OFFICE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS

Task Force on Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Research Meeting
Thursday November 6, 2014
3:30 – 5:00 pm
Michelle Larson, Director
Tom Arneson, MD, Research Manager
Manny Munson-Regala, Assistant Commissioner

Topics:

- Rulemaking
- Research Update
- RFA status

Rulemaking- Expedited Manufacturer Rules

- Expedited Manufacturer Rules
  - Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules, published October 6, 2014
  - Official comment period closed November 5, 2014
  - Office of Administrative Hearings reviews rules for form and legality
  - Administrative Law Judge Approves
  - Governor's Office Approves
  - Final rules posted on MDH Medical Cannabis website early December
  - Notice of adoption expected in mid-December

Rulemaking- Expedited Patient and Provider Rules

- Expedited Patient and Provider Rules
  - Informal Draft for Comments posted on OMC website October 6, 2014
  - To be formally published in State Register mid-December
  - 30-day comment period
  - Public Comments considered
  - Office of Administrative Hearings reviews rules for form and legality
  - Administrative Law Judge and Governor's Office approve
  - Final rules posted on MDH Medical Cannabis website early March
  - Adoption expected in March 2015

Rulemaking- Formal Rulemaking

- Formal Rulemaking Process in Parallel with Expedited Process
  - Will flesh out topics covered by expedited rules; may also include new topics
  - Advisory Committee(s) recruitment beginning late November 2014
  - Advisory Committee scheduled to begin work in January 2015
  - Adoption targeted for November 2015

Research Update

- Composition and Dosage Report
  - Summary of clinical trials, relevant to qualifying medical conditions, published in peer-reviewed journals
  - Highlights the cannabis formulation (composition) and dosages used
  - Focus is on cannabis extract products, refined cannabinoids, and synthetic THC
  - December 1, 2014 deadline
- Reportable Data
  - Initial proposals will be exposed for comment soon
  - Will work collaboratively with manufacturers on collection

RFA

- Presentations have been concluded
- Site visits ongoing
- On track to register two

Next Steps:

- Continued Administrative Work
  - Staff positions in OMC
  - IT development
- Rulemaking
  - finalize expedited manufacturer rules;
  - prepare patient/provider rules for official publication;
  - begin formal process
- Reports
  - Dosages and Composition Report
  - Work with Taskforce on Taskforce Report