

State of Alaska FY2021 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services State Medical Examiner Component Budget Summary

Component: State Medical Examiner

Contribution to Department's Mission

Conduct medico-legal investigations of unanticipated, sudden, and violent deaths in Alaska.

Core Services

- Enforce laws and regulations by providing accurate and legally defensible determinations of the cause of death.
- Diagnose and investigate causes of death, which may be a public safety or health hazard in the community.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2019

- Cases investigated: 1,980
- Cases where jurisdiction was assumed: 1,122
 - Cases autopsied: 573
 - Cases with inspections: 256
 - Cases with consultations: 295
 - Decedents transported to the Anchorage Medical Examiner's Office: 829
- Enhanced screening and identification of cause of death related to opioids and other substances of misuse.
- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nationally, Alaska is one of a few states that report the actual drug causing the overdose on death certificates. The State Medical Examiner mandates toxicology testing on all deaths examined at the Medical Examiner's Office, ensuring a high standard of quality to inform drug overdose surveillance and response.
- Continued coordination with the Division of Behavioral Health for toxicology testing on suicide cases to better inform future prevention efforts.
- Joint Bases Elmendorf-Richardson continues to perform histology testing at no cost to the State of Alaska. Joint Bases Elmendorf-Richardson medical staff can rotate through the Medical Examiner's Office as appropriate.

Key Component Challenges

- Homicides for FY2019 were at 73, 40 percent higher than the previous 10-year average of 49 homicides per year.
- Costs to transport cases from remote locations to Anchorage in the first quarter of FY2020 have increased by nearly 30 percent from the same time in FY2019, and delays in transport result in longer times to certify and release cases.
- The State Medical Examiner's Office recently lost the ability to have rapid carbon monoxide testing completed by the Alaska State Public Health Laboratory because the instrument that is used for that testing is obsolete and testing supplies are no longer available for that machine. The State Medical Examiner's Office is still attempting to locate a local laboratory that can meet the requirements for rapid testing. Without testing the Medical Examiner's Office may require full autopsies on decedents which otherwise may not need an autopsy. It also can put other citizens at risk as they may be occupying a building, vehicle or boat that is not safe due to carbon monoxide exposure.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2021

No significant changes in results to be delivered.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 12.65	Death Investigations & Medical Examinations
AS 18.05	Administration of Public Health and Related Laws
AS 36.30.310	Emergency Procurements
AS 44.29.020	Duties of the Department of Health & Social Services

07 AAC 05.400-.550 Filing of death certificates
07 AAC 35 Embalming & other post-mortem services
12 AAC 40 State Medical Board

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State Medical Examiner Personal Services Information				
Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor		
Full-time	19	19	Annual Salaries	1,554,922
Part-time	0	0	COLA	10,196
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	44,161
			Annual Benefits	920,082
			<i>Less 3.96% Vacancy Factor</i>	(100,261)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	19	19	Total Personal Services	2,429,100

Position Classification Summary					
Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Assistant II	1	0	0	0	1
Autopsy Technician	4	0	0	0	4
Autopsy Technician Supervisor	1	0	0	0	1
Medical Examiner/Assistant	1	0	0	0	1
Medical Examiner/Deputy	1	0	0	0	1
Medicolegal Investigator I	1	0	0	0	1
Medicolegal Investigator II	5	0	0	0	5
Medicolegal Investigator III	2	0	0	0	2
Medicolegal Investigator IV	1	0	0	0	1
Office Assistant II	1	0	0	0	1
State Medical Examiner/Chief	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	19	0	0	0	19

Component Detail All Funds
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: State Medical Examiner (293)
RDU: Public Health (502)

Non-Formula Component

	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Conference Committee	FY2020 Authorized	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor	FY2020 Management Plan vs FY2021 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	2,318.3	2,410.3	2,410.3	2,410.3	2,429.1	18.8	0.8%
72000 Travel	11.7	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	791.7	785.6	785.6	785.6	785.6	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	132.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	3,253.7	3,286.9	3,286.9	3,286.9	3,305.7	18.8	0.6%
Fund Sources:							
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	0.0	0.0%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	3,135.4	3,181.9	3,181.9	3,181.9	3,200.7	18.8	0.6%
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	0.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	0.0%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	118.3	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	3,135.4	3,181.9	3,181.9	3,181.9	3,200.7	18.8	0.6%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	118.3	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	0.0	0.0%
Federal Funds	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	0.0	0.0%
Positions:							
Permanent Full Time	19	19	19	19	19	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: State Medical Examiner (293)
RDU: Public Health (502)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2020 Conference Committee To FY2020 Authorized *****												
FY2020 Conference Committee												
	ConfCom	3,286.9	2,410.3	11.0	785.6	80.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		10.0										
1004 Gen Fund		3,181.9										
1005 GF/Prgm		20.0										
1007 I/A Rcpts		75.0										
Subtotal		3,286.9	2,410.3	11.0	785.6	80.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19	0	0
***** Changes From FY2020 Management Plan To FY2021 Governor *****												
FY2021 Salary and Health Insurance Increases												
	SalAdj	18.8	18.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		18.8										
FY2021 GGU Salary Increases: \$12.5												
FY2021 increase to GGU Health Insurance from \$1530 to \$1555 per member per month: \$6.3												
Totals		3,305.7	2,429.1	11.0	785.6	80.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19	0	0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Health and Social Services
Travel

