

Russell Frandsen

From: Todd Grey <toddgrey@utah.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 1:38 PM
To: Russell Frandsen
Cc: Jennifer Brown; Shannon, Skiles
Subject: Re: Presentation to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee on Tuesday, 2-10-15

Russell

This funding request came out of discussions between Rep. Perry, the Utah Funeral Director's Association and the OME.

Because of increasing case load and inadequate staffing levels, it was decided by the OME to implement a policy wherein we will not release bodies between 0800 and 1400. (This restriction is eased for out of the Wasatch Front funeral homes who have longer distances to travel and if a funeral home contacts us with a reasonable request as to why they need to get a body before 1400). The reason we did this is that all morgue staff is needed to be able to complete examinations on a timely basis. If a mortuary or funeral home comes during the hours we are doing exams, it means a staff member must stop working, remove all personal protective equipment, let the funeral home vehicle and representatives into the facility, complete the body release paperwork, retrieve the body, let the FH vehicle out, and finally redeploy their personal protective equipment before coming back to assist in ongoing examinations.

The funding requested (\$58,000/yr) would be used to hire additional entry-level autopsy/morgue staffers who would have as their primary duty, being available to release bodies at any time during the day. These are part-time, unbenefited employees. We would add 3 of these type of staffers in order to provide 24 hour, 7 day a week access to the funeral homes to come and retrieve bodies from our facility. All funds would be allocated to salaries. No equipment or other costs are anticipated.

Tracking the impact and use of these funds would be done by keeping a record of the number of body releases that were done during the currently restricted hours of 0800 to 1400.

If funding is not provided, we would continue with our current limited restrictions on when funeral homes can come to the facility to pick up bodies.

Todd

On Sat, Feb 7, 2015 at 4:19 PM, Russell Frandsen <rfrandsen@le.utah.gov> wrote:

Dr. Grey,

You have been invited to present your funding request to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee Tuesday between 10 and 10:30 a.m. regarding your requested item, Office of Medical Examiner. The committee meets in Room H30 of the House building on Capitol Hill (behind the Capitol building on the West side).

Please Note: The chairs have asked, for those who will present requests for funding before the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee, that you provide to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst at least one day prior to your presentation a **detailed and itemized budget indicating how you will spend the money**, if funded, within the specified timeframe.

Further, you should indicate **how you will measure success**.

If you do not have a detailed and itemized budget indicating how you will spend the money within the specified timeframe and performance measures, **you will be asked to come back if and when you have a detailed and specific budget plan.**

If you have questions, please call me at [\(801\) 538-1034](tel:8015381034).

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