

## Therapeutic Cannabis Medical Oversight Board

April 5, 2023, DHHS Offices, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord (with Remote-Zoom option)

### Meeting Minutes

*Members Present:* Virginia Brack, Heather Brown, Jerry Knirk (Chair), Jill MacGregor, Richard Morse, Molly Rossignol, Seddon Savage, Tricia Tilley, Lisa Withrow

*Members Absent:* Corey Burchman

*DHHS Staff:* Michael Holt, DPHS Program Administrator

*Note:* In-person quorum met

Meeting convened at approximately 5:35 pm

### Minutes

Minutes from 1/4/23 meeting were approved

Motion: Brown; Second: Tilley; Vote: 9-0

“Cannabis and the Developing Brain” – Presentation by Dr. Juliette Madden, MD, MS (DHMC)  
Dr. Madden was introduced by Richard Morse, who had invited her to present information to the TCMOB. Dr. Madden presented her slides, which had three areas of focus:

- Cannabis and synaptic reprogramming the developing brain
- Cannabis and its impact on children and adolescents
- Cannabis as a medical intervention in children

The slide deck is available upon request.

*Discussion.* It was asked if the material presented reflected “real science” or if was just anecdotal, given the lack of control groups, randomization, and other mechanisms often associated with scientific studies. The presenter explained that these are largely epidemiologic studies, not random controlled clinical trials. It would be unethical to perform RCTs on children to study cannabis since it would require giving a potential toxin to one group of children. The presenter noted that epidemiologic studies use alternative methods to assure scientific accuracy, including identifying and controlling variables that might skew the findings and using large enough sample sizes to produce statistically meaningful results.

### 2023 Legislative Update

Knirk provided a legislative update for TCP-related bills.

- HB 82, employment protections for TCP patients – House retained the bill for committee work
- HB 431, home cultivation for TCP patients – passed the House
- HB 610, expanding provider types who can certify for therapeutic cannabis – passed the House
- HB 611, removing the qualifier for the severe pain condition – passed the House
- SB180, adding cannabis labeling and education material to TCMOB charge; prohibiting the sale of unregulated hemp-derived THC products – passed the Senate

### TCMOB Slide Deck

Discussion of the TCMOB educational slide deck, including additional edits and updates. There was general agreement on the proposed changes and editorial direction. There was consensus that Knirk and Savage go through the slides and do final word-smithing and formatting. Knirk would reach back out to members on any additional changes deemed worthy of review, but reminded that group discussion outside a public meeting was prohibited. Since the slide deck has been approved by the Board for content, any further changes would not need a new vote, but the final slides would be made available for continuous review and update.

### Public Comments

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm