



CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
OFFICE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS
TEAM KENTUCKY MEDICAL CANNABIS WORKGROUP
HEALTHCARE SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2024 MEETING

- I. The Healthcare 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 November 13, 2024 at approximately 3:08 PM. The members met virtually via Zoom.

Workgroup Members Present:

Sam Flynn, designee for Eric Friedlander
Julie Cantwell

Workgroup Members not Present:

Jonathan Hatton

Additional Attendees:

Shelby Lewis, Executive Policy Advisor, Office of Medical Cannabis
Malaya Rivers, Executive Administrative Secretary, Office of Medical Cannabis
Members of the Public

II. OLD BUSINESS

The Subcommittee voted on the approval of the November 28, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Flynn made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Cantwell seconded. The motion carried 2-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. Report from the Executive Director



Mr. Flynn provided an update on the Office, beginning with an update on the regulations the Office has filed. All but two of the regulations have completed the regulatory review process and are in effect.

Mr. Flynn provided an update on cannabis business licensing and how the Office received 4,998 applications for cannabis business licenses, and how twenty-six (26) licenses for cultivators and processors have been issued via a lottery last month on October 28, 2024.

Mr. Flynn provided a brief update on medical cannabis practitioners, stating that there are currently 128 authorized and registered medical cannabis practitioners that will be writing written certifications for patients beginning December 1, 2024. He announced that the Office will be providing a Find a Practitioner directory on the Office's website for potential cardholders to utilize.

b. Presentation on Practitioner Outreach and Cardholder Information

Ms. Lewis gave a presentation on practitioner outreach and cardholder information, providing information on the process for medical cannabis practitioners to become authorized and registered, and outlined the requirements and process for how patients can become cardholders with the Office. She provided additional information about supply limits, product types, transportation, and packaging of medical cannabis.

c. Discussion of Medical Cannabis Advisory Pamphlet

Ms. Lewis gave a presentation on the Medical Cannabis Advisory Pamphlet, required by KRS 218B.140, which has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Physicians and Advisors. The Pamphlet is designed for qualifying patients and designated caregivers, and licensed cannabis dispensaries will be required to provide the Pamphlet to qualifying patients and designated caregivers when they purchase medical cannabis. The licensed cannabis dispensary must have cardholders sign a signature page acknowledging they have received the Pamphlet at least once a year or whenever major changes to the Pamphlet occur, which is provided by the Office. The signature page must be retained by the licensed cannabis dispensary for a period of thirty-six (36) months.

d. Other Business

None.



IV. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Cantwell asked if medical cannabis practitioners are able to advise on dosages of medical cannabis. Mr. Flynn provided that yes, they are able to recommend more or less of the supply limits set by regulation and can choose what types of products cardholders are allowed to purchase.

Ms. Cantwell also asked if individuals would lose Medicaid or disability if they become cardholders. Mr. Flynn referred her to the offices handle these programs.

Ms. Cantwell asked about court orders, and how cardholders should proceed with those orders. Mr. Flynn stated that that is a question for the courts and how they tailor their orders, as our Office would not handle those decisions.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Cantwell moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Flynn seconded, and the motion carried 2-0 (approximately 3:45 PM).

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Shelby Lewis", is written over a horizontal line.

Shelby Lewis
Executive Policy Advisor
Office of Medical Cannabis