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October 2, 2024

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to appoint Laurel Elkin, Position # 9U754 (Appropriation #02-20-20-202010-1033-014-500134), as Deputy Chief Forensic Investigator, at a salary level of \$82,820 (LG CC, Step 4), effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, or October 18, 2024, whichever is later, for a term ending November 8, 2028.

EXPLANATION

Pursuant to RSA 21-M:3, XV, the Attorney General, subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council, may appoint a permanent Deputy Chief Forensic Investigator. The Deputy Chief Forensic Investigator serves under the Chief Medical Examiner.

Ms. Elkin, a Bethlehem resident, received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Wheaton College in 2012 and a Master of Physician Assistant Studies from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Studies in 2016. She has been working at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner as an Assistant Deputy Medical Examiner since December 2023. Given her relevant experience, a salary of \$82,820 is requested. Her resume is attached for your consideration.

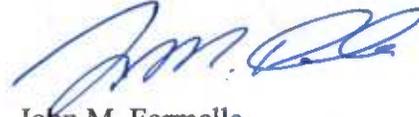
I am pleased to offer Ms. Elkin for this appointment and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

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Respectfully submitted,



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LAUREL ELKIN

PROFILE

Currently employed as a Physician Assistant in Emergency Medicine on a per diem basis and full-time as a medicolegal death investigator for the State of New Hampshire, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner under the Department of Justice. Prior PA experience in Cardiology and non-advanced practice provider experience in pre-hospital emergency medicine, physical therapy, and education. Highly community oriented. Hobbies include gardening, hiking, rock climbing, and snowmobiling.

EDUCATION

MCPHS UNIVERSITY, MANCHESTER, NH — MPAS, 01/2015-12/2016

WHEATON COLLEGE, NORTON, MA - BA, 09/2008-05/2012

WORK EXPERIENCE

HCA; ROCHESTER/DERRY/PORTSMOUTH, NH – 6/2024-PRESENT

As a physician assistant on a per diem basis - clinically assess and treat a broad spectrum of patient complaints and presentations. Simultaneously manage multiple patient cases with prioritization by acuity. Perform ailment applicable procedures. Determine dispositions appropriate to the acuity and prognosis of the patient's likely diagnosis to disposition accordingly.

EMSTAFF; NEW ENGLAND – 01/2024-PRESENT

Fill temporary positions in multiple emergency departments as a physician assistant across New Hampshire, providing clinical assessment and urgent/emergency medical care on an as needed basis.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE: NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
MEDICAL EXAMINER; CONCORD, NH – 12/2023-PRESENT

Investigate cause and manner of death as a full time employee in conjunction with state employed pathologists and a range of law enforcement agencies. Assess subjective information supplied for consistency with objective findings. Assist families in understanding the clinical aspects of death. Provide recommendations regarding testing, monitoring, and risk reduction for surviving family members where appropriate.

SPEARE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL; PLYMOUTH, NH – 11/2023-PRESENT

As a physician assistant on a per diem basis - clinically assess and treat a broad spectrum of patient complaints and presentations. Simultaneously manage multiple patient cases with prioritization by acuity. Perform ailment applicable procedures. Determine dispositions appropriate to the acuity and prognosis of the patient's likely diagnosis to disposition accordingly.

ENVISION PHYSICIAN SERVICES; ROCHESTER/DERRY, NH – 12/2022-6/2024

Clinically assess and treat a broad spectrum of patient complaints and presentations. Simultaneously manage multiple patient cases with prioritization by acuity. Perform ailment applicable procedures. Determine dispositions appropriate to the acuity and prognosis of the patient's likely diagnosis.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE: NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
MEDICAL EXAMINER; CONCORD, NH - 03/2019-12/2023

Investigate cause and manner of death as an independent contractor in conjunction with state employed pathologists and a range of law enforcement agencies. Assess subjective information supplied for consistency with objective findings. Assist families in understanding the clinical aspects of death. Provide recommendations regarding testing, monitoring, and risk reduction for surviving family members where appropriate.

CATHOLIC MEDICAL CENTER-NEW ENGLAND HEART AND VASCULAR
INSTITUTE; BERLIN AND COLEBROOK, NH - 07/2017-12/2022

Provide clinical assessment of cardiovascular complaints and interpretation of cardiovascular testing. Formulate and implement treatment plans for primary and secondary cardiovascular risk reduction. Supervise cardiovascular stress testing. Perform in-patient and emergency department consultations. Practice autonomously with on and off site Cardiologist input when requested.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

NCCPA, License No. 1141560, exp: 12/31/2025

NH State PA, License No. 1266, exp: 12/31/2025

DEA, exp: 08/31/2026

BLS, exp: 09/2025

ACLS, exp: 09/2025

PALS, exp: 11/2024

ATLS, exp 04/12/2027