Component: State Medical Examiner (293)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
2000	Travel		11.7	11.0	11.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
2000 Travel Detail Totals			11.7	11.0	11.0
2000	In-State Employee Travel	Employee In-State Travel.	2.0	4.0	1.0
2002	Out of State Employee Travel	Employee Out-of-State Travel.	9.7	7.0	8.0
2006	Other Travel Costs	State Medical Examiner's Office Outreach Rural Alaska (Law Enforcement, Hospital/Clinic); State Medical Examiner's Office Mass Fatality Preparedness Outreach; Court Testimony in various judicial districts throughout the state; Executive Leadership Team meeting in June; Statutory Meeting, AS12.65(3); Administrative Manager's meeting (June)	0.0	0.0	2.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Health and Social Services
Services

Component: State Medical Examiner (293)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
3000	Services		791.7	785.6	785.6
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals			791.7	785.6	785.6
3000	Education Services	Continuing Education.	5.4	5.1	5.1
3001	Financial Services		8.9	0.0	0.0
3002	Legal and Judicial Services	Regulations	36.2	28.6	28.6
3003	Information Technology	Software Licensing	17.9	8.5	8.5
3004	Telecommunications	Answering service; local and long distance services; cellular phone services; other telecommunication services.	6.0	16.3	16.3
3005	Health Services	Toxicology testing	159.7	194.3	194.3
3006	Delivery Services	Shipment of human remains, funeral home death calls, courier services	250.3	333.7	333.7
3008	Utilities	Biohazard waste disposal services.	33.7	21.2	21.2
3009	Structure/Infrastructure/Land	Facility maintenance	11.4	6.2	6.2
3010	Equipment/Machinery	Repair and maintenance of office and autopsy equipment.	22.8	9.5	9.5
3011	Other Services	Verti Q Database Services (State Medical Examiner's Office Case Management System)	0.2	20.2	20.2
3017	Inter-Agency Information Technology Non-Telecommunications	Admin - Department-wide	70.7	15.4	15.4
3017	Inter-Agency Information Technology Non-Telecommunications	H&SS - Information Technology Services (2754)	45.1	4.0	4.0
3017	Inter-Agency Information Technology	H&SS - State Medical Examiner (293)	1.5	0.0	0.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Health and Social Services
Services

Component: State Medical Examiner (293)

Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor	
3000 Services Detail Totals			791.7	785.6	785.6	
	Non-Telecommunications					
3018	Inter-Agency Information Technology Telecommunications	Admin - Department-wide	Intra-departmental support expenditure.	9.7	32.8	32.8
3018	Inter-Agency Information Technology Telecommunications	Law - Department-wide	Intra-departmental support expenditure.	0.0	0.2	0.2
3021	Inter-Agency Mail	Admin - Department-wide		2.3	0.0	0.0
3022	Inter-Agency Human Resources	Admin - Department-wide	Intra-departmental support expenditure	12.4	12.4	12.4
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide	Intra-departmental support expenditure	0.2	0.2	0.2
3025	Inter-Agency Auditing	H&SS - Administrative Support Svcs (320)	Intra-departmental support expenditure.	0.5	0.6	0.6
3026	Inter-Agency Insurance	Admin - Department-wide	Intra-departmental support expenditure.	5.6	16.4	16.4
3027	Inter-Agency Financial	Admin - Department-wide	Intra-departmental support expenditure.	2.4	2.5	2.5
3028	Inter-Agency Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance	Admin - Department-wide		0.1	0.0	0.0
3037	State Equipment Fleet	Trans - Department-wide	Reimbursable services agreement with Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for State Equipment Fleet Vehicles	29.6	27.5	27.5
3038	Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	Admin - Department-wide		3.7	0.0	0.0
3038	Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	H&SS - Administrative Support Svcs (320)		8.0	0.0	0.0
3038	Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	H&SS - Commissioner's Office (317)		0.9	0.0	0.0
3038	Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	H&SS - Information Technology Services (2754)	Reimbursable services agreement with Department of Administration for telecommunication services/EPR.	25.5	30.0	30.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Health and Social Services
Services

