

Task Force on Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Research
December 03, 2014
Basement, State Office Building

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Senator Scott Dibble, Co-Chair
Representative Carly Melin, Co-Chair (via telephone)
James Backstrom
Duane Bandel
Ramona Dohman, Commissioner of Public Safety
Dennis Flaherty
James Franklin
Vincent Hayden, PhD
Doreen McIntyre
Jeremy Pauling
Senator Branden Petersen
Dr. Charles Reznikoff
Laura Schwartzwald
Sarah Wellington

Members Excused

Maria Botker
Dr. Edward Ehlinger, Commissioner of Health
Karina Forrest-Perkins
Dr. Pamela Gonzalez
Representative Patrick Garofalo
David Hartford
Lucinda Jesson, Commissioner of Human Services
David Kolb
Dr. Dawn Wyllie

CALL TO ORDER:

Senator Dibble, Co-Chair, called the meeting of the Task Force on Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Research to order at 2:05 pm. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

James Backstrom moved approval of the minutes from the November 06, 2014 meeting. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

TASK FORCE IMPLEMENTATION REPORT:

Darin Teske, Policy Analyst, Office on Medical Cannabis, and Manny Munson-Regala, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health, presented the draft report on the Implementation of the Minnesota Medical Cannabis Program.

The Task Force decided it would post the draft report on the web for the public to view and to permit members to comment with suggested changes or addition.

MDH UPDATES ON PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION:

Michelle Larson, provided a general overview on program implementation speaking to the timeline, hiring process, and IT and business developments.

Darin Teske, Policy Analyst, Office on Medical Cannabis, presented an update on rulemaking speaking to expedited manufacturer rules, expedited patient-health care practitioner rules, and the formal rulemaking process.

Dr. Tom Arneson, Minnesota Department of Health, presented an overview of the Dosages and Compositions Report.

Manny Munson-Regala, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health, provided an update on manufacturer selection.

Peter Bachman, President, Leafline Labs LLC, and Dr. Andy Bachman, Leafline Labs LLC, addressed the Task Force.

Ross Hussey, General Counsel, Minnesota Medical Solutions, addressed the Task Force.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Lynn Jurgeson, Citizen

Joni Whiting, Citizen

Kathy Rippentrop, Citizen

Kurtis Hannah, Citizen

Dan Wilcox, Citizen

NEXT MEETING:

To be determined.

The Task Force meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.