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MARIHUANA ADVISORY PANEL

October 30, 2018 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Marihuana Advisory Panel met on October 30, 2018, at the Ottawa Building Conference Room 3, Upper Level, 611 West Ottawa Street Lansing, MI 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Shelly Edgerton, Director, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Alan Helmkamp
Kimberly Cole
Catherine Kaufman
Jevin Weyenberg
Steven Haddad
Paul Weisberger
Lorri White
Director, Shelly Edgerton
Jennifer Fitzgerald
Rodney Blanchard
Beth Nagel
Lt./Col. Thomas Sands
James Berlin (Berlin joined the meeting at 10:23 a.m.)
Dr. Saqib Nakadar (Nakadar joined the meeting at 9:39 a.m.)
Suzanne Schulz (Schulz joined the meeting at 9:39 a.m.)
Randall Buchman (Buchman joined the meeting at 9:39 a.m.)
Shaun Mansour (Mansour joined the meeting at 9:58 a.m.)

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Staff Present: Andrew Brisbo, State Bureau Administrator
Colleen Curtis, State Administrative Manager
Kelly Kronner, Departmental Analyst
Jacob Nevin, Departmental Analyst
Sydney Eisele, Departmental Technician

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Edgerton introduced herself to the panel and welcomed the panel members to the meeting. She then provided an overview of the meeting agenda and reminded the audience/panel that today's meeting is for organizational purposes.

PANEL INTRODUCTIONS

Andrew Brisbo – Brisbo introduced himself to the panel and thanked them for their attendance at the meeting. Stated that he is the Director of the Bureau of Medical Marihuana Regulation.

Suzanne Schulz – Represents cities and villages. Discussed her work in Grand Rapids and the implementation of the Department.

Randall Buchman – Represents growers. Is a current applicant.

Kimberly Cole – Represents the Michigan Sheriffs' Association.

Alan Helmkamp – Represents counties.

Jevin Weyenberg – Represents registered medical marihuana patients or medical marihuana primary caregivers. Former marine and cancer survivor. Has significantly benefited from marihuana use.

Steven Haddad – Represents Motas Inc., secure transporter, distribution company.

Paul Weisberger – Represents processors. Is a licensed attorney.

Jennifer Fitzgerald – Represents the Attorney General

Rodney Blanchard – Representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Assisting the Advisory Panel on behalf of Sean Dunleavy.

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Beth Nagel – Represents Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Lorri White – Represents safety compliance facilities.

Lt./Col. Thomas Sands – Represents Michigan State Police

James Berlin – Represents local police.

Catherine Kaufman – Represents townships.

Dr. Saqib Nakadar – Represents physicians.

Shaun Mansour – Represents Provisioning centers.

A. Chairperson Discussion

- a. Director Edgerton discussed the responsibility of the chairperson and explained the election process. Director Edgerton suggested that the Panel be divided into three subcommittees. She then proceeded to ask for a volunteer to serve as chairperson for the panel.
- b. Weyenberg and Helmkamp volunteered to be the chairperson for the Marihuana Advisory Panel.
- c. Motion by Weyenberg, seconded by Cole, to elect Helmkamp as chairperson for the Marihuana Advisory Panel. A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

- d. Chairperson Helmkamp gave a brief statement on his role as chairperson for the panel. Suggested that public testimony be limited to 3 minutes each.
- e. Motion by Helmkamp, seconded by Schulz, that public testimony be limited to 3 minutes each. A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Colleen Curtis gave an overview of the permanent rule making process. The

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process is overseen by the Office of Regulatory Reinvention.

- B. Edgerton proposed three subcommittees: State Operating/Operations, Sale or Transfer/Employees/Home Delivery and Testing/Marihuana Infused Products & Edible. Chairman Helmkamp will appoint subcommittee chairpersons from the submitted lists provided by the department.

PANEL DISCUSSION

A. Advisory Panel Discussion

- a. Discussion about panel contact from the media. David Harns is available to provide media support for the panel
- b. Motion by Schultz, seconded by Mansour, that media communication be collective for the panel, each member may speak on behalf of themselves but not as a whole. A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

- c. Discussion about the pending closure of temporarily operating, unlicensed facilities on October 31.
- d. Motion by Weyenberg, seconded by Nakadar, to create a memo for the Governor, proposing an extension for the October 31st deadline. Roll call vote: In Favor – Nakadar, Weyenberg, Buchman, Haddad, Mansour, Weisberger, White, Opposed – Berlin, Cole, Kaufman, Schultz, Fitzgerald, Nagel, Sands, Abstain – Helmkamp, Edgerton, Blanchard.

MOTION FAILED

- e. Discussion

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Buchman, seconded by Schultz, to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. A voice vote followed.

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Next Meeting: December 10, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 4

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