

Medical Marijuana Hearings Dates, Locations, Purpose and Procedure

Iowa Board of Pharmacy
(515) 281-5944

Wednesday, August 19, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Iowa State Historical Building (Auditorium)
600 East Locust Street
Des Moines, Iowa

Wednesday, September 2, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Music Man Square (Reunion Hall)
308 South Pennsylvania Avenue
Mason City, Iowa

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 – Noon to 7:00 p.m.

University of Iowa
Bowen Science Building (3rd Floor Auditorium)
51 Newton Road
Iowa City, Iowa

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Harrah's Casino & Hotel (Ballroom I)
One Harrah's Boulevard
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Purpose and Procedure:

1. These hearings are being held to receive evidence and testimony regarding the pros and cons of medical marijuana from a scientific, medical and legal perspective.
2. The Board is interested in hearing from medical practitioners including physicians, mid-level practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, and hospice workers; patients; care-givers; law-enforcement personnel; regulatory agencies; legislators; educators; scientists; researchers; other interested parties; and members of the general public.
3. Specifically, the Board is seeking information including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a) Marijuana's actual or relative potential for abuse,
 - b) Marijuana's pharmacological effect,
 - c) Current scientific knowledge regarding marijuana,
 - d) The history and current pattern of abuse of marijuana,
 - e) The scope, duration, and significance of abuse of marijuana,
 - f) The risk to the public health from moving marijuana to a different controlled substance schedule,
 - g) The potential of marijuana to produce psychic or physiological dependence liability, and

- h) Whether marijuana is an immediate precursor of a substance on some other controlled substance schedule.
4. Oral testimony will be received but will be limited to approximately 5 to 10 minutes per person, based on the number of speakers attending each hearing. Additional time may be allowed if circumstances permit.
5. An appointment to make oral comments at a specified time on August 19, September 2, October 7, or November 4 may be pre-arranged by contacting Debbie Jorgenson at the Iowa Board of Pharmacy at 515/281-6674 or by sending a written request via e-mail to: Debbie.Jorgenson@ibpe.state.ia.us
6. All oral comments will be recorded by a certified shorthand reporter.
7. The submission of written comments is encouraged.
8. The deadline for submitting written comments is Wednesday, November 4, 2009. Written comments may be sent via e-mail to Debbie.Jorgenson@ibpe.state.ia.us or via regular mail to: Iowa Board of Pharmacy, RiverPoint Business Park, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite E, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4688.
9. All oral testimony and written comments received by the Board will be public information.
10. The public is invited to attend and observe the hearings.