

Draft Minutes
Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board
Friday, May 21, 2021
10:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Mike McKelvey, Chair

The May 21, 2021 Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board meeting was officially called to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Mike McKelvey, Chair

Dr. Bob Shreck – Oncology	Vacant – Gastroenterologist
Dr. Jill Leisveld – Psychiatrist	Vacant - Neurologist
Cpt. Mike McKelvey – Law Enforcement	
Dr. Lonny Miller – Family Medicine	
Dr. Stephen Richards – Pharmacist	
Dr. Jacqueline Stoken – Pain Management	
Dr. Ken Cheyne – Pediatrician	
Sarah Reisetter – Deputy Director	
Owen Parker – Program Manager	
Joseph Husak – Recording Officer	

3. Approval of Minutes

Mike McKelvey, Chair

Dr. Richards made a motion to approve the February 19, 2021 minutes, with a second by Dr. Miller.

A verbal vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment Period

Mike McKelvey, Chair

- **Jason Karimi** – Jason represents a patient advocacy group. Jason spoke to the high costs of products in Iowa compared to other programs. He also spoke to the long distances some patients must travel to acquire products, the inability of pediatric patients to receive medication on school grounds, and the limited number of conditions approved for the use of medical cannabidiol.
- **John Fenner** – John explained the long distances that some patients must travel to acquire products. He also spoke of undergoing a recent procedure in a hospital and recovery in a nursing home, and being unable to use his products due to federal funding and illegality. John thanked the Board for their work.
- **Carl Olsen** - Carl spoke to issues caused by the federal illegality of cannabis, and referenced the exemption request for Iowa's program prescribed in HF2589. Carl also commented on soliciting help from Iowa's Federal delegation with the exemption request.
- **Shane Pick** - Shane thanked the Board for their work, and explained the benefits he found from using cannabis after an accident. Shane requested that additional forms be added to the program.

5. Program Updates

Owen Parker, Bureau Chief

a. Board Appointments

Owen explained that Drs. Liesveld (psychiatry) and Cheyne (Pediatrics) had chosen not to renew their Board seats, which expire after the May, 2021 meeting. The Board and Department representatives gave thanks to Drs. Liesveld and Cheyne for their thoughtful contributions and participation in the Board over the past three years during the implementation of Iowa's program.

Owen explained that this left the Board with four vacancies, and he would provide an update when new members had been appointed. He also communicated that Drs. Liesveld and Cheyne had both provided recommendations to fill their seats.

b. Data Review

Owen described how new providers continue to participate in the program, particularly ARNPS, and that the program now has >1,400 providers who have certified at least one patient. Owen also provided information on THC waivers allowed by HF2589, and that the rate of new waivers has been consistent as the patient population increased. He also explained that the patient population continued to increase and was >6,000 at the time of the meeting.

The Board requested information on how the prices of the products provided by Iowa's program compare to similar medical programs. There was discussion around reciprocity and Iowa's patients using their registration cards to purchase products from other medical cannabis programs. Department staff also explained how letters had been sent to Federal agencies to request an exemption for Iowa's program pursuant to HF259, and

the Board expressed interest in requesting additional help with the exemption from Iowa's Federal delegation.

6. Future Meetings

Mike McKelvey, Chair

- a. **August 20, 2021**
- b. **November 19, 2021**

7. Adjourn

Mike McKelvey, Chair

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Cheyne, seconded by Dr. Liesveld. A verbal vote was taken: Motion carried unanimously. The meeting officially adjourned at 10:53 a.m

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