

Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection
Medical Marijuana Program
Board of Physicians—Public Hearing
Minutes
September 27, 2019

Members Present: Michelle Seagull Commissioner
Dr. Mitchell Prywes
Dr. Andrew Salner
Dr. William Zempsky
Dr. Vincent Carlesi
Dr. Godfrey Pearlson

DCP Staff Present: Rodrick Marriott Program Director
Xaviel Soto Health Program Supervisor
Karen Semmelrock Board Administrator

Call to Order

Commissioner Seagull called the meeting to order of the Board of Physicians for Connecticut's Medical Marijuana Program at 8:33 a.m. at the Department of Consumer Protection, 450 Columbus Blvd, Hartford, North hearing room B.

Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

After noting a correction regarding a date in the minutes, a motion was made by Dr. Salner and seconded by Dr. Pearlson and the draft minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting are accepted.

Program Update

Commissioner Seagull reported that the program continues to grow.

We have streamlined the patient registration process and reduced the time it takes to process applications. We are waiting for new conditions to be added.

As of September 27, 2019, there are now over 36,700 patients. The number of providers certifying patients has grown to over 1100.

New Conditions

At this meeting, the Board deliberated on three conditions, applying the required criteria from the regulations to each. For each condition, the three questions posed in the regulations were reviewed by the physicians individually. The three questions posed in the regulations are as follows:

1. Is the medical condition, medical treatment or disease debilitating?
2. Is marijuana more likely than not to have the potential to be beneficial to treat or alleviate the debilitation associated with the medical condition, medical treatment or disease?
3. Are there other matters that seem relevant to the approval or the denial of the petition?

- **Chronic Pain**

- No public testimony was permitted for this condition.

After much discussion, the Board agreed to limit this condition to Chronic Pain of at least 6 months duration associated with a specified underlying chronic condition refractory to other treatment interventions.

- Vote on qualifying criteria #1:
 - 5 yes and 0 no
- Vote on qualifying criteria #2:
 - 5 yes and 0 no.
- Vote on qualifying criteria #3:
 - No discussion

Vote to recommend to the Commissioner to add Chronic Pain of at least 6 months duration associated with a specified underlying chronic condition refractory to other treatment interventions to the list of debilitating medical conditions for adults by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

- **Ehler's Danlos Syndrome Associated with Chronic Pain**

- There was no testimony from the public.
- Vote on qualifying criteria #1:
 - 5 yes and 0 no
- Vote on qualifying criteria #2:
 - 5 yes and 0 no.
- Vote on qualifying criteria #3:
 - No discussion

Vote to recommend to the Commissioner to add Ehler's Danlos Syndrome Associated with Chronic Pain to the list of debilitating medical conditions for adults by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

- **Night Terrors/Parasomnia**

- There was no testimony from the public.
- Vote on qualifying criteria #1:
 - 0 yes and 5 no
- Vote on qualifying criteria #2:

- 0 yes and 5 no.
- Vote on qualifying criteria #3:
 - No discussion

Vote to not recommend to the Commissioner to add Night Terrors/Parasomnia to the list of debilitating medical conditions for adults as well as children by a vote of 0 for and 5 against.

Next Meeting

To be scheduled at a later date. Request to discuss vaporizing at a future meeting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Seagull adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:18 a.m.