

*HAMPSHIRE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
February 24, 2020*

Call to Order: Mary Sas called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Board Members Present: Dr. Thomas W. Daugherty, Peggy McMaster, Allen Hott, Kelli Eglinger, Mary Sas, Nancy Davis

Guests Present: Emma Grosskopf, Hampshire Review, Len McMaster, HC Development Authority, Eileen Johnson, HC Development Authority, Bryan Steward, Curative Growth, Jessica Steward, HC citizen

Curative Growth Presentation: Bryan Steward, Curative Growth's Chief Medical Officer, presented information about the medical cannabis organization, Curative Growth. He reviewed the organization leadership, founding history, and business model. Curative Growth has applied to the state for a growing and processing permit in Capon Bridge. They have applied for dispensary permits in Hampshire, Monongalia, and Marion counties. Dr. Steward reviewed the company's compliance, safety, and diversion plans. Discussion was held on medical cannabis free market, cost, and return on investment. The economic benefits of having a medical cannabis organization in Hampshire County was discussed, including increased tax base and job creation. Dr. Steward discussed the need for medical cannabis research and limitations to research due to the restriction of federal funds.

Eileen Johnson added to the discussion that two purchase agreements were approved by the Development Board at Hampshire Business Park and Capon Bridge Technology Park contingent upon permitting.

Old Business

Medical Cannabis Act: Stephanie Shoemaker distributed the Chapter 16 code stating that written approval is required from the county board of health in which the permit holder is to be located and operate business. She also distributed a letter from the Hampshire County Commission stating that there are no restrictions for medical cannabis operations in Hampshire County, and a sample letter from the Mineral County Board of Health approving medical cannabis in their county.

Stephanie reviewed the approval process for boards of health. Upon receiving notification from the state of a medical cannabis organization application for the county, the local board of health will be required to give written approval for that organization to operate in the county. The only information that will be given to the local board of health will be the organization name, type of permit (grower, processor, dispensary), and location of the business. There has not been a timeline for approval established at this time.

After discussion, Peggy McMaster made a motion to approve the operation of medical cannabis in Hampshire County. Nancy Davis seconded the motion; and the motion passed in favor of approval.

New Business

None

Executive Session

Nancy Davis made a motion to enter into executive session for discussion of medical cannabis. Allen Hott seconded the motion; and the motion passed in favor of approval. The board entered executive session at 7:36pm.

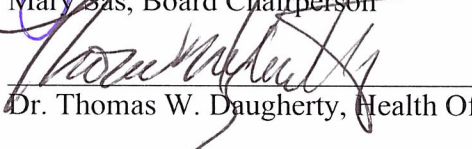
The board ended executive session at 7:41pm and returned to regular session. No decisions were made in executive session.

Adjournment

Allen Hott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Davis seconded the motion; the motion passed in favor of approval. The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.



Mary Sas, Board Chairperson



Dr. Thomas W. Daugherty, Health Officer