Component: State Medical Examiner (293)

Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals			791.7	785.6	785.6
3038	Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	H&SS - Public Affairs (2874)	20.9	0.0	0.0
3038	Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	Labor - Department-wide	0.1	0.0	0.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Health and Social Services
Commodities

Component: State Medical Examiner (293)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
4000	Commodities		132.0	80.0	80.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
4000 Commodities Detail Totals			132.0	80.0	80.0
4000	Business	Business Supplies (case folders/sleeves, assorted batteries for various equipment, envelopes to fulfill family requests, etc.); Books and Literature; Forensic Check-Sample Materials	26.7	16.0	16.0
4002	Household/Institutional	Scrubs, jumpsuits, boots, foul-weather gear	5.0	2.0	2.0
4003	Scientific and Medical	Equipment and Supplies	100.3	60.0	60.0
4004	Safety	Safety equipment and supplies	0.0	2.0	2.0

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: State Medical Examiner (293)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts)			0.0	10.0	10.0
5004 Federal Education - Miscellaneous Grants		Potential Federal Receipts	0.0	10.0	10.0
5005 GF/Prgm (1005 GF/Prgm)			0.0	20.0	20.0
5115 Program Receipts Health & Human Svcs - Charges for Services		Fees collected from Life Alaska Donor Services for the use of the state medical examiner facility and fees collected from Federal Aviation Administration for aviation disaster fatalities.	0.0	20.0	20.0
5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts)			118.3	75.0	75.0
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	H&SS - Epidemiology (296)	Toxicology testing reimbursable services agreement	108.5	75.0	75.0
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	PubSaf - Department-wide		2.4	0.0	0.0
5302 Inter-Agency Receipts - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery	PubSaf - Department-wide		7.4	0.0	0.0
6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund)			0.1	0.0	0.0
6046 General Fund - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery			0.1	0.0	0.0

Inter-Agency Services (1682)
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: State Medical Examiner (293)

				FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
Component Totals				239.2	142.0	142.0
With Department of Administration				106.9	79.5	79.5
With Department of Health and Social Services				102.4	34.6	34.6
With Department of Law				0.2	0.4	0.4
With Department of Transportation/Public Facilities				29.6	27.5	27.5
With Department of Labor and Workforce Development				0.1	0.0	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor	
3017	Inter-Agency Information Technology Non-Telecommunications	Admin - Department-wide	Intra-departmental support expenditure	70.7	15.4	15.4
3017	Inter-Agency Information Technology Non-Telecommunications	H&SS - Information Technology Services (2754)	Reimbursable services agreement with Department of Administration for computer services (Enterprise Productivity Rate, MICS).	45.1	4.0	4.0
3017	Inter-Agency Information Technology Non-Telecommunications	H&SS - State Medical Examiner (293)		1.5	0.0	0.0
3018	Inter-Agency Information Technology Telecommunications	Admin - Department-wide	Intra-departmental support expenditure.	9.7	32.8	32.8
3018	Inter-Agency Information Technology Telecommunications	Law - Department-wide	Intra-departmental support expenditure.	0.0	0.2	0.2
3021	Inter-Agency Mail	Admin - Department-wide		2.3	0.0	0.0
3022	Inter-Agency Human Resources	Admin - Department-wide	Intra-departmental support expenditure	12.4	12.4	12.4
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide	Intra-departmental support expenditure	0.2	0.2	0.2
3025	Inter-Agency Auditing	H&SS - Administrative Support Svcs (320)	Intra-departmental support expenditure.	0.5	0.6	0.6
3026	Inter-Agency Insurance	Admin - Department-wide	Intra-departmental support expenditure.	5.6	16.4	16.4
3027	Inter-Agency Financial	Admin - Department-wide	Intra-departmental support	2.4	2.5	2.5

Inter-Agency Services (1682)
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: State Medical Examiner (293)

