



Quarterly ACMM Meeting Minutes

The mission of the Committee is to advise the Director of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) on the administrative aspects of the Oregon Medical Marijuana program (OMMP), review current and proposed administrative rules of the program, and provide annual input on the fee structure of the program.

Date: December 10th, 2014

Time: 10:00am-2:30pm

Location: Conference Room 1B, Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, OR 97232

Attendees:

ACMM Attendees: Arthur Richards, Ben Mackaness, Brian Michaels (via phone), Cheryl Smith, Gerry Lehrburger (via phone), Laird Funk, Paul Schmidt, Seth Crawford, and Todd Dalotto

OMMP/OHA Staff: Tawana Nichols, Aaron Cossel, and Tracy Candela

Absent ACMM Members: Sandee Burbank and Sarah Bennett

Members of the Public as listed on the Sign in sheet: Kelly Paige, Noah Stokes, Brittany Ashworth, Shane Chandlee, and Peke

Summary of Meeting Action Items:

Action Item	Responsible Party
Revise and post September 24, 2014 Minutes on OMMP website.	Tracy Candela
Send Gerry Lehrburger an ACMM application.	Tracy Candela
Notify the public of the extended ACMM application date.	OMMP and ACMM members
Provide ACMM Bylaw update recommendations to meet current committee needs.	Bylaw Subcommittee
Mail certificates of recognition to Sandee Burbank and Jim Klahr's spouse.	Tracy Candela
OMMP to send out Health Care letter out to the interested party list and will add it to renewal packets.	Tracy Candela

Summary of Meeting Motions:

Proposed Motion	Proposed by	Outcome
Motion to approve September 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes pending requested change.	Laird Funk	Passed unanimously
Motion to revise the current bylaws without Ms. Shipley's amendments, and formulate amendments based upon the context of the current committee needs.	Todd Dalotto	Passed unanimously
Motion to create a Bylaw Subcommittee with the following membership: Ben Mackaness, Cheryl Smith, Brian Michaels, Sephra Oare, Aligra Rainy, and Jim Vermeer.	Cheryl Smith	Passed unanimously
Motion to nominate himself to the Legislation Subcommittee.	Laird Funk	Passed unanimously



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Part 1: OMMP Administrative Reports with ACMM Discussion

Time	Agenda Topic	Person Responsible
10:00-10:10	Welcome and Introductions ➤ September 24, 2014 Meeting Minute Approval	ACMM Chair: Ben Mackaness
Summary of Discussion		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting attendee introductions. • September 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes Approval. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ September 24, 2014 Minutes approved with one minor revision. 		
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracy Candela will revise and post the September 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes on the OMMP website. 	
Conclusion(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion passed unanimously to approve September 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes pending requested change. 	

Time	Agenda Topic	Person (s) Responsible
10:10-10:30	Uninterrupted Administrative Reports: ➤ Program Update ➤ Statistics ➤ Budget Review	OHA Administration: Tawana Nichols
Summary of Discussion		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Update <i>provided by Tawana Nichols</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Personnel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tawana Nichols stated the OMMP currently has 24 permanent employees and is recruiting for three vacant positions. ○ Ms. Nichols reported that since Megan Lockwood is the interim Unit Manager, the OMMP is recruiting for an interim Law Enforcement Liaison position while she is in the manager's role. ▪ New Administrator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Nichols stated that Steven Wagner is the new administrator for the Center for Health Protection. ○ Ms. Nichols reported that he has a strong public health background and worked with Ohio's Department of Health for 25 years, most recently as chief of the Division of Prevention and Health Promotion. He also held roles in preparedness, environmental health, toxicology and epidemiology. He has a law degree, an MPH in epidemiology, and a BA in biochemistry. 		



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Summary of Discussion Continued

- **Program Update Continued**
 - **External Communication Project updates**
 - **Newsletter**
 - Tawana Nichols stated that the OMMP is no longer moving forward with the Newsletter project.
 - The OMMP will focus on updating the webpage and creating an Application handbook in its place, which will help OMMP to reach its external communication goals and will provide better resources to cardholders, physician, and interested parties.
 - **Fee Brochure**
 - Ms. Nichols stated that the OMMP has developed a fee brochure to provide clarity regarding the fee structure for cardholders, clinics, and interested parties.
 - The brochure will also be added to incomplete application letters related to application fee issues and will be available at the end of January or beginning of February.
 - **Webpage**
 - Ms. Nichols stated the OMMP is currently enhancing the webpage to be more interactive and comprehensive.
 - The webpage update should be complete around the end of January.
 - **OMMP Program Handbook**
 - Ms. Nichols stated the OMMP has updated the program handbook and printed copies will be available toward the end of January.
 - **Application Handbook**
 - Ms. Nichols reported the OMMP is currently creating a comprehensive application handbook for successfully navigating the application process and will include information on how to apply, making changes to current registrations, request replacement cards, submit renewals, etc.
 - **Application Train the Trainer Workshop**
 - Ms. Nichols stated the OMMP will plan the roll out of a quarterly Application Train the Trainer workshop after the Application handbook has been submitted for publication.
 - Todd Dalotto asked if a newsletter was ever created to which Ms. Nichols responded no.
 - Mr. Dalotto asked who approved articles and publications for the webpage to which Ms. Nichols responded that all materials are submitted to the Communications Office for approval.
 - Tracy Candela explained the webpage updates focus on making it easier to find and understand information on the website to increase applicant success.
 - Aaron Cossel followed up that all information we provide on the website needs to be reviewed for content, including any articles that we would want to post.
 - Ben Mackaness asked if the newsletter was rejected during the review process, to which Ms. Nichols responded in the negative, and further explained that the newsletter was tabled in preference to updating the website.



