

Medical Marijuana Commission Meeting
Dec 19 2013

Attendance:

Nancy Rosen Cohen
Deb Miran
Chris Charles
Buddy Robshaw
Eric Sterling
Paul Davies, M.D.
Dario Broccolino
Robert Lavin, M.D.
Shawn McNamara

On Phone

Michael Horberg, M.D.
Kevin Chen

Absent

Marie Grant

Staff

Paula Hollinger
Sharon Bloom
Brett Felter

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Davies at 2:10pm.

The minutes were approved by Nancy Rosen Cohen. Seconded by Dario Broccolino

Chairman's report

Dr. Davies thanked the committee for all of its work. He said the draft regulations have been completed and hopes for informal release pending input from commission members and formatting into the state's COMAR format at the January meeting. This will allow the public to have 2 weeks of informal comments. Chairman Davies hopes to have approval of the regulations at the February meeting

Governance – Paul Davies, Chairman

Chairman Davies reported that the schedule of the Commission meetings may change in 2014 due to Commissioner and staff availability. Sharon Bloom will poll the Board members to determine new dates.

Policy – Eric Sterling, Buddy Robshaw – Co-Chairs

Eric Sterling gave an overview of the draft regulations and explained the structure of the regulations. He asked for comment from the Commissioners so everything could be reviewed by the Policy Committee prior to the January 2014 meeting.

Finance/Education-Outreach – Nancy Rosen-Cohen, Deb Miran Co-Chairs

Nancy Rosen Cohen informed the Commissioners that the expenditures will be discussed at the next subcommittee meeting. Nancy and Dr. Davies met with representatives from the Abell Foundation and have been invited to apply for a grant.

Deb Miran reported that the Commission has received information about a symposium in Spring 2014 for researchers to share cutting edge information,etc.

Old Business – None

New Business –

Interviews for the Executive Director will take place January 10th, 2014

On Feb 21st, Paul Davies, Deb Miran and Eric Sterling will be addressing the Blaustein Pain Foundation at Johns Hopkins

Paul Davies is working with Deans of the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins Schools of Medicine to facilitate Medical Marijuana Research

Public Introductions and Comments

Colin Rand presented testimony regarding Pediatric use of Medical Marijuana for seizure disorder.

Ashley Billing read testimony from an individual who asked the Commission to have an open mind on the use of medical marijuana.

The Meeting adjourned at 2:57pm