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Medical Cannabis Advisory Board Meeting
Illinois Department of Public Health
July 8, 2015

Attendance: Eric Christoff, John Knaus, Leslie Mendoza Temple, Nestor Ramirez, Jim Champion, Michael Fine, Allison Weathers, Jacqueline Leskovec, David McCurdy, Theresa Miller (late), Conny Moody – IDPH, Tina Sekimi – IDPH, Andrew Schwartz – IDPH, Mallory Sinner – IDPH, Jared Taylor – private individual

Call to Order

- Conny Moody opened the meeting at 2:05
- Roll call was taken

Registration of Persons for Public Comment

- Jared Taylor, private individual with Osteoarthritis requested to make public comment at the end of the call

Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Jim Champion
Second: Allison Weathers

Review and Approval of Minutes – May 4, 2015

Discussion:

- The Department is looking to post to the transcript from the May 4 petition hearing on the Department website.
- Suggestion of making an erratum document with 2 different types of errors, typographical, grammatical, or transcription errors and content errors. Do not want to change the transcript, but indicate that on review phrases need to be changed to correctly reflect what was meant.
- Changes should stick with clerical errors, if board members feel passionate about certain things and have a level of certainty about a mistake for something that was said, this can be addressed as well, but the transcript should stand on its own.

Motion to adopt minutes after submitting any additional recommendations for clerical errors or substantive changes for erratum document: Jim Champion
Second: Michael Fine

Additional discussion:

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- Cost-benefit of making all the corrections – corrections would take away from the transcript
- The errors in the transcript do not appear that they make a difference to the end result
- In the Open Meetings Act, a transcript is not a requirement. It may be the best use of everyone's time to leave the transcript as it without corrections
- Add a few sentences as a disclaimer that the transcript was a best effort on everyone's part

Motion to accept the transcript and add a disclaimer regarding errors: Michael Fine

Second: Jacqueline Leskovec

IDPH Program Update

- Recommendations from the first petition hearing are still under consideration from the Director. He has until August 1st. If any conditions are approved, they must go through the administrative rulemaking process which can take several months. The memo that was given to the Director will be circulated to the Board.
- 2,600 patients have been approved for the Medical Cannabis Pilot Program. This is below what department estimates were, there could be many reasons for this.

Open Petition Period July 1, 2015 – July 31, 2015

- The open petition period is currently ongoing until July 31. Recommendations from the Board were taken into consideration when revising the petition document. No links or abstracts to articles will be accepted.

Ethics and Open Meetings Act Training

- Board members must complete both the Open Meetings Act Training and Ethics Trainings by October 31st, 2015
- An email with instructions will go out in the next few days
- There will be a certificate at the end of the Open Meetings Act Training and an acknowledgement page at the end of the ethics training. Forward both to Mallory when you are done

Next Medical Cannabis Advisory Board Meeting – Petition Hearing

- The next advisory board meeting will be a petition hearing on October 7-8, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Chicago SW Countryside.
- Additional microphones will be available, as well as a separate boardroom for the Board.
- A discussion will be had to determine if both days are needed once the number of petitions is known.

Other Discussion

- None

Public comment

Motion to limit comment to the one person who registered at the beginning of the meeting: Dave McCurdy

Second: Jacqueline Leskovec

Jared Taylor – Individual with Osteoarthritis

- Spoke at the May 4th hearing
- Is disappointed in the follow through with the addition of medical conditions because there could be people who will not write petitions during this open petition period because they do not know if the conditions from the May meeting have been approved or denied yet.
 - The inaugural petition period was extended because notice was not posted 30 days before the petition period opened
 - Can take into consideration about rules process for the future
 - Petitions for the conditions that were recommended for additional to the Director can still be accepted during this petition period because the final outcome may not be known until after the petition period closes.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Jim Champion

Second: Leslie Mendoza Temple