

Medical Cannabis Advisory Board Meeting Minutes*

August 17, 2021

I. Introductory Remarks and Call to Order

Stephanie Richmond PA-C called to order the regular meeting of the Medical Cannabis Advisory Board (MCAB) at 9:04 a.m. on August 17, 2021, using a WebEx Events Platform. General Instructions were given to panelists and attendees.

II. Roll call

Stephanie Richmond conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Ariele Bauers	<u>present</u>
Mordechai Bronner	<u>present</u>
Jean-Paul Dedam	<u>present</u>
Rachel Goodman	<u>present</u>
Courtney Marquez	(absent)
Allen Plymale	<u>present</u>
Davin Quinn	<u>present</u>
Stephanie Richmond	<u>present</u>
Traci White	(arrived late)

(Seven of nine Medical Cannabis Advisory Board Members were present at this time, so quorum was met, and the meeting started.)

Dr. Bronner provided a brief introduction on how he came to join the MCAB and his interest in the therapeutic benefits of Medical Cannabis.

Tracie White provided an update with regards to recent rule changes heard by the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy which removed language prohibiting pharmacists from certifying patients for the Medical Cannabis Program. With this rule change, prescribing pharmacists with appropriate DEA and CS registration can now certify patients for the Medical Cannabis Program.

III. Medical Cannabis Program (MCP) Update

Patient Services Information:

Dr. Dominick Zurlo provided the following update with regards to the Medical Cannabis Program. Dr. Zurlo began by summarizing some of the changes brought about by implementation of the Cannabis Regulation Act. In addition, he addressed the elimination of the Personal Production Licenses and reviewed the new grow limits for patients and individuals 21 or older. Next Dr. Zurlo discussed the five most certified medical conditions and showed a slide demonstrating the number of enrolled patients by county. Finally, Dr. Zurlo shared some of the findings from a Spring 2021 survey conducted by Cannabis Public Policy Consulting (CPPC).

Patient Portal:

Dr. French discussed the new Online Patient Portal which has been created to help with the ease of enrollment into the MCP. After a brief introduction, Dr. French shared a series of mock slides that showed those in attendance how to register for the online portal, how to complete an electronic application, and how to view one's sales history.

IV. Public Comments

Jason Barker - Mr. Barker provided commentary with regards to the personal production licenses (PPLs). Mr. Barker was upset that the PPLs had been stopped and wanted them reinstated immediately,

Erica Rolland – Ms. Rolland was also upset that the PPL had been stopped. She was frustrated that the ability to grow cannabis had been shared with the public.

Larry Love – Mr. Love provided commentary and support for the medical cannabis program. He is concerned that the Medical Program may suffer

Tera Bernheisel – Ms. Bernheisel requested that PPLs be returned in their previous form.

Alex Jones – Mr. Jones raised questions over the safety of cannabis and advocated for increased medical oversight over medical cannabis and medical cannabis products in hopes of maintaining a safer product for those individuals using cannabis for medical reasons.

Chad Lozano – Mr. Lozano was surprised that individuals wanted to reinstate the due to all the requirements necessary to obtain a PPL

Stephanie Richmond once again encouraged those individuals unable to make a public comment during the meeting that they would have the opportunity to offer public comment for the next 48 hours at the MCP web address. Stephanie also advised attendees to pay attention to the MCP web page for updates.

V. Set date for next Medical Cannabis Advisory Board Meeting

Stephanie Richmond canvassed the Board members and requested potential meeting dates. With relative ease, the MCAB decided on the date of Tuesday December 7, 2021, as a potential meeting date. Stephanie made a motion to hold the next meeting on December 7, 2021, and this motion was seconded by JP Dedam.

VI. Adjournment

Stephanie Richmond PA-C adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Gary J. French, MD/ Medical Director NMDOH MCP

***(Please note that an audiovisual recording of the meeting in its entirety is available for viewing and can be found on the Medical Cannabis Program Webpage. These minutes are a short summary of the meeting's events and serve to highlight key features of the meeting.)**