

**Minutes**  
**Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board**  
**Friday, August 12, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

**Mike McKelvey, Chair**

The August 12, 2022 Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board meeting was officially called to order at 10:09 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Mike McKelvey, Chair**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
<b>Cpt. Mike McKelvey – Law Enforcement</b>	<b>Vacant – Neurologist</b>
<b>Dr. Bob Shreck – Oncology</b>	
<b>Dr. Lonny Miller – Family Medicine</b>	
<b>Dr. Stephen Richards – Pharmacist</b>	
<b>Dr. Jacqueline Stoken – Pain Management</b>	
<b>Dr. Andrea Weber - Psychiatry</b>	
<b>Dr. Michael Colburn - Pediatrics</b>	
<b>Dr. Mohamad Mokadem - Gastroenterology</b>	
<b>Staff</b>	
<b>Sarah Reisetter – Deputy Director</b>	
<b>Owen Parker – Bureau Chief</b>	

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**Mike McKelvey, Chair**

Dr. Richards made a motion to approve the May 13, 2022 minutes, with a second by Dr. Colburn.

A verbal vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Public Comment Period

Mike McKelvey, Chair

- **Maggie Ballard** - Maggie is a certified prevention specialist. Maggie shared concerns with the normalization of cannabis in Iowa and marketing of high potency products. She shared concerns with the ease of access and potential doctor shopping.
- **Carl Olsen** - Carl represents Iowans for Medical Marijuana, and provided background on the origins of the organization. Carl spoke to his desire and work to bring Iowa's program into compliance with Federal drug law. Carl expressed his desire to see Iowa submit a petition for exemption from Federal drug law to the DEA.
- **Peter Komendowski** - Peter commended the Board for their work, and expressed concerns with the normalization of cannabis in Iowa. Peter asked the Board to consider tighter restrictions on the patient-provider relationship, and reminded them they always have the option to reign in certain aspects of the program.

#### 5. New Board Member Introduction

Owen Parker, Bureau Chief

##### a. Dr. Mohamad Mokadem, MD - Gastroenterology

Dr. Mokadem joins the Medical Cannabidiol Board as a practicing physician-scientist at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. His research focuses on metabolic diseases, and the relationship between gastroenterology and neurology.

#### 6. IA's Consumable Hemp Program (DIA)

Mark Speltz (DIA)

##### a. Need-to-Knows

Tenesha Stubblefield (DIA)

##### b. Hemp-Derived THC Derivatives

##### c. Q&A

Mark is the Bureau Chief for the Food and Consumer Safety Bureau at the Department of Inspection and Appeals, and Tenesha is the Technical Lead for IA's Consumable Hemp program. Mark and Tenesha gave an overview of the Consumable Hemp program and its history, and how IA's program differs from other State programs. Mark and Tenesha explained the registration process, and that Iowa has >700 registered retailers of consumable hemp products. Issues surrounding intoxicating hemp-derived products and THC derivatives were discussed, as well as issues related to testing.

#### 7. Manufacturer & Dispensary Update, Q&A

Licensee Representatives

##### a. Bud & Mary's Cannabis Co. - Kevin O'Connor and Lucas Nelson

Kevin O'Connor, President of Bud & Mary's Iowa, provided an update on their Iowa operations, including reducing their prices by 20-30% for all products within the last year. Kevin also spoke to introducing new products, including new vaporization products and formulations. Kevin also made the Board aware that Bud & Mary's is undergoing an expansion at their manufacturing facility in order to reliably supply Iowa's program. Lucas Nelson, Group President for Bud & Mary's, also provided an update on Bud & Mary's expansion into other states, as well as the parent company receiving a research license from the DEA.

##### b. Iowa Cannabis Company - Aaron Boshart

Aaron spoke to ICC's continued work to operationalize their manufacturing license. He spoke to continuing to make the program affordable for patients considering the percentage of patients who qualify for the reduced fee. He explained their decision to relocate their manufacturing facility to Iowa City in order to accommodate additional scale.

Dr. Shreck asked both groups about how the Board and the industry could be more aligned to improve the program, and both groups asked the Board to focus on affordability for patients, additional modalities

or product forms, and doing what they could to reduce the tax burden placed on them by being plant-touching operators.

**8. Program Updates**  
**Chief**

**Owen Parker, Bureau**

- a. Rulemaking Update**
- b. Data Review and General Update**

Owen provided an update to the Board as it relates to data released in the Bureau's monthly report. Owen also notified the Board about the Department's intentions to update rules for licensees around advertising and marketing.

**9. Intro to 2022 Annual Report**

**Owen Parker, Bureau Chief**

- a. Previous Recommendations not Adopted (2020, 2021)**
- b. Additional Recommendations**

The Board discussed maintaining previous recommendations for:

- 1. Amending the name of the program to "The Medical *Cannabis* Act"
- 2. Allowing for additional Dispensaries
- 3. Allowing for the exemption of Medical Cannabidiol products from sales tax
- 4. Addition of New Board Seats, reflection of new disciplines under HF2589

The Board discussed considering additional recommendations for:

- 1. Iowa Tax Status: Licensee equality with traditional businesses
- 2. Provide a mechanism for certifying practitioners to receive patient purchasing data upon request to the Department

The Board will make formal votes on final recommendations at the November meeting.

**10. Future Meetings**

**Mike McKelvey, Chair**

- a. November 18, 2022**

**11. Adjourn**

**Mike McKelvey, Chair**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Owen, seconded by Dr. Weber. A verbal vote was taken: Motion carried unanimously. The meeting officially adjourned at 12:52 P.M.

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