

MINUTES
 MEDICAL CANNABIDIOL BOARD
 IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Friday, June 16, 2023
10:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order** **Mike McKelvey, Chair**
 The June 16, 2023, Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board meeting was officially called to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. **Roll Call** **Mike McKelvey, Chair**

Members Present	Members Absent
Capt. Mike McKelvey – Law Enforcement	NOT PRESENT Dr. Mohamad Mokadem - Gastroenterology
Dr. Stephen Richards – Pharmacist	Vacant - Neurologist
Dr. Jacqueline Stoken – Pain Management	Vacant - Pediatrics
Dr. Andrea Weber - Psychiatry	
Dr. Bob Shreck - Oncology	
Staff	
Owen Parker – Bureau Chief	
Andrea Hoyt - Compliance Program Manager	

3. **Approval of Minutes** **Mike McKelvey, Chair**
 Dr. Shreck made a motion to approve the minutes for February 10, 2023, and February 27, 2023, with an additional clarification to the February 10 minutes to be added to the minutes that the Board was not recommending to legislature to adopt flower as a permissible form and for the four bullet points of the patient-provider subcommittee be posted. Dr. Stoken seconded the motion.
 A verbal vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Public Comment Period** **Mike McKelvey, Chair**
- **Carl Olsen** - Carl was not expected to be able to attend the meeting. He yielded his time to Dr. Otto.

- **Dr. Clifton Otto** - Dr. Otto was asked to speak on behalf of Mr. Olsen. He stated that all states with medical cannabis programs are in violation of federal law. He voiced a concern that this sends a bad message to Iowans, especially Iowa's youth.
- **Tyson Allchin** - Tyson voiced concerns that with the alignment, consumable hemp will be lumped in with the medical cannabidiol program, which would harm the struggling hemp industry. He shared that Iowa maximizes microbes at 1/5 what federal levels do, which makes growing hemp outdoors very difficult. He requested that consumable hemp be regulated separately from medical cannabidiol so that opportunities for Iowa farmers are not buried under red tape.
- **Tobias Cross** - Tobias thanked the Board for their work over the last four to five years. He inquired if there have been any updates in 2022-2023 about retention. He stated that Iowa has very low retention rates. He also inquired if there were any opportunities to meet with Board members to discuss the data he and his group collect?

5. Program Updates

Owen Parker, Bureau Chief

- Data Update
 - Continued growth in both new providers and patients. There is a steady growth in THC waivers that has been proportional to program growth.
 - Dr. Shreck expressed appreciation for the details of the data. Dr. Shreck pointed out that 18 grams of THC per 90 days equals 200 mg of THC per day, and that he is not aware of any literature that supports recommendations more than 30 mg per day. Dr. Shreck also stated that Utah recommends 15 mg per day. He shared concerns that with high THC doses, addiction may become a problem and the market will become one for euphoria.
 - Cpt. McKelvey asked if the Bureau is tracking non-renewals. Owen responded that non-renewals are being tracked and are steady at around 50%.
 - Dr. Weber inquired if the Bureau was able to pull data regarding what THC waivers are completed via telehealth.
 - Plateau in dispensary visits.
- Legislative Review
 - Reviewed bills that were introduced. Nothing bills pertaining to the program were passed during the 2023 legislative session.
- Red Tape Review
 - Focuses include licensee marketing and advertising, packaging and labeling, compliance burdens, reducing duplicative language, and a specific prohibition on incorporating hemp-derived THC derivatives into medical cannabis products.
- Consumable hemp
 - Transitioning to HHS on July 1.
 - The rules are not changing immediately, however, some changes, such as improving the product list process, will be made.
- Additional Comments
 - Owen and Board members thanked Dr. Stoken for her service on the Board.
 - Dr. Shreck advised that Bud & Mary's website is still in violation of the rules with their advertising as a lifestyle brand. He also noted that Bud & Mary's website is still hosting online referrals.

6. Future Meetings

Mike McKelvey, Chair

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

7. Adjourn

Mike McKelvey, Chair

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Stoken, seconded by Dr. Weber. A verbal vote was taken: Motion carried unanimously. The meeting officially adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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