

Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

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Attendees

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

Board members excused: Jimmy Higgs

DHHS/UDAF staff attending: Shannon Thoman-Black, Richard Oborn, Trevor Eckhoff, and Cody James

Agenda

1. Welcome

Ms. Hennessy acknowledged that there was a quorum so the meeting could proceed at approximately 2:01 pm and read the [introduction script](#).

2. Board approval of [August 2025 minutes](#)

Ms. Hennessy asked the board if there were any proposed changes to the August 19, 2025 minutes. There were no changes proposed. Dr. Smith motioned to approve the minutes and Ms. Berezhnyy seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the August 2025 minutes.

3. DHHS and UDAF update

- a. DHHS updates: Mr. Oborn informed the board about:
 - i. The medical cannabis card redesign;

- ii. A presentation to the Rotary Club of Millcreek;
 - iii. An upcoming presentation to the Utah Academy of Family Physicians;
 - iv. An upcoming survey of medical providers who do not participate in the medical cannabis program; and
 - v. An update to the patient product information insert.
- b. UDAF updates: Mr. James informed the board about:
- i. The expected launch date of the new inventory control system; and
 - ii. Rural medical cannabis pharmacy license applications.

4. Draft rules: R66-2, 9, and 10

Mr. James presented three draft administrative rules to the board: [R66-2 Cannabis Processing](#), [R66-9 Cannabis Licensing Process](#), and [R66-10 Closed-Door Medical Cannabis Pharmacy](#). The board gave feedback on the draft rules.

The following public members gave comments on this agenda item:

- Alan Roth with Curaleaf

5. Patient purchasing limit expansion by recommending medical provider, cont.

Ms. Hennessy gave the floor to Mr. Morgan who reintroduced the proposal discussed at the July and August board meetings. Mr. Morgan circulated language for a motion prior to the meeting, which the board discussed.

The following public members gave comments on this agenda item:

- Chase Angelo Giles

The board took the following action on this agenda item:

- Vote: recommend establishing a process allowing recommending medical providers (RMPs) to authorize patient purchasing limit increases, provided:
 - The RMP submits an attestation to the Department of Health and Human Services acknowledging the medical necessity of the increase.
 - Adjustments may apply to flower (in 50 gram increments) and/or composite products (in 10 gram increments) and may be repeated as often as clinically appropriate.
 - Increases expire at card renewal unless refiled and may be lowered at any time by the RMP.
 - Following any increase, the patient must meet with a pharmacy medical provider (PMP) for review and care coordination.

- Motioned: Mr. Morgan
- Second: Mr. Page
- Roll call vote:
 - Kent Andersen: Yes
 - Nanette Berezchnyy: Yes
 - Cami Clark: Yes
 - Desiree Hennessy: Yes
 - JD Lauritzen: Yes
 - Chris Morgan: Yes
 - Matthew Page: Yes
 - Misty Smith: Yes
- The motion passed unanimously.

6. Medical cannabis education roundtable

Mr. Lauritzen presented [his memorandum](#) and posed questions to the departments about education abilities, scope, funding, and responsibilities. Ms. Thoman-Black and Mr. Oborn responded on behalf of DHHS and Mr. James responded on behalf of UDAF. Ms. Berezchnyy, Ms. Hennessy, and Mr. Lauritzen asked clarifying questions and discussed the role of each department in educating individuals inside and outside the medical cannabis program.

The following public members gave comments on this agenda item:

- Narith Panh with Dragonfly Wellness
- Chase Angelo Giles
- Alan Roth with Curaleaf
- Blake Smith with Zion Medicinal

The board took no action on this item, but Mr. Lauritzen planned to bring forward a motion at the next meeting.

7. Future topics for board discussion

Ms. Hennessy asked the board about its future priorities. Mr. Page brought forth an email from UDAF regarding the sale of products with less than 0.3% THC concentration in medical cannabis pharmacies, prompting the board to discuss it at its next meeting. Ms. Hennessy proposed discussing medical cannabis THC potency. Mr. Lauritzen advocated for analyzing claims in a letter provided by Drug Safe Utah at the next board meeting.

The following public members gave comments on this agenda item:

- Mindy Madeo with Beehive Farmacy

- Chase Angelo Giles

8. 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 4:12 pm.