

CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
KENTUCKY MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM
TEAM KENTUCKY MEDICAL CANNABIS WORKGROUP
REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2024, MEETING

- I. The regular 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 26, 2024 at approximately 1:05pm. All 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
Michael Kidd, proxy for Phillip Burnett Jr.
Tom Miller
Dorsey Ridley
Ashley Smith
Julie Cantwell
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 35 members of the Public

II. **OLD BUSINESS**

The Workgroup voted on the approval of the January 24, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Wise seconded. The motion carried 9-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. Report from the Executive Director

Mr. Flynn updated the Workgroup on the patient and caregiver regulations recently released by the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program, including medical cannabis supply limits. Mr. Flynn informed the Workgroup of the process through which people will register and receive a medical cannabis card. Mr. Flynn noted medical cannabis cards will be digital.

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 chiefly concerned 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

Lynn 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 Workgroup that a vote signifies the guide presented would become the worker safety guide for the Kentucky medical cannabis industry. All medical cannabis facilities in Kentucky would be required to have a copy of it on their premises and accessible to be read by employees at their leisure.

Mr. Ridley made a motion to adopt Kentucky Medical Cannabis Industry Guide to Worker Safety and Health. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Flynn discussed possible topics for upcoming subcommittee and committee meetings which will be scheduled and announced on an ongoing basis.

V. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Flynn took questions and comments from the Workgroup members.

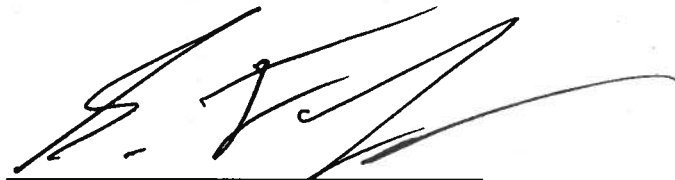
Mr. Ridley asked if this was the same guide reviewed and adopted by the Economic and Workforce Development Subcommittee and if any changes had been made. Mr. Flynn informed him this was the same guide as reviewed and adopted by the subcommittee and no changes had been made.

Mr. Ridley said this meeting was accelerated to today, an earlier date than originally scheduled, and asked if the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program will keep the Workgroup informed if future meetings need to be moved up to keep up with the speed at which the Program is moving. Mr. Flynn told him yes and that this Workgroup is the chief policy making body for medical cannabis in Kentucky. Flynn commented that it is likely more meetings will need to be moved up because of the rapidity at which the program is moving to meet the January 1, 2025 deadline.

Mr. Miller asked if the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program anticipates regulations to go before the legislature on April 1, 2024 for approval. Mr. Flynn said because of a mistake with the timeframe he does not anticipate that.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Wise moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mueller seconded and the motion carried 9-0 (approximately 1:42pm).



Sam Flynn
Executive Director
Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program