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**Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission
Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 14, 2017-2:00 pm
Legislative Services Building Joint Hearing Room, 1st Floor
90 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Brian Lopez, MMCC Chairman
Charles Smith, Policy Committee Chair
Charles LoDico
Tiffany Randolph

Commissioners Absent

Barry Pope
Rachel Rhodes

MMCC Staff Present

Joy A. Strand, Executive Director
Lori Dodson, Deputy Director
David Kloos, Director of Enforcement and Compliance
Heather Nelson, Assistant Attorney General
Mary-jo Mather, Director of Administration
Myesha McQueen, Administrative Specialist
Kristen Shreves, QA Specialist

Welcome and Call to Order

Commissioner Smith welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm. He introduced the Commission's new Executive Director, Joy A. Strand, MHA. Ms. Strand expressed her pleasure to serve and informed attendees that she will devote all her energy toward the Commission's mission to serve patients who need this medical treatment. Chairman Smith also introduced the newly-appointed Commissioner, Tiffany Randolph, who also expressed her pleasure to serve and her eagerness to make a contribution to the Commission's work.

Approval of Minutes

The Policy Committee Minutes from the October 23, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved, after motions offered by Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner LoDico.

Proposed Changes to the Regulations

Chairman Smith reported that the Policy Committee had heard oral comment and received extensive written comments on the subject of out-of-state patients at previous meetings. He noted that the Committee awaits more information on the legislative intent on this topic, and accordingly, no proposed language would not be voted on at this meeting. The Committee will not accept any further comment at this time on this issue. Chairman Smith reported that all out-of-state patient applications received will continue to be on administrative hold.

Chairman Smith asked Executive Director to present the staff's recommendation for new language in the regulations regarding stability testing and sample retention. Ms. Strand announced that new language regarding stability testing will be presented after further research is completed.

Proposed New Language for COMAR 10.62.15.07

- A. Retention samples returned from each batch shall:
 - (1) Sufficiently provide for testing by a registered Independent Testing Laboratory other than the original certifying laboratory following an adverse event reported to the Commission;
 - (2) Be properly stored by the licensed Grower;
 - (3) Be properly discarded six months after the expiration date of the batch.

There was no further discussion. A motion to approve this new language was offered by Chairman Lopez, and seconded by Commissioner LoDico. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed New Language for 10.62.23.06

- A. Retention samples retained from each released lot shall:
 - (1) Sufficiently provide for testing by a registered independent testing laboratory other than the original certifying laboratory following an adverse event reported to the Commission;
 - (2) Be properly stored by the licensed processor; and
 - (3) Be properly discarded six months after the expiration date of the lot.

There was no further discussion. A motion to approve this new language was offered by Chairman Lopez, and seconded by Commissioner LoDico. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Smith noted that Commissioner Abdeshahian suggested that public comment be requested for presentation at the next Policy Committee meeting on the following topics:

- 1) Clinical Director requirement for Dispensaries;
- 2) CRISP as a repository for medical-cannabis patient information and medical information in regard to cannabis amounts and modalities dispensed;
- 3) Defining the frequency of follow-up for medical cannabis patients by the patients' registered medical providers
- 4) Defining the scope of practice for authorized medical cannabis providers (Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists, Nurse Practitioners and Midwives) for recommending medical cannabis; and
- 5) Adding the requirement (at Dispensary point-of-sale) to collect key clinical data regarding the use of medical cannabis.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:55 pm.