Object Class		Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
			expenditure.			
3028	Inter-Agency Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance	Admin - Department-wide		0.1	0.0	0.0
3037	State Equipment Fleet	Trans - Department-wide	Reimbursable services agreement with Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for State Equipment Fleet Vehicles	29.6	27.5	27.5
3038	Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	Admin - Department-wide		3.7	0.0	0.0
3038	Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	H&SS - Administrative Support Svcs (320)		8.0	0.0	0.0
3038	Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	H&SS - Commissioner's Office (317)		0.9	0.0	0.0
3038	Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	H&SS - Information Technology Services (2754)	Reimbursable services agreement with Department of Administration for telecommunication services/EPR.	25.5	30.0	30.0
3038	Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	H&SS - Public Affairs (2874)		20.9	0.0	0.0
3038	Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	Labor - Department-wide		0.1	0.0	0.0

Personal Services Expenditure Detail
Department of Health and Social Services

Scenario: FY2021 Governor (16414)
Component: State Medical Examiner (293)
RDU: Public Health (502)

PCN	Job Class Title	Time Status	Retire Code	Barg Unit	Location	Salary Sched	Range / Step	Comp Months	Split / Count	Annual Salaries	COLA	Premium Pay	Annual Benefits	Total Costs	UGF Amount
06-1599	Medicolegal Investigator III	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	18D / E	12.0		67,404	1,018	7,422	45,773	121,617	121,617
06-1655	Autopsy Technician Supervisor	FT	A	SS	Anchorage	200	16K / L	12.0		71,711	0	0	44,689	116,400	116,400
06-1692	State Medical Examiner/Chief	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	30	12.0		232,938	0	0	96,790	329,728	329,728
06-1703	Medical Examiner/Assistant	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	28	12.0		196,702	0	0	85,945	282,647	282,647
06-1705	Office Assistant II	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	10J	12.0		43,560	627	2,513	35,404	82,104	82,104
06-1706	Administrative Assistant II	FT	A	SS	Anchorage	600	14E	12.0		54,888	0	593	38,837	94,318	94,318
06-1734	Autopsy Technician	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	14B / C	12.0		47,192	683	2,994	36,887	87,756	87,756
06-1738	Medicolegal Investigator II	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	16A / B	12.0		53,184	765	3,042	39,065	96,056	96,056
06-1739	Medicolegal Investigator II	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	16D / E	12.0		58,265	851	4,286	41,346	104,748	104,748
06-1740	Medicolegal Investigator II	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	16C / D	12.0		54,974	748	0	38,614	94,336	94,336
06-1741	Medicolegal Investigator III	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	18G	12.0		72,324	1,035	3,781	46,234	123,374	123,374
06-1742	Medicolegal Investigator I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	14B / C	12.0		46,932	651	887	36,034	84,504	84,504
06-1784	Medicolegal Investigator IV	FT	A	SS	Anchorage	200	20K / L	12.0		93,999	0	0	52,726	146,725	146,725
06-1832	Medical Examiner/Deputy	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	29	12.0		198,854	0	0	86,589	285,443	285,443
06-1993	Autopsy Technician	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	14B / C	12.0		46,802	691	3,994	37,107	88,594	88,594
06-2019	Medicolegal Investigator II	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	16B / C	12.0		53,468	774	3,454	39,316	97,012	97,012
06-2021	Autopsy Technician	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	14G	12.0		54,888	785	2,795	39,591	98,059	98,059
12-1712	Autopsy Technician	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	14B / C	12.0		46,997	694	3,994	37,178	88,863	88,863
12-1770	Medicolegal Investigator II	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	16E / F	12.0		59,840	874	4,406	41,957	107,077	107,077

		Total Positions	New	Deleted	Total Salary Costs:	Total COLA:	Total Premium Pay:	Total Benefits:
					1,554,922	10,196	44,161	920,082
Full Time Positions:		19	0	0				
Part Time Positions:		0	0	0				
Non Permanent Positions:		0	0	0				
Positions in Component:		19	0	0				
Total Component Months: 228.0					Total Pre-Vacancy:	2,529,361		
					Minus Vacancy Adjustment of 3.96%:	(100,261)		
					Total Post-Vacancy:	2,429,100		
					Plus Lump Sum Premium Pay:	0		
					Personal Services Line 100:	2,429,100		

PCN Funding Sources:	Pre-Vacancy	Post-Vacancy	Percent
1004 General Fund Receipts	2,529,361	2,429,100	100.00%
Total PCN Funding:	2,529,361	2,429,100	100.00%

Note: If a position is split, an asterisk (*) will appear in the Split/Count column. If the split position is also counted in the component, two asterisks (**) will appear in this column. [No valid job title] appearing in the Job Class Title indicates that the PCN has an invalid class code or invalid range for the class code effective date of this scenario.

Department of Health and Social Services
RDU: Division of Public Health (502)
Component: State Medical Examiner (293)
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