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State Board of Health Rules Committee

Thursday, November 6, 2025

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Minutes

Meeting Recording

[November 6, 2025 State Board of Health Rules Committee Meeting-20251106 1850-1 - Webex](#)

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. Members Present: Rodney Alford, Damon Arnold, Dawn Brown, David Chung, John “Jack” Herrmann, Rodney Holzmacher, Yvette Johnson-Walker, Juleigh Nowinski Konchak, Karen Phelan, Esther Sciammarella, Claire Simon, Jeff Workman
- b. Members Not Present: Rashmi Chugh, David Cross, Abel Kho, Susan Swider
- c. IDPH Staff Present: Eva-Janette Candido, Sean Dailey, Allison Nickrent, Brandon Rakowski, Karen Senger, Matt Smith, Emily Spangler, Tracey Trigillo, Gregory Willis
- d. Guest: Not Applicable

2. Public Comment

- Not Applicable

2. New Business

- a. Chairman’s Comments (Karen Phelan)
 - i. Karen recognized Angela Oberreiter for her service to the State Board of Health and welcomed new State Board of Health Member, Jeff Workman.

3. Review of Administrative Rules

- a. [77 Ill. Admin Code 450](#), Illinois Clinical Laboratories Code (Karen Senger)
 - i. Karen specified who can order clinical laboratory tests, including certain genetic tests, so that it is consistent with federal CLIA requirements and relevant Illinois statutes. Updated and clarified definitions within the Code will better align with current federal terminology and practice.
 - ii. Technical and organizational edits will also improve readability and internal consistency of the rule. Dawn recommended adding a definition of “owner” to improve clarity over language referring to the “owner” versus “director” of a laboratory.
 - iii. Members discussed whether particular facility types and testing scenarios were explicitly included in the definitions.
 - iv. The State Board of Health Rules Committee approved the changes to 77 Ill. Adm. Code 450 for filing with Secretary of State for First Notice.
 - Moved by John “Jack” Herrmann. Seconded by Damon Arnold.
- b. [77 Ill. Admin Code 946](#), Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program (Melissa Stalets)
 - i. Melissa states that rules are updated to reflect statutory changes and the evolution of the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program. The updated Code adds four new qualifying conditions that were previously approved by Director Sameer Vohra and reduced fees for individuals with varying levels of economic hardship and/or homelessness.

- ii. Members questioned how the Code defines “certified healthcare professional” and “healthcare professional”, what is considered a “reasonable amount” of cannabis and how this is interpreted in practice, and how the Medical Cannabis Advisory Board reviews evidence for new conditions.
- iii. Specific line references raised during discussion including provisions on reasonable amount and conviction language to ensure consistency with current law and policy will be reviewed and correct any internet links referenced.
- iv. The State Board of Health Rules Committee approved the changes to 77 Ill. Adm. Code 946 for filing with Secretary of State for First Notice.
 - Moved by Damon Arnold. Seconded by Yvette Johnson-Walker.

4. Old Business

- a. Not Applicable

6. 2025 Meetings

- a. **STATE BOARD OF HEALTH 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM**

iv. December 11

- b. **STATE BOARD OF HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

iv. November 13

5. Adjournment

- a. Karen Phelan requested a motion to adjourn. John "Jack" Herrmann moved to adjourn the State Board of Health Rules Committee meeting. Damon Arnold seconded.