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Medical Cannabis Advisory Board – Policy Group Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2026

Attending: James Berry; Jennifer Bryant; Donnie W Haynes; Jeremy Hustead; Mark E McDaniel; Scott Mitchell; Kent Nowviskie; Virginia M Payne; Millie Taylor; Brooke A Tuell; Rusty Williams

Meeting open for discussion:

The group discussed leadership transitions, program metrics, and regulatory updates regarding cannabis products, though a lack of quorum prevented formal votes. During the session, the new director introduced leadership changes and internal office updates, while the administrative review highlighted that the office currently supports 35,661 patients and has achieved a 100 percent completion rate for quarterly facility inspections. Finally, the board discussed federal rescheduling efforts and new emergency restrictions that limit Kratom products strictly to their natural leaf form.

Discussion:

Jeremy Hustead: Reported a broken Google Drive link for public comments, which Kent Nowviskie immediately fixed by granting access.

Kent Nowviskie:

- Introduced self as the new director of the Office of Medical Cannabis (OMC) in mid-January, and is focusing on streamlining product approvals within the Metro seed-to-sale system
- Talks about how OMC supports 35,661 patients, 125 physicians, and 26 telemedicine companies, with 88 operational facilities (70 dispensaries, 9 growers, 9 processors) achieving a 100% physical inspection completion rate this quarter.
- Stated no upcoming Board vacancies. Appointments still pending for Attorney, Patient Advocate, Pain Management Physician, and Pharmacologist
- Postponed the reciprocity discussion until a quorum is present

Next Meeting Topic: Regulation of Delta 8, Delta 10, Hemp and Kratom

Next meeting date and time: September 10th, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Comments: None

Meeting Adjourned