Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2:00 pm-4:00 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, Anthony Griffiths, Desiree Hennessy, JD Lauritzen, Blake Smith, and Misty Smith, PhD.

DHHS/UDAF staff attending: Richard Oborn, Shannon Thoman-Black, Trevor Eckhoff, Jada Stelmach, Dr. Brandon Forsyth, and Cody James

Agenda

1. **Welcome**

Ms. Hennessy acknowledged that there was a quorum so the meeting could proceed at approximately 2:00 pm and read the introduction script.

2. **Board approval of January 2026 minutes**

Ms. Hennessy asked the board if there were any proposed changes to the January 20, 2026 minutes. There were no changes proposed. Mr. Berezhnyy motioned to approve the January 2026 minutes and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the January 2026 minutes.

3. **Board administrative business**

Ms. Hennessy announced that SB 121 was scheduled for a committee hearing at 4:00 pm.

4. **DHHS and UDAF update**

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a. DHHS updates: Mr. Oborn informed the board about:
    i. Accepting applications to fill the recommending medical provider vacancy on the Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board.
    ii. New online training course for recommending medical provider proxies.
    iii. Dr. Matt McIff presenting at the Utah Osteopathic Medicine Association Winter Conference.
    iv. Current program statistics.
b. UDAF updates: Dr. Forsyth informed the board about:
    i. ICS project timeline.

5. 2026 legislative session

The board discussed the following bills being considered during the 2026 legislative session:

- HB 389 Medical Cannabis Amendments
- SB 66 Medical Cannabis Pharmacy Amendments
- HB 281 Workers' Compensation Cannabis Amendments
- SB 121 Medical Cannabis Program Amendments

The board did not make any proposals to recommend changes to the bills.

6. Next meeting's agenda

Ms. Hennessy proposed adding a discussion on subcommittees to the upcoming agenda and inquired about other items for the next meeting. Mr. Smith recommended providing a summary of the current session along with a review of the strategic goals for 2026. Additionally, Ms. Hennessy requested that Mr. Griffiths present an overview of the established protocols for patient interactions and card verification procedures in the Utah Criminal Justice Information System.

7. Adjourn

Mr. Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Berezhnyy seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to end the meeting, and the meeting ended at approximately 3:15 pm.

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