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10:10-10:30	Uninterrupted Administrative Reports Continued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Program Update ➤ Statistics ➤ Budget Review 	OHA Administration: Aaron Cossel

Summary of Discussion

- **Statistics provided by Aaron Cossel**
 - Number of current OMMP Patients: 70,128
 - Number of current (unique) OMMP caregivers: 35,071
 - Number of current (unique) OMMP growers: 47,187
 - Number of registrations where patients list themselves as grower: 38,291*
 - Number of registrations where patients list someone else as a grower: 33,201*
 - Number of physicians with a current patient on the OMMP: 1,637
 - Number of out-of-state participants:
 - Patients: 1,584
 - Caregivers: 569
 - Growers: 586
 - **Condition Count: ****
 - Severe Pain: 64,781
 - Spasms: 17,744
 - Nausea: 9,468
 - Cancer: 3,612
 - PTSD: 3,203
 - Seizures: 1,821
 - Cachexia: 1,141
 - Glaucoma: 1,092
 - HIV/AIDS: 757
 - Alzheimer's Disease (agitation): 83
 - Severe Pain *only*: 38,918
 - PTSD *only*: 787

*Includes patients who have a current card and a renewal application pending.

**Count will be higher than the patient count as each patient may check more than one condition.



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Summary of Discussion Continued		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OMMP Budget Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Nichols stated that the OMMP does not have a Budget overview report at this time because the PHD Deputy Director respectfully requested it be postponed until January to allow staff to do an in-depth review of projected revenue, expenditures and estimated ending balance for 2013-15. This is due to the release of the Governor’s Balanced Budget and PHD budget and financial analysts’ assignment to other work over the past two weeks. • Statistic Report Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kelly Paige asked how many registered cardholders are on the Oregon Health Plan to which Aaron Cossel responded that we can send that data to her and the ACMM members. • Application Trend Report highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OMMP is not witnessing the historic drop in applicants usually experienced during this time of the year (September through March). ▪ The number of applications received continues to be over 6,000 per month. ▪ We received around 1,000 more applications in October 2014 than in October 2013. ▪ In October 2014, we surpassed the total number of applications received in all of 2013. This was fueled by a 1/3 increase seen in the number of new applicants. ▪ 56,103 - Total applications received in 2013. ▪ 58,836 - Total applications received January 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014. ▪ There were around 15,000 total new applicants in 2013 and approximately 20,000 new applicants so far in 2014. • ACMM term limits and new member application process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sandee Burbank, Laird Funk, and Gerry Lehrburger committee member term limits have been reached. Ms. Burbank and Mr. Funk have served two terms. Mr. Lehrburger has served one term and if he would like to continue to participate on the committee he needs to reapply. ▪ Mr. Lehrburger requested an application be sent to him to which Tracy Candela responded she would e-mail a copy to him after the meeting. ▪ Ms. Nichols extended the ACMM application deadline to December 31, 2014 to allow for a larger pool of applicants. 		
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracy Candela will send an ACMM application to Gerry Lehrburger after today’s meeting. 	
Conclusion(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OMMP continues to see an increased number of applications. • The ACMM application deadline has been extended to December 31, 2014. 	



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Time	Agenda Topic	Person Responsible
10:30-11:00	Dialogue between ACMM and Administration	ACMM Members and OHA Administration

