

Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission
13 November 2018
Minutes from AMMC Meeting on 16 October 2018

On the 16th day of October 2018, the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission (AMMC) convened at Little Rock, Arkansas. In attendance were the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commissioners: Dr. Ronda Henry-Tillman, Chairperson, Dr. Stephen J. Carroll, Travis W. Story, Esq., James Miller. Commissioner J. Carlos Roman was not in attendance.

A. Commissioner Tillman called the meeting to order.

B. Minutes

Commissioner Story made a motion to accept the minutes from the 25 July 2018 meeting. Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

C. AMMC Staff Attorney, Brian Bowen updated the Commission on the most recent development on their rules promulgation: the final rule was passed by the Rules and Regulations Committee, and shall go before ALC.

D. Public Consulting Group Update

Public Consulting Group (PCG) representative Thomas Aldridge attended and offered a powerpoint presentation to the Commissioners. The presentation included an introduction and overview of PCG, a summary of the scorers' qualifications, and the process and plan for scoring.

Chairwoman Tillman voiced concerns that the scoring team did not include a doctor, and Mr. Aldridge said that PCG would revisit the scoring team and support team to see if they can address the Chairwoman's concerns.

Commissioner Story stated that he wished for PCG to review the recordings from prior meetings during which the Commission discussed and devised the scoring rubric, so that PCG will have a greater understanding of the intent behind each scoring section.

E. Delta Medical Group Ownership Absorption

Mr. Bowen presented the Commission with a request from Delta Medical Group to buyout one of its owners. Chairwoman Tillman stated she needed more information on the details of the selling partner.

Commissioner Story made a motion to review this request for a change in ownership at the next meeting. Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion.

The motion carried, 4-0.

Mr. Bowen presented the Commission with a request from Bold Team for structural changes to their proposed facility, maintaining the same footprint, but rotating the structure, and multiple internal changes. Mr. Bowen advised the Commission that the request did not contain any material changes.

Commissioner Story motioned that the changes need to be referred to ABC.

Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion.

The motion carried, 4-0.

F. Information Change Forms

Mr. Bowen presented the Commission with form templates for licensees who wish to request or notify the Commission of changes. Commissioner Story requested that the forms include a section which addresses whether any of the requested changes constitute changes to Section E merit portion of the application. Mr. Bowen said he would add a such a section for review at the next meeting.

G. Other Business

Mr. Bowen addressed the Commission and advised that letters need to be sent to the applicants who were held to be disqualified by the Commission at the 25 July 2018 meeting. Chairwoman Tillman stated she would like to review the letters at the next meeting. Commissioner Story said that perhaps a conference call would suffice to review the letters.

Mr. Bowen then addressed the Commission regarding a protest letter received from Abraham Carpenter, the applicant on the Carpenter Family Medical Group application. After considerable discussion, the Commission requested that Mr. Bowen draft an emergency rule to enable the MMC to hold hearings for disqualified applications. Commissioner Carroll also voiced desire for a new rule that applications may be subject to additional reviews.

Mr. Bowen advised the Commission that they ought to refer the protest letter received from Mr. Carpenter to ABC Enforcement for investigation.

Commissioner Story motioned to refer the letter to ABC Enforcement.

Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion.

The motion carried 4-0.

State Representatives Flowers and Murdock request an opportunity to address the Commission.

Mr. Bowen advised that the Commission, at their discretion, could open the floor for public comment, but such public comment would need to include all those present at the meeting wishing to offer comment. The Commission agreed to host a separate and dedicated public comment meeting, the date and location to be determined.

There being no further business, Chairwoman Tillman adjourned the meeting.