

Task Force on Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Research
September 25, 2015
State Office Building – Room 200

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Senator Scott Dibble, Co-Chair
Representative Patrick Garofalo, Co-Chair
Representative Carly Melin
James Backstrom
Maria Botker (via telephone)
Dr. Pamela Gonzalez
James Franklin
David Hartford
David Kolb
Doreen McIntyre
Jeremy Pauling
Dr. Charles Reznikoff
Sarah Wellington
Dr. Dawn Wyllie

Members Excused

Duane Bandel
Ramona Dohman, Commissioner of Public Safety
Dr. Edward Ehlinger, Commissioner of Health
Dennis Flaherty
Karina Forrest-Perkins
Vincent Hayden, PhD
Lucinda Jesson, Commissioner of Human Services
Senator Branden Petersen
Laura Schwartzwald

Call to Order:

Senator Dibble, Co-Chair, called the meeting of the Task Force on Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Research to order at 2:03 pm. A quorum was not present.

A quorum was present at 2:20 pm.

Approval of minutes:

James Backstrom moved approval of the minutes from the December 3, 2014 meeting. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

MDH program updates

Michelle Larson, Director, Office of Medical Cannabis, provided a general overview regarding program updates speaking to patient registry, the program launch and providing statistics on usage. Additionally, information was provided regarding outreach and communications and the intractable pain advisory panel.

Anita Scott, MN.IT, provided testimony regarding a caregiver data security issue.

Dan Pollock, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health, addressed Task Force members' questions.

Medical Cannabis manufacturer updates

Manny Munson-Regala, CEO, Leafline Labs LLC, presented on Leafline patients, the pharmaceutical process, product formulations, and the Leafline Labs clinic.

Dr. Laura Bultman, Chief Medical Officer, Minnesota Medical Solutions, presented on the experiences of Minnesota Medical Solutions, which included an update on the patients, the process, and the lessons learned.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Kari Olavson, Citizen
Darrell Paulson, Citizen
Jenessa Lea, Citizen
Jessica Hauser, Citizen
Cassie Traun, Citizen
Paul Johnson, Citizen
Jeffrey Baker, Citizen
Rochelle Quant, Citizen
Kim Kelsey, Citizen
Marty Super, Citizen
Marie-Helene Graziak, Citizen
Nicole Villa, Citizen
Barb Ferron, Citizen
Curtis Hannah, Citizen
Alexis Whiting, Citizen

NEXT MEETING:

To be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.