

Therapeutic Cannabis Medical Oversight Board
November 2, 2022, DHHS Offices, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord (with Remote-Zoom option)
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Heather Brown, Corey Burchman, Jerry Knirk (Chair), Jill MacGregor, Molly Rossignol, Seddon Savage, Tricia Tilley, Lisa Withrow

Members Absent: Virginia Brack, Richard Morse,

DHHS Staff: Michael Holt, DPHS Program Administrator

Note: In-person quorum met

Meeting convened at 7:37

Minutes

Minutes from 9/7/22 and 10/5/22 meetings were approved.

Motion: Withrow; Second: Brown; Vote: 5-0, one abstention (Rossignol and MacGregor not present yet).

Word from the Chair

Knirk reminded members about RSA 91-A provisions, with respect to email communication and workgroup communication

Effectiveness Surveys Workgroup

(Burchman, Brown, Savage, Withrow)

- Burchman described process: review of all prior surveys, combined and consolidated the best elements for brevity, clarity, and ease of use.
- Patient survey was presented, reviewed, discussed, and changes were made and recorded.
- Designed to be a “pilot” survey; a “one-off” survey (not longitudinal); and to be taken by individuals who have been using cannabis (not brand new patients)
- It was agreed that DHHS would fine tune language for reading level and format appropriately
- It will be circulated to the ATCs for their input
- It will be beta tested on ~20 individuals, via an ATC, results collated and shared with the Board for review, before general administration.

2023 Legislative Initiatives

Two LSRs were discussed

- LSR 1, relative to employment protection for participants in the therapeutic cannabis program.
 - After discussion, vote was taken affirming that the group unanimously agreed with the spirit of the bill, but not necessarily the details.
 - Motion: Burchman; Second: Withrow; Vote 7-0

- LSR 2, relative to qualifying medical conditions (consolidates pain conditions and removes “guardrails” for opioid use disorder).
 - Discussion that the bill removed requirements for OUD that were crafted by the Board, and that the bill did not adequately capture the issues around pain conditions that were discussed at a prior meeting.
 - It was noted that the Board would unlikely change its position on OUD after extensive research and effort in precise crafting.
 - There was interest in discussing the pain conditions further
 - Fuller discussion was deferred to an upcoming meeting.

Board Meeting Schedule

- Knirk proposed a 4 meeting per year schedule, as follows: January, March, June, October
 - There was little discussion and no vote on the matter.
- The Board voted to keep their next December 7 meeting
 - Motion: Brown; Second: Burchman; Vote: 4-3

Public Comments

- A concern was raised about delays between passage of TCP legislation and rule making necessary to implement that legislation, in particular changes related to visiting qualifying patients being able to access the NH ATCs.
 - Holt provided an update on rulemaking, stating that the 3-year certification rulemaking was underway, and the visiting qualifying patient rulemaking would follow in shortly.
 - This was deemed to be an administrative matter directed to DHHS program, not for input from the Board
- One ATC representative present affirmed their interest in reviewing the survey and supporting this work.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm