



Medical Marijuana Consultant Certification

Stakeholder Input Session
August 31, 2015 -- *Tumwater*

Objective for this Session

Collect input to help shape the medical marijuana certification process

Welcome

- Introduction and Purpose of today's session
- Handouts
- Overview of agenda
 - Explanation of roles – note-takers, timers, facilitator, participants
 - Guidelines for participants
 - Rulemaking process -- DOH
 - History of legislation – DOH
 - Process for participant input
 - Wrap up, next steps

Guidelines for Participants

- This is a public meeting and everyone is welcome
- Since this is a public meeting anything shared has the potential to be part of public record
- There are microphones throughout the room, so limit side conversations that could be overheard by all
- The intent is for everyone to be respectful of all parties present
- Each individual will have the opportunity for one, timed comment period of several minutes
- Comment time cannot be donated to another individual

Methods of Collecting Input

- Individually written comments via worksheets
- Verbal comments – timed
- Comments emailed to website – now or later
medicalmarijuana@doh.wa.gov

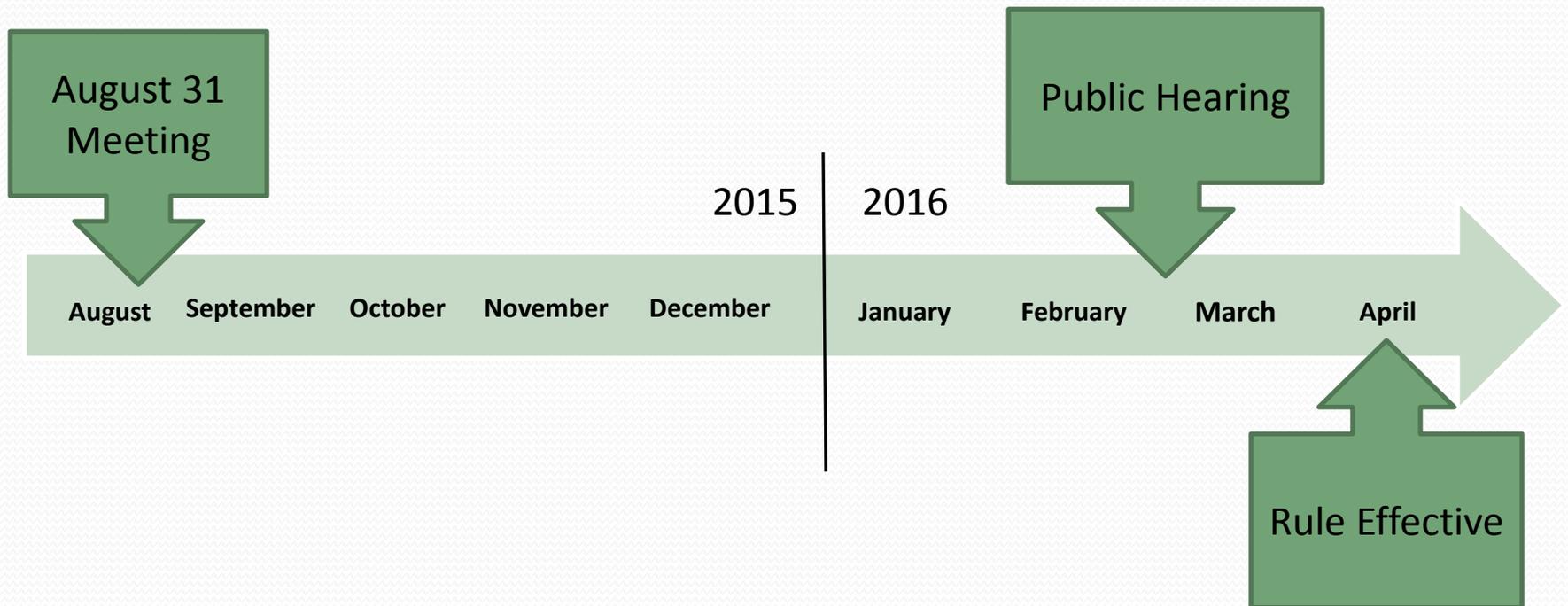
Rulemaking Process

WA Medical Marijuana Program

Rulemaking Process

- Background: Rule making is the process the Department of Health (department), including all health profession boards and commissions, uses when it proposes to create, change, or delete rules in order to protect public health.
- The department must follow the procedural requirements set out in the [Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.05 RCW](#) and the [Regulatory Fairness Act, chapter 19.85 RCW](#) when conducting rule making.
- Stakeholders interested in the department's rule-making activities should join appropriate ListSers. Individual ListSers can be found by using the [Topics A to Z list](#) or by contacting program staff.

