

Minutes
Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board
Friday, May 13, 2022
10:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Mike McKelvey, Chair

The May 13, 2022 Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board meeting was officially called to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Mike McKelvey, Chair

Members Present	Members Absent
Cpt. Mike McKelvey – Law Enforcement	Vacant – Gastroenterologist
Dr. Bob Shreck – Oncology	Vacant - Neurologist
Dr. Lonny Miller – Family Medicine	
Dr. Stephen Richards – Pharmacist	
Dr. Jacqueline Stoken – Pain Management	
Dr. Andrea Weber - Psychiatry	
Dr. Michael Colburn - Pediatrics	
Staff	
Sarah Reisetter – Deputy Director	
Owen Parker – Bureau Chief	
Joseph Husak – Program Manager	

3. Approval of Minutes

Mike McKelvey, Chair

Dr. Richards made a motion to approve the February 11, 2022 minutes, with a second by Dr. Shreck.

A verbal vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment Period

Mike McKelvey, Chair

- **Peter Komendowski** - Peter thanked the Board for their work. Peter encouraged the Board to keep risk assessment and consequences in-mind when making decisions about program expansion, and to be aware of the issues related to cannabis and THC.
- **Maggie Ballard** - Maggie is a prevention specialist. She spoke to concerns with licensee marketing and advertising, particularly around the 420 holiday and encouraging recreational use. She expressed concerns about youth seeing the advertisements.
- **John Fenner** - John spoke to concerns with practitioner knowledge around medical cannabis, and spoke to the his experience benefit from other product forms that aren't allowed in IA's program. He spoke to his preference for using cannabis, as opposed to narcotics, for treatment of his condition.
- **Carl Olsen** - Carl spoke to the inconsistencies between State and Federal law regarding cannabis, and his desire for these issues to be reconciled by the Federal Government.

5. Program Updates Chief

Owen Parker, Bureau

- a. **Spring Rulemaking Update**
- b. **Data Review and Update**

Owen provided context on the sales of THC-forward products, and that with IA's consumable hemp program up and running, and the availability of hemp-derived CBD products on-line, that patients may be purchasing CBD products from sources other than IA's dispensaries. Owen also spoke to the discrepancies between State and Federal law related to cannabis, and that changes to reconcile them would be wholesale as opposed to piecemeal; a Federal trigger in 124E to align Iowa statutes with any would-be changes to Federal law could be considered to reconcile this issue.

Owen also updated the Board on the Department's plan to update administrative rules around licensee marketing and advertising, as well updates to language pertaining to the Department's seed-to-sale system. This packet of rules also allows practitioner authority for card cancellation, as well as Veteran access to the reduced fee option. Owen gave the Board a data update on key program metrics.

Dr. Shreck inquired about the increase in sales, and if hemp-derived cannabinoid products were contributing to those numbers. Owen explained that consumable hemp products are not tracked by the Department's seed-to-sale system, but are allowed to be sold in dispensaries. Dr. Richards inquired about THC tracking and testing of hemp-derived cannabinoid products, and Owen explained that regulation of these products is largely limited, but that states are discussing how to better regulate those products. He introduced the difficulties around regulating intoxicating hemp-derived products that are proliferating.

6. Future Meetings

Mike McKelvey, Chair

- a. August 12, 2022
- b. November 18, 2022

7. Adjourn

Mike McKelvey, Chair

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Miller, seconded by Dr. Shreck. A verbal vote was taken: Motion carried unanimously. The meeting officially adjourned at 10:41 a.m

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