

Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission

July 22, 2014

Commission Members Attending

Dario Broccolino
Chris Charles
Kevin Chen
Paul Davies
Robert Lavin – Via Phone
Deborah Miran – Via Phone
Tina Paul
Nancy Rosen-Cohen
Andrew Schaufele
Eric Sterling
Allison Taylor

Absent:

Michael Horberg
Shawn McNamara
Buddy Robshaw
Jon Traunfeld

Staff:

Sharon Bloom, Acting Executive Director
Paula Hollinger
Brett Felter
Nate Titman, Law Intern
Kellsie Wallace, Law Intern

Public :

See attached

The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm by Chairman Paul Davies.

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Eric Sterling, seconded by Nancy Rosen-Cohen.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Nancy Rosen-Cohen, seconded by Eric Sterling.

Chairman Davies asked for the Commissioners and audience to introduce themselves.

Members of the public introduced themselves. Delegate Dan Morhaim asked to address the Commission and made remarks. Senator Ed Reilly was also in attendance.

Chairman's Report-

Dr. Davies stated that the Commission wanted as much input as possible from interested parties on the regulations. He said that the Commission was very aware of the need to ensure safety. Dr. Davies thanked the members of the Commission for their dedication to working so diligently with a very short timeframe.

Counsel – Brett Felter
No Report

Executive Directors Report – Sharon Bloom, Acting Executive Director
No Report

Governance – Paul Davies
There may be some changes made to the subcommittee structure

Policy- Eric Sterling

Mr. Sterling reported on the Certifying physicians regulations. A motion was made to release the regulations to the website for informal comments. Seconded by Nancy Rosen-Cohen. Motion passed. Mr. Sterling reported that draft regulations regarding Transportation, Inspections and Identification cards would be discussed at the next meeting.

Finance: Nancy Rosen-Cohen

Dr. Rosen-Cohen reported that Commissioner Schaeffele was working with Ms. Bloom on developing the Commission budget. The Finance Committee is review the fee schedules and researching other states that are similar demographically to Maryland.

Education: Sharon Bloom for Debbie Miran

The education committee said that there would be a flowchart on the website that will allow interested parties to walk their way through the process.

Research – Kevin Chen

Dr. Chen reported that there were two issues:

Monitoring the use of Medical Marijuana and assessing the effect on addiction
Developing literature review because there is not high quality research in the field

Delegate Morhaim asked for more information as to what was included in the draft regulations. Mr. Sterling gave more details as to what was included.

Old Business:

Dr. Rosen- Cohen moved that the Commission ratify the vote that was taken via email to release the grower application. Mr. Sterling seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

The addition of changes to the Open meeting schedule was announced. There will be an additional meetings on August 12 and September 9th for the purpose of voting on draft regulations. Dr. Davies noted that these meetings were in addition to the previously scheduled meetings.

Senator Ed Reilly asked when the Certifying physicians draft regulations will be posted on the website.

Dr. Davies stated asked for a motion to adjourn the public portion of the meeting and announced that the Commission would be going into a training session with Michael Lord of the Ethics Commission.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nancy Rosen-Cohen and seconded by Eric Sterling.

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