



CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
OFFICE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS
TEAM KENTUCKY MEDICAL CANNABIS WORKGROUP
AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 MEETING

- I. The Agriculture and Economic Development Subcommittee meeting of the Team Kentucky Medical Cannabis Workgroup was called to order by Sam Flynn, Executive Director of the Office of Medical Cannabis, on September 9, 2025, at approximately 10:04 AM. The members met virtually via Zoom.

Workgroup Members Present:

Sam Flynn, designee for Eric Friedlander
Danielle Milber, designee for Jeff Noel
Marni Gibson
Thomas Millers

Workgroup Members not Present:

Dorsey Ridley
Ashley Smith

Additional Attendees:

Shelby Lewis, Executive Policy Advisor, Office of Medical Cannabis
Chafic George, Director of Enforcement and Compliance, Office of Medical Cannabis
Malaya Rivers, Executive Administrative Secretary, Office of Medical Cannabis
Members of the Public

II. OLD BUSINESS

None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. Report from the Executive Director



Mr. Flynn provided an update on the Office, beginning with the Office receiving 4,998 applications for cannabis business licenses, with 97.8% of those being received after August 15, 2024. He briefly explained the application review process and announced that the lottery for cultivators and processors will be held in October. The lotteries for dispensaries will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Flynn provided an update on medical cannabis practitioners, stating that they are able to begin the process of being authorized and registered with our Office.

Mr. Flynn provided multiple updates on local government outreach, naming multiple events the Office has attended over the summer and those that are upcoming. The goal of these events are to educate local governments on what medical cannabis means for their jurisdictions.

b. Cannabis Business Presentation: Cultivation

Ms. Lewis gave a presentation about cultivation, beginning with the laws and regulations that are applicable to cultivators and what cultivators are allowed and not allowed to do. For example, cultivators may only conduct cultivations in enclosed, locked facilities, but they cannot sell or transfer any form of medical cannabis to a person or entity who does not hold a medical cannabis business license.

Ms. Lewis then ran through the general cultivation process, from the seedlings stage to the harvesting stage of medical cannabis, and the various types of employees cultivators may have in their facilities. Additionally, Ms. Lewis provided a breakdown of the number of employees the various cultivator tiers may have.

c. Other Business

None.

IV. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gibson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 (approximately 10:32 AM).



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Shelby Lewis", is written over a horizontal line.

Shelby Lewis
Executive Policy Advisor
Office of Medical Cannabis