

SUMMARY MINUTES



Medical Marijuana Advisory Board Webex Online Meeting Wednesday, May 26, 2021 | 1:30 pm

Board Members Present

Arby Barroso, Chair	Ed Rebholz, Vice Chair	Josh Davis
Dustin Robinson	Seth A. Hyman	Abby M. Freedman
Scheril Murray Powell	Jay Work	

Board Members Absent

None

County Staff

Cyril Saiphoo, Staff Coordinator, PDMD Monique Davis, PDMD

Attendees

None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Barroso at 1:50 PM.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Mr. Saiphoo. A quorum was met with six (6) members present. (Members Rebholz and Freedman arrived after roll call.)

3. Approval of Minutes – March 3, 2021

MOTION: Member Murray Powell moved to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Member Hyman. All in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Chair Comments/Comments

None.

5. New Business

- a. **DISCUSSION – United Way of Broward County Commission on Behavioral Health & Drug Prevention – Article in April 2021 Broward Briefings “Deaths involving Cannabinoids in Broward County, 2019”**

Board members discussed their opinions on the article and came to a consensus that more information about the sources used to write the article is needed. The article seems to be misleading and omits details about the causes of death and additional factors that may have contributed to deaths. Chair Barroso would like to invite the authors of the article to meet with the MMAB to discuss their sources and conclusions and possibly publish a rebuttal article from the board. Various members will gather information on their own and have questions ready as Mr. Saiphoo will try to schedule the authors to be on agenda for the next MMAB meeting.

Member Murray Powell also mentioned to the MMAB that there is an upcoming Behavioral Health conference on June 8th being held by the United Way that could be an opportunity to do outreach. There is also a Mayor's gala they hold annually.

b. DISCUSSION – Virtual Summit 2021

Member Murray Powell summarized the discussion from the last board meeting regarding the next educational summit, including that the summit will be focused on the medical profession. However, she also suggested that it could be more of a chance to re-educate the public on what is going on in the industry now, highlighting the perspectives of a patient, physician, and entrepreneur. She will communicate with North Lauderdale Mayor Ana Ziade about possibly hosting a hybrid (in-person and virtual) summit in September or October of this year, as suggested by Mr. Saiphoo, when restrictions on meeting room capacity may be more relaxed. The City of North Lauderdale was suggested by Member Murray Powell as a potential venue because this city does not have a medical marijuana related business within its limits.

6. Old Business

None.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. MMAB MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

None.

9. STAFF COORDINATOR REPORT/COMMENTS

None.

10. Adjournment

Member Freedman moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Seconded by Member Rebholz. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Medical Marijuana Advisory Board (MMAB):

- Advise and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for improving operations and services for growing, processing, and selling medical marijuana for qualified patients and users
- Obtain information concerning medical marijuana and related matters within Broward County
- Provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding regulations and fees related to medical marijuana treatment centers
- Develop programs to educate the citizens of Broward County as to the benefits and disadvantages of the use of medical marijuana

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