

Medical Marijuana Commission Meeting

Meeting Minutes

10/31/13

Members Present

Dario Broccolino

William "Chris" Charles

Paul Davies

Marie Grant

Shawn McNamara

Deborah Miran

Harry "Buddy" Robshaw

Eric Sterling

On Phone:

Kevin Chen

Michael Horberg

Robert Lavin

Absent:

Nancy Rosen-Cohen

Staff:

Sharon Bloom

Brett Felter

Welcome and Review of Agenda

Meeting called to order by Chairman Paul Davies at 2:07.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dario Broccolino ,seconded by Buddy Robshaw. Motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes made by Dario Broccolino, seconded Marie Grant. Motion passed

Chairman's report: Paul Davies

Dr Davies updated the Commissioners on some changes to the subcommittees and named committee chairs to Governance and Finance/Educational Outreach

Governance: Paul Davies

Finance/Educational Outreach: Nancy Rosen-Cohen-Finance, Deb Miran-Educational Outreach

Policy: Still to be named

1. Subcommittee Reports

A: Governance – Paul Davies

Governance reviewed the role of the committee.

Develop procedure for open meetings

1. Public Testimony will be allowed in context of meeting
2. Committee may ask for outside expert testimony
3. Testimony must be submitted in writing with statements which will be read to be no more than 3minutes
4. Testimony will be reviewed by the chair who will have the decision to include it in the meeting

Governance will decide how meetings are run and will coordinate the workload with the other committees.

Governance will decide who will be on the selection committee for interviewing for the Executive Director. Dr. Davies stressed that the selection committee will be diverse.

Sharon Bloom explained the hiring process.

Finance: Deb Miran, Education and Outreach Chair

1. Explained the role of the Finance/Education Outreach committee
 - a. Develop Budget

- b. Develop and implement methods to raise funds
- 2. Finance report due 12/1/13. Dr. Davies said he would like the report, which will be very brief, prepared at the next Finance committee meeting
- 3. Education/Outreach - it's role will be to work on explaining Maryland law

Policy: Eric Sterling per Paul Davies request

Eric Sterling asked Marie Grant to give an overview of the regulatory process and timeframe. Marie said she will send a timeline to all Commissioners. Brett Felter suggested that the commission bring in stakeholders for informal review of regulations. Dr. Davies said he would like regulations to be completed and voted on by commission and released to stake holders in December. He would like them to be voted on by the Commission and sent to the secretary for approval at January meeting.

Old Business: Paul Davies announced changes to the sub committees

New Business: Deb Miran asked about website and the ability to add more information. Marie Grant informed the commission that the state websites have to follow IT guidelines but there is the ability to add information. Ms. Miran also asked about whether the grower aspects of the legislation could be given to the Department of Agriculture. Marie Grant said that the Department of Agriculture said that they were not interested in being involved during the bill drafting. Brett Felter suggested the Policy committee discuss this.

Public comment:

Ashley Billings read two letters that were sent to the commission

Meeting adjourned at 3:05.