

Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection
Medical Marijuana Program
Board of Physicians—Public Hearing
Minutes
October 20, 2023

Members Present: Bryan Cafferelli Commissioner
Dr. Linda Barry
Dr. Mitchell Prywes
Dr. Andrew Salner
Dr. William Zempsky
Dr. Godfrey Pearlson
Dr. Deepak Cyril D’Souza

DCP Staff Present: Rodrick Marriott Director
Xaviel Soto Program Supervisor
Tiffany Araujo Board Administrator

Call to Order

Commissioner Cafferelli called the meeting to order of the Board of Physicians for Connecticut’s Medical Marijuana Program at 8:35 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

A request for a motion was made by the Commissioner Cafferelli to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Dr. Salner made a motion to approve the minutes and his motion was seconded by Dr. Zempsky. The draft minutes of the February 03, 2023 meeting are accepted.

Program Update

- Medical Marijuana sales for September 2023 was \$10,814,987 with total sales to date of \$25,203,738.
- Currently we have 16 Hybrid Retailers, who have successful medical preservation plans.
- 24-month provisional license if issues prior to July 1, 2023 or 14-month provisional license if issued after July, 2023, this is set in statute and DCP cannot grant any extensions.
- Shirley Skyers-Thomas Deputy Commissioner joined us summer 2023 and has a focus on Cannabis Regulation.
- Director Rodrick Marriott emphasized the significance of safeguarding patients and the medical program during the discussion. He highlighted the importance of medical access, especially now with the availability of medication delivery, which ensures that patients can obtain their medication without any hindrance from towns trying to prohibit it. Additionally, the department is actively engaged in educating medical professionals as part of its outreach efforts. Furthermore, Dr. Carlesi shared feedback indicating a shortage of medical products suitable for patients, with concerns that producers may struggle to meet the growing demand. In response,

Director Rodrick Marriott confirmed that the department is collaborating with producers to ramp up the production of specific items, such as creams and topicals. The department is also welcoming more licensees into the fold, with the hope that this expansion will help address the gaps in product availability within the medical market.

Adjournment

Commissioner Cafferelli adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:29 a.m.

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