Summary of Discussion

- Todd Dalotto stated with Measure 91 and all the changes to come, patients are very eager to get answers in a timely manner and know what the future holds for them.
- Mr. Dalotto shared that this is one of the reasons he was excited about the Newsletter.
- Paul Schmidt stated the website update will help provide updated information to patients and may be used to answer the most frequently asked questions in 30 days.
- Tracy Candela stated that one of the website components OMMP is working on is to create a general inquiry form so the OMMP can address frequently asked questions on a regular basis on the webpage.
- Mr. Dalotto stated legislators and policy makers have an interest in learning the value of the medical marijuana program. He suggested it may be good to come up with some points for communication to policy makers as to how patients benefit from having a card, including the under 21 patients. Mr. Dalotto challenges OMMP to advocate for the program.
- Tawana Nichols thanked Mr. Dalotto for bringing up this point and stated that the new Center Administrator, Steve Wagner, is currently working on the role of medical marijuana with the addition of legalized retail marijuana with the Public Health Division. Mr. Wagner is working on a plan and Ms. Nichols is assisting with evaluating the program to help him establish the value of the program.
- Ben Mackaness reiterated Mr. Dalotto’s point that the OMMP needs to speak the truth of the benefits of the program or there may not be one.
- Mr. Mackaness also referred to the open staff positions and asked if there was a morale issue among staff due to the legalization of retail marijuana?
- Ms. Nichols stated the particular vacancies were not related to morale issues, or retail marijuana, but staff members are asking questions.
- Mr. Mackaness urged Ms. Nichols to properly and effectively communicate internally and externally the value of the program beyond the administration of the program.
- Mr. Dalotto added that it may be useful to use statistics to show the value of the program and to possibly include the under 21 cardholders.
- Mr. Mackaness stated that the ACMM and OMMP need to work as a team more than ever before. In the past the relationship seemed adversarial, but he believes there has been a shift in the relationship and he would like to continue to build the relationship and work together to ensure the program continues to exist.
- Seth Crawford asked who vetted the Newsletter and what communications could be done without similar vetting?
- Aaron Cossel responded the newsletter was vetted by the Communications Office, and the issue was not that we cannot have a newsletter but that it was not the right way to communicate application process information. Mr. Cossel stated we can communicate statistics without vetting, but any type of communication that is not impartial and is framed as promoting the program would need to come from leadership above the program level.



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Summary of Discussion Continued

- Tawana Nichols confirmed that all external communications must be reviewed by the Communications Office.
- Sandee Burbank made an inquiry regarding one of the Basic Facts prior to the meeting and wanted the outcome shared during the meeting. The Basic Fact in question stated “Usable marijuana, seeds, or live plants may be transferred to another registered cardholder as long as the transferred amount is within the legal limits allowed per ORS 407.300 through 475.346.”
- Aaron Cossel reviewed the Basic Fact language and changed it to “Marijuana may be transferred by a registry identification cardholder to another registry identification cardholder as long no consideration is paid for the transfer.”
- The “usable marijuana, seeds, or live plants” language was removed because the statute does not explicitly state that a cardholder can transfer seeds or plants to another cardholder and we cannot add clarification or provide interpretations that do not already exist in statute.
- Mr. Mackaness asked where the wording had come from, if there was any intentionality behind it, to which Mr. Cossel responded no, it occurred during one of the many internal Basic Fact updates.
- Laird Funk added that the statute referred to was “marijuana” not usable marijuana and to get to the definition, one must go back to 475.005.
- Mr. Cossel stated that we did not want to create limiting language that was not from statute.
- Mr. Dalotto asked how the OMMP was going to notify the public of the extended ACMM application deadline to which Mr. Cossel replied that we would be posting it on the website.
- Mr. Dalotto and Mr. Mackaness asked if the OMMP could do a press release, notify interested parties, or send a letter to the ACMM e-mail subscribers.
- Mr. Cossel stated he is going to find out what is going on with the e-mail notification list since it has not been working correctly.
- Mr. Mackaness also brought up the ACMM letters (e-mails) and asked that the issue be resolved to which Cheryl Smith stated she and Tracy Candela have resolved the e-mail list issue, and that e-mails will be received by all ACMM members now.
- Mr. Mackaness extended a public apology to anyone who may have sent an e-mail to the ACMM and had not received a timely response due to the ACMM e-mail technical issue that has now been resolved. The ACMM is now receiving e-mail correspondence through OHD.ACMM@state.or.us and will respond promptly to inquiries.
- Ms. Nichols asked how the ACMM communicated information to the public, specifically regarding promoting individuals to apply to the ACMM.
- Mr. Mackaness stated that they do not have an external communication system and would like OMMP to send it out and reach out to the public. Ms. Smith stated that there needs to be clarification that this is a committee for the OMMP, not the dispensary program, as there has been some confusion regarding the role of the committee.
- Mr. Funk stated that it is effective to encourage people in person to apply.

Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OMMP and ACMM need to notify the public of the extended ACMM application date. • Update the ACMM application to clarify role of committee member as not affiliated with the dispensary program.
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Part 2: Committee Business

Time	Agenda Topic	Person Responsible
11:00-11:15	Bylaws: Next Steps	Ben Mackaness
Summary of Discussion		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ben Mackaness stated that a special meeting was not approved to review and update the bylaws so the ACMM will need to address it without OMMP administrative support. ▪ Mr. Mackaness asked if it would be possible to create a bylaw subcommittee to which Tawana Nichols responded in the affirmative. ▪ Mr. Mackaness asked if there were any volunteers. He stated that the process would consist of action focused bylaw meetings, which would take about two hours per meeting bi-monthly, and about three times that amount of time investment between meetings. ▪ Cheryl Smith stated that she would help, but wanted to know what the benefit would be of working to update the bylaws if the result is another standstill since the OMMP and the ACMM cannot agree on the changes. ▪ Mr. Mackaness shared frustration over the process and was open to coaching on how to get through it successfully. ▪ Ms. Smith asked what the original issues with the bylaw changes had been. ▪ Ms. Nichols replied that she had sent out an e-mail several times regarding the context of the bylaw updates. The administrator at the time had an issue with a request for setting up a special meeting, and required that the bylaws be revised with advisement from Shannon O’Fallon. ▪ Ms. Nichols stated this was done and sent to the ACMM membership at that time and most of the ACMM edits had been added. She sent clarifying questions regarding some of the ACMM requested changes and gave reasons for the amendments that were not included. ▪ Ms. Nichols discussed the example that the ACMM cannot remove committee members, only the OHA Director can do so. The committee would like to change the language to have parameters around the removal of members. ▪ Todd Dalotto stated that Ms. Shibley, the administrator during the original amendments, seemed to be hostile to the ACMM at the time, which he feels was reflected in the amendments and to which he felt directly affected by. ▪ Mr. Dalotto proposed a motion to revise the current bylaws without Ms. Shibley’s amendments and propose amendments based upon the context of the current committee needs. The motion passed unanimously. ▪ Mr. Funk added that the person who appoints members should be the one who removes members; however, he thought it would be appropriate to create a petition process to remove a member. ▪ Mr. Mackaness stated that is how the previously proposed amended bylaws were written. ▪ Mr. Mackaness wanted to increase the number of meetings too, possibly to 12 meetings a year. ▪ Mr. Mackaness asked the committee what the most effective way to handle the bylaw amendments to which Mr. Dalotto responded that it would make sense to create a bylaw review subcommittee to take on the update task. ▪ Mr. Dalotto also recognized how valuable OMMP staff time is, and further recommended that meeting requests should take into account the amount of time and effort it takes to coordinate and provide administrative support and suggested that the committee plan for up to two extra meeting per year and anything over that would have to be solidly justified. 		
Conclusion(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion passed unanimously to revise the current bylaws without Ms. Shibley’s amendments, and formulate amendments based upon the context of the current committee needs. 	

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11:15-11:30	Bylaws: Next Steps	Ben Mackaness
Summary of Discussion Continued		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Smith stated that a large part of this work could be done through e-mail. Ms. Smith proposed a motion to create a Bylaw Subcommittee which passed unanimously. Brian Michaels stated he would participate if he could do so predominantly through e-mail. Ben Mackaness and Cheryl Smith stated they would serve on the committee. Mr. Dalotto asked if Sephra Oare would be willing to participate and to assist in meeting coordination to which she responded in the affirmative. Aligra Rainy and Jim Vermeer also volunteered to participate on the Bylaw Subcommittee. 		
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bylaw Subcommittee to provide recommendations for updating the ACMM Bylaws to meet current committee needs. 	
Conclusion(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion unanimously passed to create a Bylaw Subcommittee with the following membership: Ben Mackaness, Cheryl Smith, Brian Michaels, Sephra Oare, Aligra Rainy, and Jim Vermeer. 	

Time	Agenda Topic	Person Responsible
11:30-12:00	Acknowledgements	Ben Mackaness
Summary of Discussion		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ben Mackaness announced that Jim Klahr passed away and acknowledged his amazing contributions to the ACMM and OMMP. Mr. Mackaness acknowledged the contributions of Laird Funk and Sandee Burbank as well. He stated that they were two of the committee founders and none of this would exist without them. Todd Dalotto acknowledged Mr. Funk, Mr. Klahr, and Ms. Burbank for all serving as Chair and their participation in subcommittees. He shared his admiration of Mr. Klahr for his continued service even after he was no longer a committee member, as well as his commitment to advocacy till the end. Mr. Dalotto also stated that Mr. Klahr was an example of the why the Medical Marijuana program is necessary and how adult prohibition affects patients. Admiration for Mr. Klahr, Mr. Funk, and Ms. Burbank was expressed by all. Mr. Funk stated that he will continue to work with Legislature to expunge records, reduce punishments, and to create a lifetime card. Ms. Nichols acknowledged Mr. Funk's service since 2006 and gave him a certificate of acknowledgement. Ms. Nichols also acknowledged Ms. Burbank's service on the committee since 2006, and her certificate of acknowledgement will be mailed to her. 		
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracy Candela to mail certificates of recognition to Sandee Burbank and Jim Klahr's spouse. 	

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Time	Agenda Topic	Person Responsible
11:30-12:00	Discussion regarding the future of the OMMP	ACMM Members and OHA Administration

Summary of Discussion

- **Concepts re: maintaining the OMMP- Presented by Cheryl Smith**
 - ***Why do we need to maintain this program in light of legalization of recreational marijuana?***
 - Many patients need the higher number of plants and quantity of medical marijuana due to their needs. For example, many use extracts, tinctures and other methods, which require a larger quantity of flowers.
 - A quality medical marijuana clinic provides not only a doctor to verify that the patient has a qualifying condition, but education on alternatives to smoking, strains that work better for specific conditions, drug interactions, side effects, and other issues.
 - Many doctors do not want to act as an attending physician under the program, for various reasons, including not having expertise regarding the medical use of marijuana. For example, at least one cancer center routinely refers newly-diagnosed patients who express a desire to try using medical marijuana for palliative care to a local medical marijuana clinic.
 - Medical marijuana clinics can serve a larger role in the community by referring patients to other needed services, such as lower-cost health care, housing and food programs.
 - ***Some people have expressed concern that some medical marijuana clinics are simply “card mills” and abusing the system so people can get cards. How can we move those people into the recreational system, in light of the fact that OMMP allows possession of higher numbers of plants and marijuana?***
 - Require that medical marijuana clinics meet certain standards.
 - Mandate review and oversight by the OMMP or the Health Care and Quality Improvement program (which already provides such oversight to other types of facilities and has previously reviewed the medical records of one medical marijuana clinic).
 - Require that medical marijuana clinics be nonprofit organizations, which will help ensure that they are operating at a higher standard, due to federal and state laws governing them.
 - ***Why not limit the number of patients one doctor can sign for or prohibit medical marijuana clinics entirely, and only allow primary care doctors to verify their patients’ qualifying conditions?***
 - Physicians who serve many patients at medical marijuana clinics are very knowledgeable about the medical properties of cannabis, as a result of focusing their practice on this area.
 - Some patients do not have a primary care physician, so they would be shut out of the OMMP.
 - As noted above, many doctors will not sign for their patients. If their primary care physician is one of these, they would not be able to participate in the OMMP.
 - Some patients’ primary care physician is a naturopath, a category of physicians who are not allowed under the law to recommend medical marijuana under the OMMP.



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11:30-12:00	Discussion regarding the future of the OMMP	ACMM Members and OHA Administration

Summary of Discussion Continued

- Cheryl Smith added to her report that the under 21 age group would be adversely impacted if the OMMP no longer existed as they would not be able to access marijuana for medicinal purposes as they can now.

Open Discussion:

- Ben Mackaness asked that the members of the ACMM, public audience, and OMMP staff participate in creating a high level list as to why the OMMP is still necessary with the legalization of non-medical use.
- Seth Crawford stated that it is somewhat problematic to attempt to have this discussion when the OLCC rules are unknown.
- Dr. Crawford stated that if there end up being a small number of retail licenses, creating a concentration of ownership we may run into a lot of potential problems with pests, pathogens, concentration of ownership, etc.
- He stated that keeping the OMMP is probably the best way to protect the largest amount of consumers. Dr. Crawford asserted that 20% of the Oregon population use 80% of the marijuana produced and it is believed a large number of that 20% may be registered with the OMMP.
- Dr. Crawford believes there will be a move to remove the OMMP but the committee should work to keep the program to protect production and patients, including maintaining marijuana genetic diversity.
- Paul Schmidt agreed with Dr. Crawford regarding maintaining genetic diversity based upon patient need rather than retail marketing schemes.
- Mr. Schmidt stated the dispensaries should have separate retail and medical marijuana services and costs.
- Cheryl Smith asked for clarification regarding the discussion focus. Would the committee focus on both the benefit of the dispensary program and the medical marijuana program or focus on the medical marijuana program only.
- Mr. Schmidt and Aligra Rainy agreed that there needs to be at least a thought about coordinating the programs together so patients are taken care of in the most effective manner.
- Dr. Crawford stated that at this point it is unknown how much product is going through the dispensaries versus going directly from growers to patients.
- He further indicated that it is thought that patients receiving marijuana from growers directly pay approximately 25% less than if they go to a dispensary.
- Dr. Crawford asserted that the ACMM should work to identify who has this information and how can they get it.
- Ms. Rainy wants to work to ensure that the medical dispensary care continues.
- Todd Dalotto stated Ms. Rainy's point can be summarized as the identification and maintaining a high standard of care for the medical marijuana population.
- Mr. Dalotto stated that the type of work Dr. Crawford does is very important for how we treat and set up systems for the use of marijuana therapeutically.
- Mr. Dalotto added out-of-state patients to the list.
- Mr. Mackaness stated that he wanted to focus on why the OMMP is valuable as is. Improvements to the program will be ongoing but do not necessarily need to be focused on in this session.



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11:30-12:15	Discussion regarding the future of the OMMP	ACMM Members and OHA Administration
Summary of Discussion Continued		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Discussion continued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anthony Taylor stated that education is important, and that opiate addiction issues and concerns should be highlighted for legislature, providers, insurance companies, etc. ▪ Gerry Lehrburger stated that research on the marijuana plant is in its infancy and would urge that this opportunity be used to move forward with more research regarding the therapeutic benefits of the plant. He advocated that the program should be kept for future research on the plant and for education. ▪ Todd Dalotto mentioned freedom of travel to other states with medical marijuana programs, and opportunities to qualify for public and private programs whether they are fee reduction programs or studies that specifically benefit medical marijuana patients. ▪ Mr. Dalotto also stated that growing parameters under Measure 91 make it very difficult for individuals to homegrow. It is much more feasible to grow under the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act (OMMA) than Measure 91. ▪ Seth Crawford added that the income tax revenue for growers selling to dispensaries is unknown at this time, and is generating an unknown amount of revenue for the state. ▪ Aaron Cossel mentioned that parents of children under eighteen would not be able to make the health care decision to treat a child with medical marijuana. They would lose legal rights that they currently have under the OMMA. • The top 3 benefits of the OMMP priority list for Legislature decided by vote: (get from Aaron) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Self-funded program with unknown adverse impact(s) of taking away a mature industry (\$1 billion agricultural industry) 2. Provides protection for patients under 18 3. Patients are able to possess higher volume of medical marijuana at reasonable prices • Other significant benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintain genetic diversity versus profit model (open to revision of language) ▪ Reduce the cost for patients ▪ Ability to travel to other states with medical marijuana programs ▪ Patients who receive free or reduced cost marijuana ▪ Qualifying for other reduced fee programs ▪ Medical benefits of marijuana ▪ Income tax revenue 		
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “Benefits of the OMMP” list will be crafted into better language by Cheryl Smith for communication with legislature. 	
Conclusion(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Medical Marijuana program is needed despite the legalization of recreational use to ensure patients do not lose current protections afforded under the OMMA; and that the state of Oregon does not witness financial hardship by the loss of revenue generated by the medical marijuana industry and program. 	

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Time	<i>Break for Lunch</i>
12:15-1:15	

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1:15-2:00	Subcommittee and Other Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Horticulture Research & Safety Report ▪ Outreach Report- Cover Oregon Update ▪ Dispensary Program Subcommittee Report ▪ Legislation Subcommittee Report ▪ Legislative Update 	Gerry Lehrburger Cheryl Smith and Kelly Paige Todd Dalotto Anthony Taylor Todd Dalotto

Summary of Discussion Continued

- **Horticulture Research & Safety Subcommittee Report- Submitted by Gerry Lehrburger***
 - Dr. Lehrburger was unable to attend the afternoon portion of the meeting; however, he submitted a letter to the committee summarizing the current actions and focus of the subcommittee.
 - The subcommittee is in the process of developing a scientific advisory board (SAB).
 - Two other Oregon researchers, Anthony Smith PhD (Kenevir Analytic Labs) and Eric Cerecedes (Mycoformulas, Inc.), have been assisting Dr. Lehrburger in identifying, interviewing, and enrolling a well-rounded team of advisors.
 - Dr. Lehrburger stated he was humbled by the quality of scientists stepping forward and looked forward to the opportunity to introduce the SAB members at the ACMM March 2015 meeting.
 - The subcommittee has received unanimous support from the board members of the Health Research Institute (HRI) to align with their organization in order to facilitate research and clinical trials, documentation, and fiscal accountability. Established in 1983, HRI is a non-profit institute dedicated to health, education, and research.
 - The research project that will be proposed in March explores the effectiveness of medical marijuana in controlling pain and reducing or eliminating the requirements of narcotic analgesic medication.
 - The first portion of the three-part study involves an international literature review, a project that the subcommittee has already initiated.
 - The second part involves an on-line interview with Oregon cardholders who receive medical marijuana cards for chronic painful conditions.
 - The final portion of the study invites the participation of county and state agencies that are already engaged in treatment, pain control/management in conducting clinical trials that focus on the effectiveness of medical marijuana.
 - The protocols and parameters of these studies are being developed and will be presented at the March meeting, for ACMM/OMMP's comments and review.