Proposed Timeline



History of Legislation

Cannabis Patient Protection Act

History of Legislation

- 1998: I-692 Permitted patients with certain conditions to use medical marijuana.
- 2008: 60-day supply for patients was defined as 24 ounces and 15 plants.
- 2012: I-502 Licenses and regulates marijuana production, distribution, and possession for persons 21 and over.
- On April 24, 2015, Gov. Inslee signed 2SSB 5052, the [Cannabis Patient Protection Act \(PDF\)](#). It directs the Department of Health to complete tasks that include:

SSB 5052 – DOH Requirements

- Contracting with a third party to create and administer a medical marijuana authorization database;
- Developing rules relating to the operation of the database;
- Developing rules regarding products sold to patients and their designated providers;
- Consulting with the LCB about requirements for a retail store to get a medical marijuana endorsement;
- Creating a medical marijuana consultant certification;
- Developing and approving continuing education for healthcare practitioners who authorize the medical use of marijuana; and
- Making recommendations to the legislature about establishing medical marijuana specialty clinics.

SSB 5052

DOH Required Rules

- Establish a Patient Authorization Database

- Establish a Consultant Certification

- Product Inventory

DOH Goals for SSB 5052

- Protect Access for Patients with Qualifying Conditions
- Ensure Safe, Quality Tested and Accurately Labeled Products for Patients

Consultant Certification

SSB 5052, Section 37

Requirements for DOH regarding consultant certification

1. *Define curriculum and select vendors to provide training or education programs*
2. Develop an application and renewal process for consultant certificate holders
3. Specify the services that consultants may provide

Focus of Curriculum Parameters

per SSB 5052

- Qualifying Medical Conditions
- Effects of Cannabinoids
- Product Type and Use – Risks and Benefits
- Safe Handling and Storage
- Knowledge of State Rules on Certification

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Application and Renewal Process Parameters

per SSB 5052

- Must be at least 21 years old
- Annual Renewals- What should be required?
- Revocation or Suspension process
- Fees – Balance of covering costs vs. affordability

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Consultant Services Parameters

per SSB 5052

- Assist with product selection
- Describe risks and benefits of administration methods
- Advise on safe handling and storage of products
- Provide Instruction on proper use

Services Not Allowed

- Diagnose any conditions
- Recommend modification or elimination of any treatment not involving medical use of marijuana

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Stakeholder Input

Timed Comments

Process for sharing feedback

To give feedback verbally:

- We will use a numbering system to call people to provide input; people will be called in order. When your number is called please come to the microphone
- We want as many people (hopefully everyone) who want to speak to be able to
- In order to do that:
 - Please be brief (we may have to limit time)
 - Please keep your comments on today's topics

Process for sharing feedback (cont.)

- A note-taker will be summarizing the themes of what we're hearing
- If others' comments have stimulated your thinking you may post additional comments on the wall charts at the end of the meeting
- If you do not have enough time to express all your thinking verbally – or we run out of time for all speakers -- there will be other ways for you to submit comments:
 - In writing, via worksheets here
 - Through email

1. Define curriculum and select vendors to provide training or education programs.

<i>Issue</i>	<i>What concerns do you have?</i>	<i>What would you like to see?</i>
A. Subjects – what should be included in the training?		
B. Delivery – how should the training be offered (e.g. electronically? In person?)		
C. Vendors – what criteria should be used when selecting vendors?		
D. Hours for training – how many should be required?		
E. Other Issues		

2. Develop an application and renewal process for consultant certificate holders

<i>Issue</i>	<i>What concerns do you have?</i>	<i>What would you like to see?</i>
A. Minimum Requirements - Besides the listed requirements, what else should be required of certificate holders?		
B. Education - Should level of education be a factor?		
C. Fees for certification – How should a fee be determined? How much is reasonable?		
D. Other issues		

3. Specify the consultant services parameters

Wrap Up, Next Steps

- What happens next?
- Where can we find a summary of comments received?
- Next meeting details
- Thank you

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