

Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission January 26, 2017

On the 26th day of January, 2017, 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, and Dr. J. Carlos Roman.

Commissioner Tillman was delayed in arriving to the meeting, so Commissioner Story called the meeting to order.

The Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes from the January 17, 2017 meeting of the AMMC. Commissioner Miller moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion, and by a vote of 4-0, the minutes were approved.

Commissioners reviewed the changes to the draft rules from the January 17, 2017 meeting.

Commissioner Story presented a map of Arkansas depicting eight (8) possible zones for the distribution of dispensary licenses. He also provided an analysis of each zone by population. The analysis included a suggested number of permits to be issued in each zone based upon the zone's population. Commissioner Miller made a motion to adopt Commissioner Story's proposal for distribution of dispensary licenses. Commissioner Roman seconded the motion. By a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

Commissioners discussed adopting some of the stylistic aspects of the Connecticut application rubric. Commissioners also discussed points to be assigned to certain criteria required in the rubric.

Commissioners discussed choosing a strict merit selection for cultivation facilities, as opposed to, the merit followed by lottery selection discussed in earlier meetings. Staff will attempt to have someone from the State Procurement Office available to address the Commission at their next meeting.

Commissioners discussed adding certain merit criteria to the cultivation facility rules. Commissioners decided to add a "Community Benefit" section, that Commissioners *may* consider, comprised of the following: Substance Abuse Plan, Compassionate Plan, Research Plan, and Arkansas-Owned Percentage. Commissioners also discussed moving the existing criteria of "Diversity and Economic Development" and "Medical Affiliation" to the list of criteria that Commissioners may consider, rather than criteria that is required of the applicant.

Commissioner Story made a motion to add a section for "Transportation and Marketing" under Section 9(b)(iii) of the cultivation facility rules. Commissioner Tillman seconded the motion. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

The commission set their next meeting for Wednesday February 1, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting will include discussion of an asset qualifier for cultivating dispensaries, as well as, a legislative update on medical marijuana-related bills.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Dr. Ronda Henry-Tillman, Chairperson