**This report was not shared during the meeting and has been added to the meeting minutes so it available to the public.*



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Summary of Discussion Continued		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Subcommittee Report- Presented by Cheryl Smith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cheryl Smith deferred to Kelly Paige for report. • Cover Oregon Update- presented by Kelly Paige <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kelly Paige is the Regional Outreach Coordinator for the Oregon Health Authority. ▪ Ms. Paige is working to get information regarding enrollment for Health Care out to Medical Marijuana cardholders and created an informative letter for cardholders that she will deliver to clinics and dispensaries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The letter includes enrollment information and coverage eligibility. ▪ Ms. Paige asked if the OMMP would be able to send the letter out with renewals and to the interested party list to which Ms. Nichols responded in the affirmative. ▪ Todd Dalotto asked if she found that the lack of dispensaries in eastern Oregon impacts participation from populations in that region. ▪ Ms. Paige stated that she thought it most likely does. She further stated that it was a difficult region for growing, which may also impact participation. ▪ Mr. Dalotto stated that the ACMM would be interested in reviewing any data she may be able to collect regarding the topic. ▪ Ms. Paige stated she would start in the metro areas and work her way out to the more rural regions. ▪ Ms. Paige stated she would be happy to send copies to anyone who was interested upon request. ▪ Ben Mackaness thanked Ms. Paige for keeping the medical marijuana community in mind. ▪ Ms. Paige also announced that if anyone would like to become a voluntary application assistant to help people get through the process, let her know. ▪ Ms. Paige said to contact her if anyone was interested in getting more information. 		
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OMMP to send out health care letter out to the interested party list and will add it to renewal packets. 	

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Summary of Discussion

- **Dispensary Program Subcommittee Report- Presented by Todd Dalotto**

- The committee has not met in person this past quarter.
- New Leadership
 - Steven Wagner is the new permanent Administrator for the Center for Health Protection, which oversees the OMMP, OMMDP, and other programs. He is new to Oregon, moving from Ohio, so medical cannabis programs are a new and exciting challenge for him.
 - There may be some re-structuring and possible merging of the OMMP & OMMDP.

- **Dispensary Licensing / Application Statistics (as of December 3, 2014)**

Total Approved Dispensaries	206
Conditional Licenses	18
Provisional Licenses	46
Waiting Applications	4
New Applications (Since Nov. 21 st)	27
Rejected Applications	292
Paid Applications	593
Total Approved w/in City Limits	148
% Waived Confidentiality	69.6%
Top County/City: Multnomah/Portland	93/94
2 nd Top County/City: Lane/Eugene	26/16
3 rd Top County/City: Marion/Salem	15/14

*Source: OMMDP

The access the public registry and view more statistics: <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/mmj/Pages/directory.aspx>



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Summary of Discussion Continued

- **Dispensary Program Subcommittee Report Continued- Presented by Todd Dalotto**
 - Rules Promulgation
 - At September’s ACMM meeting Mr. Dalotto reported on the Rules Advisory Committee activity on revising the Dispensary Program rules after six months of program implementation. The final draft language has been published, the public hearing has been scheduled for December 16, 2014, 9:30 AM at the Portland State Office Building Room 1D, and the (written) public comment period is open until December 22, 2014, 5:00 PM.
 - To read the draft language and learn more about the rulemaking process: <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/mmi/Pages/rules.aspx>
 - Member Nomination- *Bio for Noah Stokes from CannaGuard*
 - *Noah Stokes is the Founder and CEO of CannaGuard Security, a division of OmniGuard Security. Noah started OmniGuard Security nearly three years ago with the intent to focus on utilizing newer, more robust technology to provide his customers with the most cost efficient and secure systems on the market. In OmniGuard’s first year, Noah wore all hats, from sales, to install. Since then, OmniGuard has grown from just Noah, to a team of 12 members, and it continues to grow. Because of Noah’s previous work experience, as well as his determination to bring people a superior experience in this industry, OmniGuard and CannaGuard alike have seen exponential growth year over year.*
 - *Before Noah began OmniGuard, he worked in the Bay area managing a high end home automation company that specialized in the latest and greatest offerings on the market. Because of that, he developed a knack for understanding, and implementing the newest technology before the competition. Noah has taken that same principle and applied that to the Security field.*
 - *Having been relatively stagnant for the past 60 years, Noah found that a majority of the people in the security sector were not able, nor willing, to adapt to the new technology which has provided ample opportunity for growth, as well as a tremendous advantage in this ever evolving market. Noah’s unique approach to the business has come as a breath of fresh air to the security industry. At the core of Noah’s business philosophy are honesty, and integrity, which translates to people wanting what OmniGuard and CannaGuard have to offer.*



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Summary of Discussion

- **Dispensary Program Subcommittee Report Discussion**
 - Laird Funk asked what the difference was between “provisional” and “conditional” licenses.
 - Todd Dalotto stated that a provisional license is given for 60 days when all necessary paperwork has been submitted but the dispensary is waiting for security system installation. Conditional license parameters are less clear, and may be given when there are unresolved issues such as clarity needed for school qualifications. Conditional licenses are not in rule but were created by policy.
 - Ben Mackaness added that Tom Burns stated the conditional licenses were specifically created for situations in which moratoriums were in effect. The license is conditional until it is approved by the city.
 - Todd Dalotto put forth a motion to nominate Noah Stokes to serve on the Dispensary Program Subcommittee which passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Mackaness asked that whoever was willing and able to attend and provide commentary at the Public Hearing for the Dispensary program rules revisions on the December 16, 2014.
 - Mr. Dalotto also encouraged attendance at the hearing and stated the public participation is important.
 - Mr. Funk asked Mr. Dalotto if he had any comments on the revised rules for the Dispensary program that he had sent out via e-mail to the ACMM members.
 - Mr. Dalotto stated that there were a number of good changes, including some restricting around provisional licenses. He stated his biggest issue, in reference to the labeling of edibles, did not get addressed. He and Jeremy Sacket had been charged with a proposal to address the issue. Their proposal, which was similar to the USDA-recommended daily allowance structure, was not adopted.
 - Mr. Dalotto also reported that the definition of “batch” was also changed in reference to sampling for labs. It is to be from a single strain, which will be challenging since strains are often combined and blended in different products.

