

February 13, 2020

**Mid-Ohio Valley Board of Health
Special Meeting
February 13, 2020
211 6th Street
Parkersburg, WV 26101**

Call to Order:

The Special Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Stephen Worden, Chairperson via Phone Conference. Roll call was taken by Cristy Riggs and a quorum was present.

The purpose of this Special Meeting is to address questions from community members regarding medical cannabis applications before the State's submission deadline of February 18, 2020.

Members Present:

Scottie Westfall, Calhoun County
Eleanor Little, Pleasants County via Phone Conference
Steven Worden, Ritchie County via Phone Conference
Beth Bumgarner, Wirt County
Sean Smith, Wood County
Eric Jiles, City of Parkersburg via Phone Conference
Charles Casto, City of Parkersburg via Phone Conference

Members Absent:

Donna Steigleder, Calhoun County
Joyce Faller, Pleasants County
Kriss Sullivan, Ritchie County
Heather Downey, Roane County
Pat Fulmer, Wirt County
Blair Couch, Wood County

Staff:

Dr. Charles Whitaker, III Medical Director via Phone Conference
Eric Walker, Finance Director
Cristy Riggs, Administrative Secretary
Lynne Peters, Personnel Manager
Elizabeth Green, EH Director
Carrie Brainard, Public Information Officer
Rebecca Eaton, Clinical Director
Renee Swisher, Clinical Secretary via Phone Conference
Mary Putman, Finance via Phone Conference
Robin Parsons, Finance via Phone Conference
Jennifer Duty, Finance via Phone Conference
Lesley Sprouse, Finance via Phone Conference

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Guests:

Jason Frame, State of Wv via Phone Conference
Jennifer Randolph, Administrative Assistant / Roane County Commission
Chris Yeager, Appalachian Cannabis Company
Kevin Parrish
Shelly Mize

Public Comments:

- Jennifer Randolph, Administrative Assistant for the Roane County Commission addressed the Board and requested their support of the Medical Cannabis Act in Roane County. The Roane County Commission voted at a regular session on January 24, 2020 to support implementation of the West Virginia Medical Cannabis Act, allowing the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Public Health to issue medical cannabis grower, processor and dispensary permits within Roane County. The Bureau of Public Health must have approval from the county commission and the county board of health before issuing permits for medical cannabis growers, processors and dispensaries to be located and operate within Roane County.
- Chris Yeager, Appalachian Cannabis Company spoke to the Board about his business purpose which is to promote a safe alternative to prescription drugs to the residents of West Virginia. Mr. Yeager plans to apply for a permit to relocate his business to a location within the MOVHD region and respectfully requested that the Board approve the Medical Cannabis Act.

WV Health Connection Grant:

Motion to approve moving forward with the WV Health Connection Grant was made and seconded. (Westfall/Smith) The motion was approved.

Medical Cannabis Act:

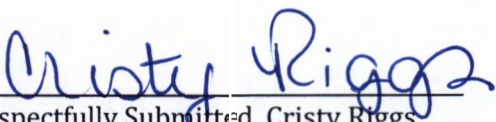
Discussion ensued regarding the pending Medical Cannabis Act and the responsibilities that the Health Department will be tasked with if this Act is passed by legislature. The State of West Virginia is required to obtain all health departments and county commission approval or disapproval of the location that a Medical Cannabis operation can be located before issuing a permit.

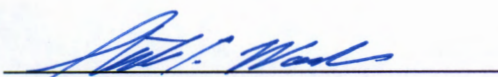
Approval of the Medical Cannabis Act must be based solely upon compliance with State law. Any other applicable laws or laws that are deemed applicable such as federal laws must not part of this decision.

Motion to allow Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt and Wood Counties and their municipalities autonomy with regards to medical cannabis by approving permits for growers, processors, laboratories and dispensaries in these counties for medical cannabis per the regulations under the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health was made and seconded. (Westfall/Smith) The motion carried with 6 Yay votes and 1 Nay vote.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.


Respectfully Submitted, Cristy Riggs


Stephen Worden, Board Chair