



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

MINUTES OF THE JULY 23, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

- I. The regular meeting of the Team Kentucky Medical Cannabis Workgroup was called to order by Cannon Armstrong, Executive Director of the Office of Medical Cannabis, on July 23, 2025, at 3:12 P.M. The members met virtually via Zoom.

Workgroup Members Present:

Cannon Armstrong, Proxy for Steven J. Stack
Jamie Link
Jeff Noel
Marni Gibson
Tom Miller
Julie Cantwell
Michael Mueller

Workgroup Members not Present:

Phillip Burnett
Dorsey Ridley
Ashton McKenzie
Ashley Smith
Jonathan Hatton

Additional Attendees:

Cannon Armstrong, Executive Director, Office of Medical Cannabis
Shelby Lewis, Executive Policy Advisor, Office of Medical Cannabis
Kaysha Stoner, Program Coordinator, Office of Medical Cannabis
Members of the Public

II. **OLD BUSINESS**



The Workgroup voted on the approval of the July 23, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Link seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. Report from the Executive Director

Mr. Armstrong provided an update on the Office of Medical Cannabis, beginning with an update on cannabis business licensees. Armory Kentucky LLC, a Cultivator Tier II located in Graves County, successfully passed inspection and received approval from the Office to bring plants into their facility. The plants were delivered on Friday, July 11, 2025, and Armory Kentucky LLC is expecting to harvest these plants in approximately nine weeks.

b. Presentation on Office Updates

Ms. Lewis provided an update about the Office, starting by introducing Hannah Costigan, who joined the Office as the Director of Education and Outreach.

Ms. Lewis gave a presentation with several updates from the Office, first providing an update on practitioners and cardholders. As of July 21, 2025, there are 456 authorized practitioners in the state who have written 17,722 written certifications for medical cannabis. The Office has received a total of 12,883 applications for medical cannabis cards and has approved 12,011 of those applications. There is also a new executive order issued by Governor Beshear that waives the medical cannabis card renewal fee for any individual that was approved for a medical cannabis card in 2025.

Ms. Lewis provided an update on the Office's cannabis business licensees. The Office conducted two inspections so far for a Cultivator Tier I and Cultivator Tier II. The Office has an upcoming dispensary inspection scheduled for July 17th, 2025. Lastly, six (6) out of the forty-eight (48) dispensary licensees still need to move locations due to lottery drawings.

IV. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Cantwell asked about the process for patients to renew their medical cannabis cards, as renewals are approaching. Mr. Armstrong stated that patients will renew their cards via the application portal and explained how Executive Order 2025-355 will waive



the renewal application fee in 2026 for any individual that was approved for a medical cannabis card in 2025.

Mr. Mueller asked about applicants for medical cannabis cards and if they're being denied for certain medical conditions. Mr. Armstrong stated that the Office has not received feedback from practitioners that have not issued a written certification to specific patients.

Ms. Cantwell asked if Executive Order 2022-798 will be dismissed once licensed dispensaries are up and running, and if cardholders will need to see the same practitioners. Mr. Armstrong stated that the executive order will be dismissed at some point, and that cardholders may see the same practitioner they had seen previously, but that they can find a new one if needed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Link moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Cantwell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously (approximately 3:46 P.M.)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Cannon Armstrong". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Cannon Armstrong
Executive Director
Office of Medical Cannabis