

TECHNOLOGY & STRATEGIC PLANNING
MARIETTA, FRAZIER, CLARK, MCCARTY, LAPIN
June 20, 2019

Absent: Frazier, Lapin

Andrew Marietta discussed the on-going project of creating strategic work plans for Committees, stating he is working on the finishing Health & Education Committee work plan.

CORONER- TERRY KNAPP AND CHRISTIAN SHAEFER

Terry Knapp and Christian Shaefer discussed the following, including but not limited to:

- the mobile morgue trailer is working well and one unit is sufficient
- follow-up work on cases is very time consuming
- it may be helpful to contract with a funeral home for the disposition of indigent decedents, although there are pros and cons to this including geographic concerns and the standard rates for DSS reimbursement are below market value
- the work of death investigations has increased over time but County funding for it has not expanded with the responsibility
- inter-county communication can be challenging especially because different counties have different policies and procedures, including law enforcement
- NYS records management software will be provided free to counties and it is forthcoming, although no date has been announced
- currently, the Coroners have no centralized file storage, mailing address, or phone number
- scanning documents and making electronic files would be helpful
- the Coroners experience no cell phone service issues, issues where landline connectivity is not reliable, and this is a significant challenge

OTHER

Andrew Marietta distributed a draft of the charge needed to make Technology & Strategic Planning a standing committee. The Committee discussed advantages of remaining ad hoc or becoming a standing committee.

Andrew Marietta will distribute copies of the work plans that are finalized to date via email.

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee adjourned.