

Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

This meeting was held in person and virtually.

This meeting was recorded. An audio copy of this recording can be found on the Utah Public Notice Website (<https://www.utah.gov/pmn/>).

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Attendees

Board members attending: Kent Andersen, Nanette Berezhnyy, Cami Clark, CMHC, Desiree Hennessy, Jimmy Higgs, JD Lauritzen, Chris Morgan, APRN, Matthew Page, and Misty Smith, PhD.

DHHS/UDAF staff attending: Richard Oborn, Abigail Hodgson, Brittany Brown, Trevor Eckhoff, Jeremiah Sniffin, Shannon Thoman-Black, Dr. Brandon Forsyth, Aimee Isom, Ashley Moretz, Sara Lealos, Sarah Dash, and Cody James.

Agenda

1. Welcome

Mr. Page acknowledged that there was a quorum so the meeting could proceed at approximately 2:02pm and read the [introduction script](#).

2. Board approval of February 2025 minutes

Mr. Page asked the board if there were any proposed changes to the [February 2025 minutes](#) by the board. There were no changes proposed. Mr. Lauritzen motioned to approve the minutes and Ms. Berezhnyy seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

3. Board administrative business

Members discussed board administrative business.

4. DHHS and UDAF update

DHHS updates:

- Mr. Oborn of the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) updated the board on, and answered questions about, the following items:
 - current program statistics and program metrics;
 - the quarterly medical cannabis provider meeting being held on April 10, 2025. Information on these meetings can be found at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/providers/quarterly-medical-provider-meeting/>;
 - outreach and education efforts; and
 - Cannabis Research Review Board (CRRB) final meeting on April 8, 2025.

UDAF updates:

- Dr. Forsyth and Mr. James of the Utah Department of Agriculture & Food (UDAF) updated the board on, and answered questions about, the following items:
 - Inventory Control System (ICS) updates; and
 - Medical Cannabis Production and Pharmacy Licensing Board meeting that will be held on April 9, 2025. Information on these meetings can be found at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/cannabis-production-establishment-licensing-advisory-board/>.

5. Medical cannabis market analysis

Ms. Brown from DHHS presented the [Medical Provider Summary Survey](#) to the board members. Mr. Oborn requested that any stakeholder provide feedback on the proposed survey by Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 5:00pm to mcpab@utah.gov. Board members also provided their input on the proposed survey.

Dr. Franks and Dr. Cochran with the University of Utah Center for Medical Cannabis Research (CMCR) shared a [presentation](#) on the [Patient Survey Summary](#). Ms. Franks requested that any stakeholder provide feedback on the proposed survey be emailed by Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 5:00pm to mcpab@utah.gov or lirit.franks@hsc.utah.edu. Board members provided their input on the proposed survey.

The following public members gave comments on this agenda item:

- Mindy Madeo with Beehive Farmacy.

6. Legislative update and bill outcomes

Mr. Page facilitated a discussion on the [2025 Legislative Update and Bill Outcomes](#). Mr. Oborn addressed questions regarding statute changes that will be regulated by DHHS, while Dr. Forsyth responded to questions on statute changes that will be regulated by UDAF.

7. Work session

The board discussed potential agenda items for future meetings. The following public members gave comments on this agenda item:

- Valerie Ahanonu with the CMCR;
- Mindy Madeo with Beehive Farmacy; and
- Narith Panh with Dragonfly Wellness.

8. Next meeting's agenda

The board discussed agenda items for the April 15, 2025 meeting.

9. Adjourn

Mr. Page motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Hennessy seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to end the meeting, and the meeting ended at approximately 4:15pm.