

**Draft Minutes**  
**Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board**  
**Friday, November 13, 2020**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

**Mike McKelvey, Chair**

The November 13, 2020 Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board meeting was officially called to order at 10:06 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Mike McKelvey, Chair**

<b>Dr. Bob Shreck – Oncology</b>	<b>Vacant – Gastroenterologist</b>
<b>Dr. Jill Leisveld – Psychiatrist</b>	<b>Vacant - Neurologist</b>
<b>Capt. Mike McKelvey – Law Enforcement</b>	<b>Dr. Ken Cheyne – Pediatrician</b>
<b>Dr. Lonny Miller – Family Medicine</b>	
<b>Dr. Stephen Richards – Pharmacist</b>	
<b>Dr. Jacqueline Stoken – Pain Management</b>	
<b>Sarah Reisetter – Deputy Director</b>	
<b>Owen Parker – Program Manager</b>	
<b>Joseph Husak – Recording Officer</b>	

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**Mike McKelvey, Chair**

Dr. Richards made a motion to approve the September 4, 2020 minutes, with a second by Dr. Shreck.

A verbal vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Public Comment Period

Mike McKelvey, Chair

- **Jason Karimi** – Jason is an advocate for lowans for Medical Marijuana. Jason spoke to neighboring states expanding access to medical and adult-use cannabis.
- **Grace Hammel** – Grace is a former nurse in Iowa who relocated to CA to become more active in the medical cannabis space. She spoke to the need for better education for healthcare providers. She spoke to her appreciation for the Board, and to providing additional access to additional qualifying conditions.
- **Jeffrey Wilson** – Jeffrey is a patient in the program who suffers from chronic pain. He spoke to the benefits of treating his condition with medical cannabis, but expressed concerns with the price of products. Jeffrey asked the Board to consider allowing home cultivation for patients to mitigate expenses. He expressed appreciation to the Board for their work.
- **Earl Ramey** – Earl asked the Board to consider adding additional forms to the program, including flower and edible forms. Earl expressed appreciation for the Board's work.
- **Carl Olsen** - Carl spoke to receiving a denial from the DEA in regards to a petition he filed to seek exemption for Iowa's program, and that he was filing an appeal.
- **BJ Madsen** - BJ spoke to being an Iowan, but relocating to Michigan to seek treatment for her cancer using medical cannabis products allowed in MI. BJ inquired about reciprocity, and her standing as a patient in IA.

#### 5. Petitions to Add Qualifying Conditions

Owen Parker, Program Manager

##### a. Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS)

Dr. Cheryl Standing is a pediatrician was the petitioner, and spoke on behalf of her petition. Dr. Standing has over a hundred patients who suffer from this condition. She spoke to her relationship with Dr. Miller and how he has seen patients with similar symptoms benefit from medical cannabidiol. She also said she knows of physicians who treat this condition with medical cannabis, and that the patients have seen beneficial results. She acknowledged limited available research about medical cannabis being used to treat this complex condition. She said parents of her patients are already using over-the-counter products to treat their child's condition, but expressed concern about those products' quality.

Dr. Richards raised concerns about the THC in Iowa's products, and a lack of physician involvement after certification. Dr. Shreck reviewed the petition subcommittee's unanimous recommendation to deny the petition, on the basis that there is no evidence in the literature to support its addition to the program.

A motion was made by Dr. Shreck, with a second by Dr. Richards to deny the addition of PANS as an approved qualifying condition. A roll call vote was taken:

Liesveld – aye  
Miller – no  
Richards - aye  
Shreck – aye  
Stoken - no  
McKelvey – aye

Motion carried to deny the petition.

- 6. Physician Education Update** **Owen Parker, Program Manager**
- a. Discussion with Licensure Boards**
  - b. The Answer Page**
  - c. The Medical Cannabis Institute (TMCI)**

Owen discussed how all of the related licensure boards (medicine, nursing, pharmacy) were supportive of providing additional education to certifying providers. Owen said the OMC reached out to regulators in states that have a CME as a prerequisite to certify a patient, and procured test materials for the Board from The Answer Page and TMCI. Both service vendors have numerous years of experience providing these services.

Dr. Liesveld noted that she had taken both courses and found them helpful, but preferred the interface of TMCI over the depth that was provided by The Answer Page. Dr. Richards concurred with Dr. Liesveld, and found The Answer Page’s “Answer of the Day” to be helpful. Dr. Shreck also agreed with Dr. Liesveld, and noted that the courses were helpful but expensive. Owen spoke to both of these services maintaining the necessary accreditations. It was agreed that the OMC would work with these vendors to provide access to these CMEs on the OMC website.

- 7. Program Updates** **Owen Parker, Program Manager**
- a. Dispensary RFP Update**
  - b. Manufacturing RFP Launch Update**

Owen discussed how appeals had been filed regarding the Department’s notice of intent to award two dispensary licenses, and would provide a thorough update to the Board when there was clarity. He also discussed how the RFP had been released to license a second manufacturer.

Owen commented that the administrative rules that had been drafted related to statutory changes made by HF1589 had passed the ARC committee process and had become effective. He also made note about Iowa joining the Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA), a group of cannabis regulators across the country seeking to promote regulatory harmonization in the US cannabis industry.

- 8. Annual Report Recommendation Discussion** **Owen Parker, Program Manager**
- a. Dispensary Number**
  - b. Home-Delivery**
  - c. Additional Recommendations**

Owen spoke to providing a draft of the 2020 Annual Report to Board Members. Dr. Shreck recommended adding data about the number of patients who have had a waiver completed for the 4.5g THC per 90-day purchase limit, as well as providing a document on the OMC website explaining the rationale for the limit. Deputy Director Reissetter led a discussion on the recommendations the Board would like to include in their 2020 report.

Dr. Shreck made a motion to recommend that the sale of medical cannabidiol products be exempt from sales tax, there was a second motion by Dr. Miller. A verbal vote was taken: motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was had about providing additional patient access to products, and if recommending additional dispensaries or a home-delivery option was best suited to accomplish that goal. The Board asked for input from Iowa's licensees on this issue. Lucas Nelson of MedPharm Iowa spoke to receiving comments from patients about the difficulty of getting to a dispensary. He spoke to home-delivery being a logistical challenge, but that a mobile satellite-delivery or "food truck" option for delivery of products may be more feasible. Lucas also mentioned how the current market dynamics and low patient numbers in Iowa would not allow for any new dispensary businesses to be viable.

Dr. Shreck made a motion to provide the affirmative defenses to dispensaries necessary to effectuate a home or satellite-delivery option, there was a second motion by Dr. Miller. A verbal vote was taken: motion carried unanimously.

**9. Future Meetings**

**Mike McKelvey, Chair**

**a. 2021, TBD**

**10. Adjourn**

**Mike McKelvey, Chair**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Miller, seconded by Dr. Stoken. A verbal vote was taken: Motion carried unanimously. The meeting officially adjourned at 11:59 a.m

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