

# Task Force on Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Research Meeting minutes

**DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020 (1:00PM-3:00PM)**

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**LOCATION: VIRTUAL (ZOOM)**

## Attendance

### Present:

- Rep. Mike Freiberg
- Sen. Jerry Relph
- Sen. Melisa Franzen
- Maren Schroeder
- Erin Chase
- Jessica Hauser
- Gwen Verchota, PhD, CNP
- Mary Kay Gilbert, RN
- Bruce Bostrom, MD
- Ann Hoekstra, PharmD
- Sheriff Chris Caulk
- Janet Reiter, JD
- Charlie Reznikoff, MD
- Dean Gilbertson

### Excused:

- Commissioner Malcolm
- Commissioner Harpsted
- Commissioner Harrington
- Katie Kennedy
- John Swenson
- Charles Hilger, Jr., MSW, LADC
- Brian Peters

## Agenda

- Rep. Freiberg/Sen. Relph
  - Introduction
  - Rep. Freiberg moved approval of the minutes from January 2019, MOTION PREVAILED.
- Chris Tholkes presented the MDH Update/COVID19 Response
- Darin Teske presented the current petition process to review qualifying conditions for medical cannabis prescriptions.

- There have been two petitions thus far for qualifying conditions this year: anxiety and tick disorder
- Reznikoff - How do we make providers believe in the positive use of this medicine? How do we carry out the petition process in a way that is as public and transparent with all types of providers?
- Darin - We need to do more outreach to those types of providers
- Reznikoff- Mayo, MMA, American College of Physicians should all be involved in the petition process.
- Steven Whitney (BerryDunn) presented the Minnesota Medical Cannabis Price Study
  - Yoko McCarthy (BerryDunn) presented findings from the price study
- The Task Force has \$24,000 available to aid in the production of the Impact Assessment Report

## Decisions made

- Members support telehealth and curbside pickup being made a permanent option

## Action items

- Task Force members should provide outreach options to Chris Tholkes for the petition process
- Impact Assessment Report - Statute Requirement
  - Make sure that patients are heard
  - Is there a format set forth?
- Impact Assessment Report from February 2017 / Assigned to Darin Teske
- Send suggestions for research teams to aid in the Impact Assessment Report

## Next meeting

Date: September (Exact date TBD)

Time: After the typical work day

Location: Zoom

Agenda items: (submit proposed agenda items to [Health.MedCann.TaskForce@state.mn.us](mailto:Health.MedCann.TaskForce@state.mn.us))

- Discuss adding additional delivery method- including raw cannabis- Maren Schroeder; manufacturers to provide likely price impacts
- Adverse events

- Discuss 280E tax relief - what has been the effect?

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