



**Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Health
Medical Marijuana Program**



Health Regulation and Licensing Administration

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FL.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

Scientific Subcommittee

July 5, 2016

1:00 pm-2:00 pm

OPEN SESSION UNOFFICIAL MINUTES



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Open Session Agenda

Call to Order	Called to Order: 1:05pm	Dr. Sharon Lewis, Chair
o628-O-01	<p><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes</u> May 25, 2016</p> <p>This item has been tabled for the next meetings vote due to lack of a quorum.</p>	
Consent Agenda	None	
Introductions:	<p><u>Committee Members Present</u> Dr. Yewande Johnson, MD Dr. Andrew Robie, MD</p> <p><u>Committee Members Absent</u> Dr. Daniel Perlin, MD Dr. Michael Yochelson, MD</p> <p><u>Staff</u> Dr. Sharon Lewis, Chair Dr. Shauna White, Program Manager for the Pharmaceutical Control Division-Medical Marijuana Program Ms. Carla Williams, Assistant General Counsel Ms. Karin Barron, Health Licensing Specialist Mr. Jawara Kasimu-Graham, Pharmacist Inspector Phillip Husband, General Counsel Frank Myers, Executive Director for the DC Board of Medicine Reginal J. Bellamy, DOH Pharmacist Inspector J'Ana Brady, DOH Pharmaceutical Control Division Intern Veronica Longstreth, DC Department of Health Care Finance Cassandra Kingsberry, DC Department of Health Care Finance Yeolman Owens, Operations Manager for the Health Regulations and Licensing Administration</p>	

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	<p>Dr. Jaqueline Watson, Chief of Staff for the Department of Health</p> <p><u>Members of the Public</u> Andy Hai Ting, National Holistic Healing Rabbi Jeffery Kahn, Takoma Wellness Kate Bell, MMP Kaitlyn Boecker, Drug Policy Alliance Barrett Langston, Public</p>	
Statement for Quorum	No Quorum	Dr. Sharon Lewis
o628-O-02	Review of Agenda	Dr. Sharon Lewis & Committee
o628-O-03	<p>Program Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As of June 28, 2016, DC Medical Marijuana Program has 3,776 patients enrolled in the program. 2,405 are Male and 1, 371 are Female. 31 Caregivers are enrolled in the program ▪ The District of Columbia Medical Marijuana Program currently has five (5) Dispensaries and seven (7) Cultivation Centers licensed. 	Dr. Shauna White
o628-O-04	<p>The DC Center for Rational Prescribing (DCRx)</p> <p>The DC Center for Rational Prescribing provides information about medications and other therapeutic options to physicians and healthcare professionals. DCRx offers online continuing education courses, free to DC physicians and healthcare professionals, and at minimal cost to healthcare professionals not licensed in Washington, DC. To learn more, please visit the following website link: http://doh.dc.gov/dcrx</p>	Dr. Shauna White
o628-O-05	Greetings From the Director's Office	Dr. Jaqueline Watson

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	<p>Dr. Jaqueline Watson greeted the public and reported that she is present to hear the recommendations from the Scientific Subcommittee to determine if the Director of the Department of Health should increase the amount of medical marijuana a patient may receive within a thirty (30) day period from two (2) ounces to four (4) ounces.</p>	
<p>o628-O-o6</p>	<p>Discussion: whether to recommend that the Director of the Department of Health increase the amount of medical marijuana a patient may receive within a thirty (30) day period from two (2) ounces to four (4) ounces. The Subcommittee will further discuss whether the recommendation should apply to all forms of medical marijuana or only certain forms.</p> <p>After hearing comments from the public during the May 2016 Subcommittee Meeting, in an effort to make a clinically-based and informed recommendation to the Director, the Subcommittee needed to seek assistance for recommending physicians to obtain information that would assist it in determining how patients are responding to medical marijuana treatment, the medical efficacy and possible effects of recommending this potential change to the Medical Marijuana Program.</p> <p>The following physicians provided patient clinical outcomes associated with the enrollment in the medical marijuana program: Dr. Patrick Fasusi, Dr. John Bedeau, and Dr. Dana McGinty. (Please note: To ensure patient privacy, all patient initials have been redacted, and patient ages have been changed to a range. These documents were for subcommittee use only and shall not be disseminated to the public)</p> <p>After review of the documentation submitted, the subcommittee members reported that no further documentation is needed from the recommending physicians to make a formal decision.</p>	



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Due to lack of quorum, this matter is tabled for a vote at the next subcommittee meeting.

This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:25pm. The next Subcommittee Meeting will be held on Tuesday July 5, 2016.