



CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
BOARD OF PHYSICIANS AND ADVISORS

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CHAIR

April 15, 2024

Via Electronic Mail

Hon. John Hicks
Secretary of the Executive Cabinet
and State Budget Director
700 Capital Avenue
Frankfort, KY 40601

Hon. Sam Flynn
Executive Director
Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program
275 E. Main Street, 5-CA
Frankfort, KY 40621

Re: 2024 House Bill 6 - Finding of the Board of Physicians and Advisors

Dear Secretary Hicks and Director Flynn:

I write to you on behalf of the Kentucky Board of Physicians and Advisors to inform you that the Board has met and voted to make finding that there is propensity of peer-reviewed, published research with sufficient evidence as to the efficacy of medical cannabis.

As you know, HB 6 provides the Executive Branch Budget for the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the next biennium. Under that bill, the General Assembly appropriated both General Funds and Restricted Funds in Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 to “support staffing and operations of the Office of Medical Cannabis.

However, the General Assembly conditioned those funds on the finding of this Board. In pertinent part, HB 6 provides:

...No funds shall become available until the Board of Physicians and Advisors, as defined in KRS 218B.020(2), finds there is a propensity of peer-reviewed, published research with sufficient evidence as to the efficacy of medical cannabis for the persistent reduction of symptoms of diseases and conditions...

Today, April 15, 2024, the Board held a regularly scheduled meeting. After a presentation from Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program staff, a motion was made to make the following finding:

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Pursuant to 2024 House Bill 6, the Board of Physicians and Advisors, as defined in KRS 218B.020(2), finds there exists a propensity of peer-reviewed, published research with sufficient evidence as to the efficacy of medical cannabis for the persistent reduction of symptoms of diseases and conditions.

I want to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and your consideration of this Finding. We look forward to assisting the Office of Medical Cannabis with the implementation of this Program and beyond. As always, we share the General Assembly and the Cabinet's goal of ensuring positive health outcomes for all Kentuckians, and we will continue to strive to accomplish that goal.

Respectfully,



Dr. Frederick Stine, D.O.

Chairman

Board of Physicians and Advisors

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