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MEDICAL MARIHUANA REVIEW PANEL April 27, 2018 PUBLIC HEARING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Medical Marihuana Review Panel (Review Panel) met on April 27, 2018, at the G. Mennen Williams Building, 1st Floor Auditorium, 525 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Eden Wells, MD, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:16 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Eden Wells, MD
David Brogren
David Crocker, MD
Jeanne Lewandowski, MD
Robert Noiva, PhD

Members Absent: Ronald Bradley, DO
William Morrone, DO
Robert Fabiano, PhD

Staff Present: Andrew Brisbo, State Bureau Administrator
Colleen Curtis, State Administrative Manager
Kelly Kronner, Departmental Technician
Katie Waskiewicz, Assistant Attorney General

WELCOME STATEMENT

Brisbo thanked the public for their attendance and discussed the processes of the Review Panel. He indicated that the department supports the work of the Review Panel.

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The recommendations of the panel will be provided to the Department Director for final determination.

STATUTORY PROCEDURES

Curtis provided the Review Panel with an overview of the statutory procedures. She explained that Section 6 of the Act requires that the Review Panel meet twice a year and that the medical conditions or treatments that are up for review are used for qualifying patient registration cards. Curtis clarified that the meeting today is for public testimony only.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Meyer, MD – Discussed his support of holistic/herbal medicine. Stated that medical marihuana is important for his patients that experience chronic pain.

Dakota Serna – As a former veteran Serna discussed his positive reactions to cannabis for PTSD and urges the Review Panel to recommend approval of all medical conditions up for their review.

Allen Peisner – Discussed cannabis and its benefits.

Jim Powers – On behalf of Michigan Parents for Compassion, Powers is an advocate for cannabis use for pediatric patients. He discussed pediatric rights of patients and LARA's governance over licensed physicians throughout the State of Michigan.

Chad Carr – Discussed Parkinson's disease and his support of all petitions up for review.

Michael Komorn – Attorney, Komorn Law and President of Michigan Medical Marihuana Association. Discussed rules/legalities of the debilitating medical conditions within the statute. Urged that physicians in good standing with the state should have the authority to prescribe cannabis to children with autism.

Chris Barrett – Discussed his severe symptoms of full body Tourette's and how cannabis has helped him more than any other medication.

Jamie Cooper Godwick – Discussed her son's struggle with autism and how cannabis has improved his development issues. She urges the panel to recommend all petitions for approval.

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Amie Carter – Discussed her 11-year-old son, and his severe symptoms of Asperger's, ADHD, and seizures. Explained how cannabis has helped him with his extreme aggression/behavioral issues.

Jennifer Cook – Discussed organ transplant and how THC helps the body to accept the new organs due to its ability to decrease the amount of overactive T-cells. Would like the panel to consider adding organ transplant to the list of debilitating medical conditions.

Peter O'Toole – As a caregiver and patient, O'Toole discussed the MMMA and its intent. Stated his experiences with cannabis and asthma and preserving the doctor/patient relationship.

Brenda Scoggin – Was diagnosed as a child with a rare condition of chronic pain and explained the positive effects that she has experienced from cannabis. Suggested that the Review Panel recommend approval of all conditions up for review.

Josey Scoggin – Discussed her experiences working for Sons and Daughters United, nonprofit organization and the effects that minor marihuana offenses have on the future of her clients. Reflected on the adverse effects of depression and anxiety and their effects on today's youth.

Charmie Gholson – Discussed the condition of brain/spinal cord injury. Referenced her positive results of using cannabis oils to treat her extreme triggers based on her diagnosis of PTSD.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED DURING THE FOLLOWING FIVE DAYS

Stanton McKim – Discusses his complications from anthrax vaccine from his military service. Uses cannabis for pain management, appetite, and to reduce stress. Encourages panel to approve all conditions to help others find relief.

Tammy Kowalski – Discusses taking CBD oil for rheumatoid arthritis and anxiety. References her positive results. States marihuana is proven to help rheumatoid arthritis and all autoimmune disorders.

Karmel Puzzuoli – Discusses his autistic daughter's use of marihuana. She was initially approved for her seizures, but he notes her positive results. Further studies have been done in Israel showing positive results in children with autism.

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Kathleen Briggeman – Discusses her psoriatic arthritis, osteoarthritis, and clinical depression. Her rheumatologist will not write her a prescription and she fears federal prison. Asks for increased access to medical marihuana.

Pamela Morey – Discusses her daughter who has Tourette's Syndrome. Her condition can be debilitating. They have tried prescription medications. Her son also has autism. Asks panel to help people suffering from debilitating diseases.

Gail Willinger – Discusses her husband who uses marihuana for IBS, depression, and chronic pain. Mentions there is a lot of proof.

