

Task Force on Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Research  
August 31, 2016 3:00 p.m.  
State Office Building – Room 10

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Senator Scott Dibble, Co-Chair  
Representative Patrick Garofalo, Co-Chair  
James Backstrom  
Duane Bandel  
Maria Botker (via telephone)  
Ramona Dohman, Commissioner of Public Safety  
Dr. Edward Ehlinger, Commissioner of Health  
Karina Forrest-Perkins  
David Hartford  
Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen  
Jeff Schiff for Emily Johnson Piper, Commissioner of Human Services  
Laura Schwartzwald (via telephone)

Members Excused

Dennis Flaherty  
James Franklin  
Vincent Hayden, PhD  
David Kolb  
Representative Carly Melin  
Doreen McIntyre  
Jeremy Pauling  
Dr. Charles Reznikoff  
Sarah Wellington  
Dr. Dawn Wyllie

Call to Order:

Senator Scott Dibble, Co-Chair of the Task Force on Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Research, called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

James Backstrom moved approval of the minutes from the January 12, 2016 meeting. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Scott Dibble spoke about the statutory change moving administration of the task force to MDH and how to produce the legislative report due in February.

Michelle Larson, Director, Office of Medical Cannabis, and Darin Teske, Policy Advisor, Office of Medical Cannabis, presented an update on the Minnesota Medical Cannabis program.

Dr. Kyle Kingsley, CEO, Minnesota Medical Solutions, presented an update on its cannabis patient centers as well as financial audit results.

Dr. Andrew Bachman, CEO, LeafLine Labs, and Gary Starr, Chief Medical Officer, LeafLine Labs, presented an update on its cannabis patient centers as well as the first year milestones of the Minnesota Medical Cannabis program.

Public Testimony

Cassie Traun, Citizen

Curtis Hanna, Citizen

Next Meeting

To be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.