**899 North Capitol St. NE – 2nd Fl.**

**Washington, DC 20002**

**Inter-Governmental Subcommittee**

**August 8, 2016**

**4:00 pm**

Open Session Minutes

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| **Call to Order** | 4:05 pm | Dr. Sharon Lewis, Chairperson |
| **Consent Agenda** | **None** |  |
| **Introductions:** | **Committee Members**  Dr. Sharon Lewis, Chairperson  Matt Orlins, DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs  Kelly O’Meara, DC Metropolitan Police Department  Nathan Mulat, Office of the City Administrator  **Staff**  Dr. Sharon Lewis, Chair-Senior Deputy for the Health Regulations Licensing Administration  Dr. Shauna White, Program Manager for the Pharmaceutical Control Division  Karin Barron, Health Licensing Specialist  Carla Williams, Assistant General Counsel  Jawara Kasimu-Graham, Pharmacist Inspector  **Members of the Public**  Cathy Borris-Hale, Takoma Wellness Center Dispensary  Stephanie Kahn , Takoma Wellness Center Dispensary  Matt Lawson-Baker, Alternatives Solutions Dispensary  Andy Hai Ting, National Holistic Healing Center Dispensary  Barrett Langston, District of Columbia Medical Marijuana Patient |  |
| **Statement for Quorum** | There was a quorum during the meeting. | Dr. Sharon Lewis |
| **0808-O-01** | **Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes**  **June 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes**  **Motion**: Subcommittee Member, Matt Orlins moved that the Board approve the meeting minutes for June 25, 2014.  **Seconded by**: Subcommittee Member, Kelly O’Meara  **Motion Carried**  **August 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes**  **Motion**: Subcommittee Member, Kelly O’Meara moved to approve the meeting minutes with amendments to page three of the minutes to state the following: “Ms. Kelly O’Meara stated that there had been research about marijuana increased amount concerns related to juveniles having access in states with legal recreation marijuana.”  **Seconded by**: Subcommittee Member, Nathan Mulat  **Motion Carried** |  |
| **0808-O-02** | **Review of Agenda** | Dr. Sharon Lewis &  Committee |
| **0808-O-03** | **Program Updates**  Program Manager, Dr. Shauna White reported that as August 8, 2016, the DC Medical Marijuana Program currently has 4,017. The DC Medical Marijuana Program also currently has seven (7) cultivation centers and five (5) dispensaries. | Dr. Shauna White |
| **0808-O-04** | **Recommendation to the Director**  Discussion whether to recommend that the Director of the Department of Health increase the amount of medical marijuana a patient may receive within a thirty (30) day period from two (2) ounces to four (4) ounces. The Subcommittee will further discuss whether the recommendation should apply to all forms of medical marijuana or only certain forms. The Scientific Subcommittee’s report is ready for review by the Inter-Governmental Subcommittee Members**.**  Subcommittee Member, Kelly O’Meara reported that she had listened to the audio from the June 25, 2014 meeting and stated that the audio was very helpful. Ms. O’Meara further stated that some things that were very persuasive were as follows: (1) the edibles often require more marijuana, (2) there was also extensive discussion about juicing that requires more marijuana, and (3) Takoma Wellness Center, Joshua Kahn testified about a third of their patients were having challenges with running out of product at two ounces per month. Kelly O’Meara stated that this is a significant number for patients who are forced to find other alternatives. . Ms. O’Meara further stated that in particular when a patient is trying to find the right treatment, the subcommittee does not want to tie them down into taking the inappropriate form that is not helping the patient.  Subcommittee Member, Matt Orlins agreed with Ms. O’Meara. Mr. Orlins further stated that he also listened to the June 25, 2014 meeting audio and was reminded that there are patients who are frequently having difficulty at the amount that is currently provided to patients.  Subcommittee Member, Nathan Mulet stated that he also listened to the June 24, 2014 meeting audio, reviewed the Medical Marijuana Scientific Subcommittee’s recommendation report, and reviewed the population of medical marijuana users. Mr. Mulet found it very interesting of the different forms of Medical Marijuana used by patients. Mr. Mulet also mentioned that based on the testimony from June 24, 2014, the amount given currently may not be enough for patients.  **Motion**: Subcommittee Member, Kelly O’Meara moved that the Intergovernmental Subcommittee recommend to the Director to increase the amount of medical marijuana a patient may receive within a thirty (30) day period from two (2) ounces to four (4) ounces for all forms.  **Seconded by**: Subcommittee Member , Matt Orlins  **Motion Carried** |  |
|  | Subcommittee Member, Kelly O’Meara asked if there were any additional steps for the Intergovernmental Subcommittee to take. Assistant General Counsel, Carla Williams stated that a report will be drafted for the Director to make a final decision. Dr. Sharon Lewis, Chairperson asked to hold another meeting to approve the August 8, 2016 meeting minutes via conference call. |  |
| **Comments from the Public** | Matt Lawson-Baker of Alternatives Solutions Dispensary asked the time frame to move forward with the approval of the recommendation to the Director. Assistant General Counsel, Carla Williams stated that there is no official time frame. |  |
| **Motion to Adjourned** | **Motion**: Subcommittee Member, Nathan Mulat moved to adjourn the meeting.  **Seconded by**: Subcommittee Member, Kelly O’Meara  **Motion Carried** |  |

This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:23pm

The next Subcommittee Meeting will be held on August 25, 2016