



**CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES**  
**OFFICE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS**  
**TEAM KENTUCKY MEDICAL CANNABIS WORKGROUP**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2025, MEETING**

**I. WELCOME**

The regular meeting of the Team Kentucky Medical Cannabis Workgroup was called to order by Sam Flynn, Executive Director of the Office of Medical Cannabis, on January 22, 2025, at approximately 3:02 P.M.

**Workgroup Members Present:**

Sam Flynn, Proxy for Eric Friedlander  
Jamie Link  
Marni Gibson  
Tom Miller  
Danielle Milbern, Proxy for Jeff Noel  
Julie Cantwell  
Michael Mueller

**Workgroup Members not Present:**

Phillip Burnett  
Dorsey Ridley  
Ashley Smith  
Jonathan Hatton  
Ashton McKenzie

**Additional Attendees:**

Sam Flynn, Executive Director, Office of Medical Cannabis  
Shelby Lewis, Executive Policy Advisor, Office of Medical Cannabis  
Malaya Rivers, Executive Administrative Secretary, Office of Medical Cannabis  
David Gregory, Director of Law Enforcement Outreach, Office of Medical Cannabis  
Members of the Public



## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

The Workgroup voted on the approval of the October 23, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Mr. Link made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Miller seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Report from the Executive Director**

Mr. Flynn provided an update on the Office of Medical Cannabis, starting with business licensing. The Office received a total of 4,998 business license applications and has issued 78 business licenses. Mr. Flynn discussed how the Office has sped up the process and is working with the business licensees to complete change of location requests. The Office also held a business licensee orientation to set expectations with business licensees and provide additional information on how business licensees can best work with the Office.

Mr. Flynn moved on to medical cannabis card applications, which opened on January 1, 2025. At this time, the Office has received almost 5,300 written certifications and 2,715 applications for medical cannabis cards.

### **b. Presentation on Cardholder Licensing, Business Licensing, Local Government Ballot Results, and Law Enforcement Outreach.**

Ms. Lewis gave a presentation with various updates from the Office, first starting with cardholder licensing. As of January 21, 2025, there are 315 authorized medical cannabis practitioners who have issued 5,266 written certifications, with the most common qualifying conditions of chronic pain and post traumatic stress disorder.

Ms. Lewis provided a detailed update on cannabis business licensing, including a breakdown of where licensees are located and information on application analytics, which can be found on the Office's website, [kymedcan@ky.gov](mailto:kymedcan@ky.gov).

Ms. Lewis then gave more detailed information regarding local government ballot results, with every single local government that had the question of allowing cannabis businesses within their jurisdiction voting yes to allow them.

### **c. Discussion of the Law Enforcement Guide and Law Enforcement Visitor Guide**



Ms. Lewis provided an overview of the law enforcement guide, which focuses on education law enforcement officers on lawful and unlawful medical cannabis activities, provides a breakdown of federal, state, and local regulations that may apply for medical cannabis business and cardholders, and provides examples to reference during law enforcement related occurrences.

**d. Approval of the Law Enforcement Guide**

After providing an overview of the Law Enforcement Guide, the Workgroup members voted to approve the Law Enforcement Guide. Mr. Link made a motion to approve the Guide, and Mr. Flynn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**e. Other Business**

Mr. Flynn spoke briefly about the legislative session.

**IV. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Flynn introduced the new Director of Law Enforcement, David Gregory. Mr. Gregory briefly spoke about his experience in law enforcement and the various projects he plans to work on while at the Office, including hosting webinars for law enforcement officers.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Link moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried 7-0 (approximately 3:43 P.M.).

Sam Flynn  
Executive Director  
Office of Medical Cannabis

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "For Sam Flynn". The signature is written over a horizontal line.