Nicole Wilson – Asks anxiety, depression, and sarcoidosis to be added to the list of debilitating medical conditions. References the relief her marihuana use brings so she may eat, sleep, and be relieved of pain.

Crystola99 – Discusses her Tourette's Syndrome and asks for its inclusion in the list of conditions.

Trish Walther – Asks to add autism to the list of conditions. She has read that this helps with many issues presented by autism.

Janice Parisien – Discusses her Bell's palsy. References her positive results with marihuana use. Suggests using hemp instead of trees.

Francis – Asks all conditions to be added along with high blood pressure.

Gavin E – Supports all considered conditions. States that he has social anxiety and believes medical marihuana could benefit him personally.

1939karenjean – Asks chronic pain to be added.

Richard Rasmussen – Discusses his Tourette's Syndrome and his support of all conditions before the panel.

Monica Turner – Reports she is affected by anxiety, panic attacks, depression, arthritis, and chronic back pain. Supports all conditions before the panel.

Caroline Thompson – Asks celiac disease and refractory celiac disease to be added to the list of conditions.

Jackie Petzold – Discussed anxiety and panic attacks. Mentioned insurance.

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Jeffery Sprinkle – Discusses expansion.

Earl Mackey – Asks for it to be legal.

Jodi Perry – Asking for spinal stenosis and neck or back pain after six months when related to auto accident/surgery. Mentions handicap parking and driving.

Robert Shimmel – Expresses concerns in negative results from marihuana use.

Jenee Pennington – Expresses concerns in reaction time while driving under the influence of marihuana.

Chad Carr – Submits letters from Amie Carter and her child's doctor and teacher who report positive results in her son's marihuana use.

Paul Meyer, MD – Notes that his medical marihuana patients are typically middle aged with arthritis or other qualifying conditions. Discusses positive medical use of marihuana in for many conditions.

Dwight Zahringer – Writes in support of adding autism to the list of conditions. Notes positive results in his son's use in treatment for autism, bowel movements, and chronic nausea.

Rita Skirpan – Supports adding autism to the qualifying conditions. Notes positive results in her son's use in treatment for autism.

Christian Bogner, MD, FACOG – Writes in support of autism. Attaches research evidence.

Tina M – Reports positive results in her daughter's use in treatment for autism and seizures.

Margaret Lowell – Notes her son's diagnosis with autism spectrum disorder and affliction with anxiety and obsessive-compulsive disorder. Asks to allow CBD treatment.

Zachary Halkola – Reports positive results in his son's use of CBD in treatment of autism. Notes that THC may be helpful as well.

Jerome Bussell – Agrees with all petitions before the panel. Would like to treat child's autism with cannabis.

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Thomas Elsmith – Notes positive results of his use of marihuana in treatment of conditions such as anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorder, panic attacks, and social anxiety disorder. Asks panel to vote in favor of these conditions.

Sarah Lattig – As a nurse, encourages the panel to add all 22 conditions.

Chad Carr – Submits video testimony from petitioner Amie Carter

Jamie Cooper – Asks autism to be added as qualifying condition. Would like to treat her son with cannabis and for others to have the option. Attaches several studies.

Zahra Abbas – Urges panel to approve conditions. Uses cannabis for epilepsy, but notes positive results with anxiety, depression, and recovery from surgery.

Marilyn Alvey – Writes about Amie Carter's son's positive results in his use of cannabis. Urges making autism a condition.

Randy Mason – Notes a reduction of opioid use and attributes it to use of cannabis. Suggests medical marihuana would replace opioid prescriptions.

Alexis Kurzyniec – Writes about her brother's positive results in his use of medical marihuana in his treatment of autism.

Cathleen Graham – Urges panel to support petition adding autism and Parkinson's to the list of debilitating medical conditions. Notes in her professional experience that patients have improved with these conditions in their use of medical marihuana. Her statements includes links to supporting studies.

Jennifer Myers – Writes about Amie Carter's son's positive results in his use of cannabis in treatment of autism.

AJOURNMENT

Motion by Crocker, seconded by Lewandowski, to adjourn meeting at 10:54 a.m. Roll call vote: In Favor – Wells, Brogren, Lewandowski, Crocker, Noiva Opposed - None.

MOTION PREVAILED

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Motion by Crocker, seconded by Noiva, to withdraw the 10:54 a.m. adjournment. A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion of procedure for May 4th meeting and order of petitions to be reviewed.

Motion by Brogren, seconded by Crocker, to discuss and review petitions individually at the next meeting. A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion

Motion by Crocker, seconded by Noiva, to adjourn meeting at 11:02 a.m. Roll call vote: In Favor – Wells, Brogren, Lewandowski, Crocker, Noiva Opposed – None.

MOTION PREVAILED

Next meeting: May 4, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the G. Mennen Williams Building, 1st Floor Auditorium

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