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**Illinois Department of Public Health**  
***Medical Cannabis Advisory Board Meeting***  
**October 2, 2015**

**MCAB Members Present:** Theresa Miller; Michael Fine; Jim Champion; Allison Weathers; Leslie Mendoza Temple; Jyotin Parikh; Nestor Ramirez

**IDPH Staff Present:** Conny Moody; Andrew Schwartz; Mallory Sinner

**Guests:** Ms. Digiacomio; Joel Erickson; Lisa Arquilla; Marcy Mercer; Mark Brouwer; Bresha Brewer (Medical Cannabis Alliance of Illinois); Jared Boyar; Chris Lindsey (Marijuana Policy Project)

**Call to Order**

Conny Moody called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.

**Roll Call and Registration of Persons for Public Comment**

Roll call was taken for the members of the Medical Cannabis Advisory Board (MCAB). Guests were asked to introduce themselves and indicate if they wished to make a public comment at the end of the meeting.

**IDPH Program Update**

Conny Moody provided a program update from the Illinois Department of Public Health. On September 10 it was announced that the conditions that the MCAB had recommended for approval would not be added to the program at this time. The board was thanked for their careful thought and consideration regarding the petition hearing process. Board members engaged in discussion regarding whether these conditions will be reconsidered. There is nothing that prohibits petitioners from submitting petitions for conditions that were denied, but a petition must be resubmitted during an open petition period and will not be automatically reconsidered.

A copy of the annual report to the General Assembly was sent to all of the MCAB members earlier this week. The Act requires the department to provide pilot program information to the General Assembly annually by September 30. The time frame for the report is the prior fiscal year actions.

To date, there have been 4 medical cannabis dispensaries licensed by DFPR, however medical cannabis is not yet available for sale. The Department is currently working on a notification process for patients on how to select a dispensary.

Board members were reminded to complete Ethics Training and Open Meeting Act Training.

### **Petition Hearing October 7, 2015**

The MCAB was informed about the conditions that will be heard as well as the numbers of speakers that submitted Statements of Intent to speak at the October 7 meeting - Autism (three speakers), Chronic Pain due to Trauma (two speakers with one closed session), Chronic Pain Syndrome (four speakers), Chronic Post-Operative Pain (one speaker), Intractable Pain (six speakers with one closed session), Irritable Bowel Syndrome (five speakers with two closed session), Osteoarthritis (two speakers with one closed session), and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (six speakers).

The board engaged in discussion regarding the order of petitions and recommended that the order of the conditions be amended as follows:

1. Chronic Pain Due to Trauma
2. Chronic Pain Syndrome
3. Chronic Post-Operative Pain
4. Intractable Pain
5. Osteoarthritis
6. Autism
7. Irritable Bowel Syndrome
8. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

*Motion to accept new order of petitions – Leslie Mendoza Temple  
Second – Michael Fine*

Mallory Sinner described the plans for lunch and housekeeping issues for the October 7 Petition Hearing which will take place from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Holiday Inn Chicago SW in Countryside.

### **Other Discussion**

The MCAB was informed that the Open Meetings Act only requires a word-for-word transcript for the closed portions of the petition hearing. Therefore, the transcript from the May 4<sup>th</sup> petition hearing would not be amended. An option for the MCAB would be to state corrections to the May 4 hearing minutes during the October 7 petition hearing so that board members could specify corrections to any errors in the transcript as part of the official record of proceedings. Dr. Mendoza Temple requested all MCAB members come to the October 7 hearing prepared to provide any corrections for the record. Conny Moody stated the Department would revise and post a new agenda which included review and approval of the minutes from the May 4, 2015 petition hearing.

**Public Comment**

The meeting was opened for public comment. Two individuals expressed interest in addressing the MCAB. Mark Brouwer provided comments on the use of cannabis for autism. Joel Erickson thanked the board for their time and consideration of the conditions that were heard during the May 4<sup>th</sup> petition hearing.

**Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn – Michael Fine*

*Second – Theresa Miller*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mallory Sinner, IDPH staff