

State Audit Recommendations

Opportunity	Responsibility	STATUS/Comments
✓ Discuss and modify its current agreement with the Sheriff's Department and the labor organization to allow CLERB's investigators to conduct independent interviews of Sheriff's Department sworn staff.	Staff	In practice
✓ Develop a comprehensive training manual for its investigators that outlines standard procedures for investigations. The manual should include a specific section dedicated to investigations of in-custody deaths, including guidance for evaluating the circumstances leading up to an in-custody death, such as the decedent's mental health history and	Staff	Partially completed
✓ Create policies and procedures to require its investigators to finish casework on in-custody death investigations within three months of receiving the homicide investigation file. These policies and procedures should also require investigators to attempt to independently verify any information they receive from the Sheriff's Department, to thoroughly review deputy statements and reports from the homicide investigation file, and to request interviews with relevant detention staff and other witnesses in all instances in which they identify discrepancies or missing information.	Staff	In practice
✓ Prioritization criteria for investigating in-custody deaths above all other investigations.	Staff	In practice
✓ Clarification that its investigations of in-custody deaths include those classified as natural deaths.		In practice
✓ CLERB should perform an analysis of overall trends related to these deaths, including demographic information, and determine whether the trends suggest deficiencies in the Sheriff's Department's policies and procedures.	Staff	In practice
✓ To increase transparency, CLERB should include these trends and analyses in its annual reports starting with its 2021 report, which it should publish in 2022.	Staff	In practice

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