

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2013-201
October 28, 2013

SUBJECT: Establishment of Medical Marijuana Advisory Committee Pursuant to the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1999

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 422(6) and (11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(6) and (11) (2012 Repl.) and the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Amendment Act of 2010 ("Act"), effective July 27, 2010, D.C. Law 18-210, D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.01 *et seq.* (2012 Repl.), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

I. ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established in the Government of the District of Columbia a Medical Marijuana Advisory Committee (hereinafter "Committee").

II. PURPOSE

The Committee shall monitor best practices in other states, monitor scientific research on the use of medical marijuana, measure the effectiveness of the District's medical marijuana program, make recommendations when the Committee is asked to consult by other agencies, and make recommendations to the Mayor and the Council pursuant to section 10(b) of the Act.

III. ORGANIZATION

The Committee shall be composed of the following two (2) subcommittees: the Intergovernmental Operations Subcommittee and the Scientific Subcommittee. Each subcommittee shall act separately from the other and shall make their reports directly to the Director of the Department of Health ("Director"), who shall transmit the reports to the Mayor and the Council as may be required by section 10(b) of the Act.

IV. FUNCTIONS

- (a) The Intergovernmental Operations Subcommittee shall:
 - (1) Monitor best practices in other states, monitor the effectiveness of the District's medical marijuana program, and make recommendations to the Director, and to the Mayor and the Council through the Director, and when asked to consult by the Scientific Subcommittee or other agencies;
 - (2) Issue recommendations to the Director regarding the quantities of cannabis, not to exceed four (4) ounces per month, that are necessary to constitute an adequate supply for qualified patients and designated caregivers, and on security issues; and
 - (3) Issue a report to the Mayor and Council through the Director recommending whether the District should allow qualifying patients and caregivers to cultivate medical marijuana, how to implement and regulate cultivation of medical marijuana by qualifying patients and caregivers, and any other comments the Intergovernmental Operations Subcommittee believes to be of importance.
- (b) The Scientific Subcommittee shall:
 - (1) Accept and review petitions for the approval of additional qualifying medical conditions and qualifying medical treatments, and to recommend in favor or against approval to the Director; and
 - (2) Monitor best practices in other states, monitor scientific research on the use of medical marijuana, and make recommendations to the Director, and to the Mayor and the Council through the Director, and when asked to consult by the Intergovernmental Operations Subcommittee or other agencies.

V. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) The Intergovernmental Operations Subcommittee shall consist of four (4) members, who shall be as follows: The Director of the Department of Health, or a subordinate delegee, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, or a subordinate delegee, the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department, or a subordinate delegee, and the City Administrator, or a subordinate delegee. The Director of the Department of Health ("Director"), or his or her subordinate delegee, shall act as the chair of this Subcommittee. All members of this Subcommittee

shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. All actions shall be taken pursuant to a vote of a majority of this Subcommittee.

- (b) The Scientific Subcommittee shall consist of at least four (4) members. The Director of the Department of Health shall appoint the members and the chairperson of this Subcommittee. The members shall possess either medical or scientific expertise that the Director of the Department of Health deems would be useful to this Subcommittee and may be selected from the public or private sector without residency restrictions. All members of this Subcommittee shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. All actions shall be taken pursuant to a vote of a majority of this Subcommittee.


VI. EFFECT OF PRIOR ORDERS

This Order supersedes in whole or in part as appropriate, any previously issued Mayor's Orders to the extent such provisions are inconsistent with this Order. Section IV of Mayor's Order 2011-71 dated April 13, 2011 is repealed.

- VII. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order shall become effective immediately.



VINCENT C. GRAY
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

CYNTHIA BROCK-SMITH
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA