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January 29, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
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 Melissa Hagen to Position #9U734 (Appropriation #02-20-20-202010-1037-014-500134), as an Assistant Deputy Medical Examiner, at a salary level of \$66,192 (Labor Grade BB, Step 1), effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, or March 7, 2025, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

Chapter 79 Laws of 2023 (HB2) established within the Department of Justice the unclassified position entitled Assistant Deputy Medical Examiner to be appointed by the Attorney General pursuant to RSA 21-M:3, XIV, and to serve at the pleasure of the Chief Medical Examiner pursuant to RSA 611-B:5.

Ms. Hagen, a Manchester resident, received her Associate in Science (Nursing) in May 2017 and Bachelor of Science (Nursing) in October 2017 from Regis College. She is currently pursuing her Master in Science (Forensic Nursing) from Fitchburg State University, and plans to graduate in the Spring. She has been working as a Burn/Trauma/Surgical ICU Nurse at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston since 2019. Additionally, Ms. Hagen is a certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for the Northeast Region. Given her relevant experience, a salary of \$66,192 is requested. Her resume is attached for your consideration.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.M. Formella", written in a cursive style.

John M. Formella
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Credentials

- MA RN License: RN2315977
- NH RN License: 077276-21
- Trauma Care After Resuscitation (TCAR) certified
- Sexual Assault Forensic Nurse Examiner (SANE-MA): NE Adult/Adolescent/Pediatric certified for Massachusetts
- Advance cardiac life support (ACLS)/basic life saving (BLS) Certified
- International Association of Forensic Nurses member- Greater New England Chapter

Education

- Master in Forensic Nursing (MSN), currently enrolled at Fitchburg State University, graduation Spring 2025
- Bachelor in Nursing (BSN) from Regis College, Weston MA
Graduated October 2017
- Associate degree in Nursing (ASN) from Regis College, Medford MA
Graduated May 2017
Nursing Honors Student every semester
Nataline Barrille Davis Memorial Scholarship recipient
Wallace J. Nichols Memorial Award recipient
Magna Cum Laude
- Associate degree in health sciences (AS) from North Shore Community College

Work Experience

Burn/Trauma/Surgical ICU Nurse, 8CD, Brigham and Women's Hospital Boston, June 2019- Present

I am currently working as an ICU nurse on a burn/trauma/surg ICU, which is a level 1 trauma unit, as well as a level 1 burn unit. Our nurse to patient ratio is 1: 1-2. Our patient population consists of traumas and victims of violence, as well as any emergency surgeries or scheduled surgeries that have complications. We also get overflow from the neurology/medical/cardiac ICUs. I am trained in CVVH and extensive burn care. I also have charge nurse experience as well. I was deployed to work in the COVID ICU for six+ months in 2020. I have extensive experience with lab draws and IV placement. I am a Daisy Award honoree as well.

Certified Pediatric/Adolescent/Adult Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Northeast region- currently employed.

I am currently contracted by the state of Massachusetts as a SANE. I cover the Northeast region which covers Lawrence General, Lowell General (all campuses) Holy Family (all campuses), and Anna Jacque's. I worked in the Boston region for 2 years which covers Beth Israel, Boston Medical Center, Brigham and Women's, Cambridge Hospital, Boston

Melissa Hagen, BSN, RN, SANE-MA

Children's Hospital, Mass General, and Newton Wellesley Hospital. I perform pediatric, adolescent, and adult forensic exams and testify in court proceedings as needed.

Neurology/Trauma/Ortho 7 Central Tertiary Nurse, Lahey Medical Center Burlington, Burlington April 2017-June 2019

This was a medical/surgical unit where we specialized in neurology/trauma/orthopedics patients, with the occasional overflow from oncology. It is a 38 bed unit with 8 telemetry beds. I was hired through the new graduate nurse program. I was a part of the Unit Based Council as well as the Pain Task Force for this unit. My patient to nurse ratio for this unit was 1:6.