

CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
KENTUCKY MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM
TEAM KENTUCKY MEDICAL CANNABIS WORKGROUP
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2024, MEETING

- I.** The Workforce Development Subcommittee meeting of the Team Kentucky Medical Cannabis Workgroup was called to order by Sam Flynn, Executive Director of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program, on March 7, 2024 at approximately 12:02pm. Members met virtually via Zoom.

Workgroup Members Present via Zoom:

Sam Flynn, proxy for Eric Friedlander
Vickie Wise, proxy for Jamie Link
Danielle Milbern, proxy for Jeff Noel
Dorsey Ridley
Michael Mueller

Additional Attendees:

Shelby Lewis, Executive Policy Advisor of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program
Chafic George, Director of Enforcement and Compliance of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program
Nick Therrell, Director of Licensure and Access of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program
Alyssa Erickson, Director of Education and Outreach of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program
Kirstin Bohnert, Deputy Director of Licensure and Access of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program
Lynn Whitehouse, Director of Occupational Safety and Health Education and Training, Education and Labor Cabinet
Approximately 25 members of the Public

II. OLD BUSINESS

None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. Report from the Executive Director

Mr. Flynn updated the Workgroup on the patient and caregiver regulations recently filed by the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program. Mr. Flynn informed the Workgroup of the process through which people will register and receive a medical cannabis card.

b. Overview of Worker Safety Guide

Mr. George provided an overview of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Health and Safety Guide. This guide was written in collaboration with the Education and Labor Cabinet, Department of Workplace Standards. The information presented discussed risk identification and mitigating workplace hazards in medical cannabis facilities. Mr. George reviewed risks associated with cultivators, processors, safety compliance facilities, and dispensaries.

c. Presentation on OSH Worker Safety

Ms. Whitehouse gave a presentation on KYSAFE and the role the Education and Labor Cabinet, specifically the Department of Workplace Standards, plays in ensuring safe workplaces.

d. Adoption of the Worker Safety Guide

Mr. Flynn informed the Subcommittee that if approved by them, the worker safety guide would move to the entire Workgroup for their review and approval.

Mr. Ridley made a motion to approve the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Health and Safety Guide and move it to the entire Workgroup for review. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

V. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Wise moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mueller seconded and the motion carried 5-0 (approximately 12:35pm).



Shelby Lewis
Executive Policy Advisor
Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program