Conclusion(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion unanimously passed for Noah Stokes to join the Dispensary Program Subcommittee.
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Summary of Discussion		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation Subcommittee Report- Presented by Anthony Taylor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Taylor shared proposed language from a California bill amendment* to not allow the disqualification of patients from organ transplant donor lists due to testing positive for marijuana. Mr. Taylor thought it would be a good idea to add this to the legislative proposals as a Jim Klahr Memorial bill. ▪ Anthony Taylor stated that is a very busy legislative session in reference to marijuana. There is roughly 50 legislative concepts related to marijuana. ▪ Mr. Taylor stated Compassionate Oregon and Cheryl Smith submitted a request to introduce legislation that would allow the use of medical marijuana during diversion which will be added to another bill draft. ▪ Mr. Taylor reported that veterans are in a tricky situation because they need to be enrolled in a state program in conjunction with the federal system to be able to use cannabis. He would like to see fees waived for veterans required to enroll in the state system be able to have fees waived so there benefits are not impacted. ▪ Mr. Taylor reported there was discussion around creating a committee to work on all cannabis legislation. ▪ Mr. Taylor stated Compassionate Oregon is working to expand the program to create lifetime cards, and to allow licensed health care professionals to provide care and administer medical marijuana outside of a health care facility. ▪ Mr. Taylor stated that he, Ben Mackaness, Cheryl Smith, and Brian Michaels have been working to roll back the Child care provider rule. ▪ Mr. Taylor stated that there are three sets of rules being discussed on dispensaries, day care, and hemp and that attendance at public hearings have been low. He stated the attendance at these hearings is meaningful, and that the hearing officers compile comprehensive reports based on public feedback. ▪ Mr. Taylor stated they are trying to work with the governor’s office for support. ▪ Mr. Taylor urged all ACMM members to be involved in the hearing process as well. ▪ Ms. Smith asked Mr. Taylor if a lawsuit against the Early Learning Counsel was the next step if the rules are not changed to which he responded in the affirmative but hoped that it would not come to that. ▪ Mr. Mackaness asked if there were “call to action days” that everyone should be aware of to which Mr. Taylor responded that everyone should contact their representatives to make sure their voices are hear. ▪ Laird Funk put for a motion to nominate himself to the Legislation Subcommittee which passed unanimously. 		
Conclusion(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion unanimously passed to nominate himself to the Legislation Subcommittee. 	

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Summary of Discussion

- **Legislation Update- Presented by Todd Dalotto**
 - Todd Dalotto stated he has worked mostly on two bills that Senator Buckley will be sponsoring.
 - One is a cannabis quality assurance bill which provides for the licensing and regulation of testing labs, and establishes quality assurance parameters and expectations that works across all industry sectors.
 - The second bill is an omnibus bill that creates licensing for wholesalers, producers, processors, and labs in addition to licensed dispensary program for medical marijuana program that mirrors what measure 91 created for the adult use system.
 - Mr. Dalotto stated there has been a lot of frustration with the testing rules, since dispensaries have been the only licensed entity.
 - Mr. Dalotto explained that producers are different than growers; Producers are a commercial growing class.
 - Mr. Dalotto stated that processors will need to have good manufacturing practices and testing.
 - Mr. Dalotto reported that he is meeting with legislators regularly, and working to ensure that patients continue to be protected as they currently are under the OMMA. He has engaged Lee Berger to assist. He also asserted that the ACMM members and the public attendees need to pay attention and stay involved throughout the upcoming legislative session.
 - Mr. Dalotto stated there are currently discussions regarding moving the medical and retail dispensaries under the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC). He stated that they need to make sure the quality and service for medical patients be maintained if this occurs.
 - Seth Crawford reported that he and Senator Prozanski are working on a creating a Cannabis Commission, which will be made up of 9 members whose role will be to provide expert advice to the OLCC, Department of Agriculture, and OHA. It will also be a grant making body to potentially create some funds for doing research.

Conclusion(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All committee members and interested members of the public are encouraged to participate in the upcoming legislative session.
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Part 3: Public Announcements and Comments

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2:00-2:30	Public Announcements and Comments	Members of the Public