. #      | Department Name        | Appropriations       | Federal          | Revolving           | Other <sup>1</sup> | Total                | % Change     |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 0100001      | Administration         | \$ 1,286,632         | \$ 25,020        | \$ 30,950           |                    | \$ 1,342,602         | 0.00%        |
| 1000001      | Central Office         | \$ 7,030,701         | \$ 34,000        | \$ 3,389,231        |                    | \$ 10,453,932        | 0.00%        |
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| <b>Total</b> |                        | <b>\$ 17,771,703</b> | <b>\$ 81,137</b> | <b>\$ 6,095,526</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>      | <b>\$ 23,948,366</b> | <b>0.00%</b> |

**FY'22 Top Five Operational Appropriation Funding Requests**

| Priority  | Request Description  | Request Amount      |
|---|--|---------------------|
| Request 1:  | Completion of Tulsa (Eastern) building construction              | \$6,500,000         |
| Request 2:  | Additional emergency hire of two Medicolegal Death Investigators | \$170,700           |
| <b>Top Five Request Subtotal:</b>                                 |  | <b>\$6,670,700</b>  |
| <b>Total Increase above FY-21 Budget (including all requests)</b> |  | <b>\$ 6,670,700</b> |
| Difference between Top Five requests and total requests:          |  | \$0                 |

**Does the agency have any costs associated with the Pathfinder retirement system and federal employees?**

Yes, employer share of contributions as mandated.

**How would the agency be affected by receiving the same appropriation for FY '22 as was received in FY '21? (Flat/ 0% change)**

The construction of the Tulsa building would not be completed or the FFE would not be completed.

**How would the agency handle a 2% appropriation reduction in FY '22?**

Reduction of patient examinations and turn around time. Creating a backlog of cases and possible physician retention issues.

**Is the agency seeking any fee increases for FY '22?**

No, we are charging the maximum statutory limit at this time

**What are the agency's top 2-3 capital or technology (one-time) requests, if applicable?**

N/A

**Federal Funds**

| CFDA         | Federal Program Name                | Agency Dept. # | FY 21 budgeted   | FY 20            | FY 19            | FY 18            | FY 17            |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 16.575       | VOCA                                |                | \$ 37,137        | \$ 22,921        | \$ 36,777        | \$ 37,215        | \$ 38,617        |
| 16.742       | Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant |                | \$ 44,000        | \$ 35,755        | \$ 7,999         | \$ 8,792         | \$ 7,579         |
| <b>Total</b> |                                     |                | <b>\$ 81,137</b> | <b>\$ 58,676</b> | <b>\$ 44,776</b> | <b>\$ 46,007</b> | <b>\$ 46,196</b> |

**Federal Government Impact**

**1.) How much federal money received by the agency is tied to a mandate by the Federal Government?**

VOCA- \$37,137 Coverdell \$44,000

**2.) Are any of those funds inadequate to pay for the federal mandate?**

No, we have to use appropriations to complete the mandate

**3.) What would the consequences be of ending all of the federal funded programs for your agency?**

Mandatory increase in appropriations to maintain required licensure of staff and testing

**4.) How will your agency be affected by federal budget cuts in the coming fiscal year?**

We'd be forced to use appropriations to maintain required licensure for laboratory accreditation requirements. Other agency services would suffer from loss of

**5.) Has the agency requested any additional federal earmarks or increases?**

We ask for increase annually. Due to competition, we usually maintain at this level. We will continue to request increases.

**FY'21 Budgeted FTE**

| Division #   | Division Name          | Supervisors | Classified | Unclassified | \$0-\$35K | \$35K-\$70K | \$70K+    |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 0100001      | Administration         | 3           |            | 19           | 6         | 10          | 3         |
| 1000001      | Central Office - OKC   | 3           |            | 57           | 11        | 31          | 12        |
| 1000002      | Eastern Office - Tulsa | 2           |            | 33           | 12        | 18          | 6         |
| 8800010      | ISD DP - Admin         | 0           |            | 0            |           |             |           |
| 9000002      | Tulsa Office Expansion | 0           |            | 0            |           |             |           |
| <b>Total</b> |                        | <b>8</b>    | <b>0</b>   | <b>109</b>   | <b>29</b> | <b>59</b>   | <b>21</b> |

**FTE History**

| Division #   | Division Name          | 2021 Budgeted | 2020         | 2019         | 2017        | 2012        |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 0100001      | Administration         | 19.0          | 19.0         | 19.0         | 19.0        | 18.0        |
| 1000001      | Central Office - OKC   | 57.0          | 57.0         | 50.0         | 48.0        | 54.0        |
| 1000002      | Eastern Office - Tulsa | 33.0          | 33.0         | 34.0         | 27.0        | 26.0        |
| 8800010      | ISD DP - Admin         |               |              |              |             |             |
| 9000002      | Tulsa Office Expansion |               |              |              |             |             |
| <b>Total</b> |                        | <b>109.0</b>  | <b>109.0</b> | <b>103.0</b> | <b>94.0</b> | <b>98.0</b> |

**Performance Measure Review**

| Program Name                      | FY 20         | FY 19  | FY 18  | FY 17  | FY 16  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>Total External Exams</b>       | <b>5,088</b>  | 4,648  | 4,632  | 4,518  | 3,968  |
| <b>Total Autopsies</b>            | <b>1,697</b>  | 1,652  | 1,765  | 2,076  | 2,278  |
| <b>Total Examinations</b>         | <b>6,725</b>  | 6,300  | 6,397  | 6,594  | 6,246  |
| <b>Autopsies per Pathologist</b>  | <b>238</b>    | 320    | 254    | 298    | 190    |
| <b>Autopsy Rate</b>               | <b>40%</b>    | 31%    | 28%    | 30%    | 36%    |
| <b>Total Other Cases</b>          | <b>25,541</b> | 23,996 | 23,570 | 22,579 | 19,187 |
| <b>Toxicology Tests Performed</b> | <b>51,232</b> | 59,407 | 55,841 | 78,651 | 53,452 |

**Revolving Funds**

|   | FY'18-20 Avg. Revs. | FY'18-20 Avg. Expends. | June '20 Bal. |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>200: Chief Medical Examiner Revolving Fund</b>   |                     |                        |               |
| Revenue sources: laboratory analysis fees; grants; document fees pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Records Act; cremation, burial at sea or other recognized means of dissolution permit fees | \$4,527,285         | \$3,717,647            | \$5,815,281   |
| Fund uses: agency operations- salaries and overhead.  |                     |                        |               |