

MINUTES

MEDICAL CANNABIDIOL BOARD
 IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Friday, February 10, 2023

10:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Mike McKelvey, Chair

The February 10, 2023 Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board meeting was officially called to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Mike McKelvey, Chair

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| Cpt. Mike McKelvey – Law Enforcement | Vacant – Neurologist |
| Dr. Bob Shreck – Oncology | Dr. Michael Colburn - Pediatrics |
| Dr. Stephen Richards – Pharmacist | |
| Dr. Jacqueline Stoken – Pain Management | |
| Dr. Andrea Weber - Psychiatry | |
| Dr. Mohamad Mokadem - Gastroenterology | |
| Owen Parker – Bureau Chief | |

3. Approval of Minutes

Mike McKelvey, Chair

Dr. Stoken made a motion to approve the November 18, 2022 minutes, with a second by Dr. Weber.

A verbal vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment Period

Mike McKelvey, Chair

- **Carl Olsen** - Carl thanked the Board for their work, and introduced his request for a legal task force to be created to request the proper exceptions for IA’s program from Federal agencies. He requested that it be included in the Senate judiciary meeting scheduled for the following Monday at 1:30 pm.
- **Tyson Alchin** - Carl expressed a concern about the naming of “sativa,” “indica,” and “hybrid,” indicating that those names were inadequate. He requested that strain names, terpene profile, and better descriptions regarding what conditions will be benefited by that strain, be available.

- **Patrick Laughler** - Patrick and his wife own a CBD shop, Corner Store Apothecary and Wellness, and he shared that cannabis has saved his life and allows him to drive seizure-free. He encouraged the board to permit more dispensary licenses. He also asked the board to consider flower as an allowable form, as it works faster and could bring jobs into the state.
- **John Fenner**- John expressed concern that there is not a field sobriety test for cannabis and voiced a concern that patients are not aware of when it is or is not safe to drive or what the rules are regarding medical cannabis and driving.
- **Shelly Servadio**- Shelley requested that the Board be expanded to allow for both patient and a caregiver seats on the Board. Shelley also requested that a previously-submitted presentation about steam vaporization of flower be added to the record.
- **Peter Komendowski** - Peter expressed concern about flower and normalizing cannabis use, particularly in Iowa's youth.

5. Petition: “Vaporizable Flower:

Owen Parker, Bureau Chief

Lucas Nelson from Bud & Mary’s presented information about flower as a less expensive product form, and how it can be vaporized more safely than smoking or combustion.

A motion to form a subcommittee to further research and make a formal recommendation by Dr. Shreck, seconded by Dr. Stoken. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentation: 2022 Program Update

Owen Parker, Bureau Chief

- 2022 Data Review
 - More than 300 new providers
 - 15,000 applications done by 3 registration staff
 - Roll out of virtual card is not only cost saving, but better for law enforcement
- Administrative Rule Update, Re: Executive Order 10
 - Cannot to normal rule amendment process, but will be at the front of the line for red tape review
- Legislative Update
 - Current alignment bill in session that would move consumable hemp into HHS to create a consolidated agency for cannabidiol and hemp.
 - Subcommittee meeting next week for formation of a legal taskforce
 - SSB 113 increasing dispensaries from 5 to 10 and vaporizable flower had a subcommittee meeting scheduled that was canceled

7. Discussion: Patient-Provider Subcommittee

Owen Parker, Bureau Chief

The subcommittee met in December. The subcommittee recommends that HHS staff work with manufacturers and dispensaries in good faith regarding marketing. The Subcommittee expressed concerns that some licensees are currently violating the spirit and letter of the law.. The subcommittee expressed concern that licensees were referring patients on their websites, the names of products, and lifestyle branding.

The four bullet points of the subcommittee's report were voted on and unanimous votes were in favor of these recommendations.

8. Discussion: Adverse Event Reporting

Owen Parker, Bureau Chief

Iowa does not have a formalized process for adverse event reporting. Owen expressed that other states have fillable forms on their websites for reporting and the Department will research and implement.

9. Future Meetings

Mike McKelvey, Chair

- a) Friday, May 12, 2023 - TBD
- b) Friday, August 11, 2023 - TBD
- c) Friday, November 10, 2023 - TBD

10. Adjourn

Mike McKelvey, Chair

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Shreck, seconded by Dr. Richards. A verbal vote was taken: Motion carried unanimously. The meeting officially adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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