



MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



MARIJUANA TASK FORCE MEETING AGENDA

Members of the Task Force

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Medical Board of California
Hearing Room
2005 Evergreen Street
Sacramento, CA 95815

Wednesday, August 30, 2017
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(or until completion of business)

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

If a quorum of the Board is present, Members of the Board who are not Members of the Task Force may attend only as observers.

1. Call to Order
2. Overview of the Board’s Draft Guidelines for the Recommendation of Cannabis for Medical Purposes
3. Discussion Regarding the Draft Guidelines for the Recommendation of Cannabis for Medical Purposes
4. Adjournment

The mission of the Medical Board of California is to protect health care consumers through the proper licensing and regulation of physicians and surgeons and certain allied health care professions and through the vigorous, objective enforcement of the Medical Practice Act, and to promote access to quality medical care through the Board’s licensing and regulatory functions.

Meetings of the Medical Board of California are open to the public except when specifically noticed otherwise in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. The audience will be given appropriate opportunities to comment on any issue presented in open session before the Board, however, the Chair may apportion available time among those who wish to speak. For additional information call (916) 263-2389.

NOTICE: *The meeting is accessible to the physically disabled. A person who needs disability-related accommodations or modifications in order to participate in the meeting may make a request by contacting Mary Kathryn Cruz Jones at (916) 263-2389 or MaryKathryn.CruzJones@mbc.ca.gov or sending a written request to Mary Kathryn Cruz Jones. Providing your request at least five (5) business days before the meeting will help ensure availability of the requested accommodation.*

Meeting Information

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code (B&P) section 2525.1, the Medical Board of California (Board) is authorized to develop and adopt medical guidelines for the appropriate administration and use of medical cannabis. In 2004, prior to B&P section 2525.1 becoming law, the Board adopted a statement to provide guidance to physicians regarding recommending marijuana to patients. This statement was amended by the Board in October 2014. With the addition of B&P section 2525.1, the Board will be reviewing its current statement and making any necessary amendments to its existing statement. The intention of the guidelines is to provide physicians guidance when evaluating a patient and providing a recommendation for marijuana in order to ensure the standard of care is followed.

The purpose of the Marijuana Task Force (Task Force) is to receive information and input from interested parties on revisions to the Board's current statement.

The Task Force does not intend to discuss physicians' use of marijuana at this meeting. The Board relies on B&P sections 822 and 2239, among other applicable codes and regulations, to take appropriate action if it receives a complaint about physician impairment.