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## MEDICAL CANNABIDIOL ADVISORY BOARD — OCTOBER 2017

**Meeting.** The Medical Cannabidiol Advisory Board met October 27, 2017, in Ankeny. The Advisory Board received an update from the Department of Public Health (DPH) that the last Advisory Board member had been appointed, and that the State Board of Health had approved the manufacturing and dispensing rules and Advisory Board duties that had been approved at the last Advisory Board meeting.

The DPH also said that the request for proposals (RFP) for manufacturers had been posted and that the Department initially received nine letters of intent for application, although one entity had since withdrawn its application. Applications for the RFP were due on October 30, 2017. In the end, the DPH received one application. The DPH will be utilizing seven reviewers: one person from the DPH, one person from the lowa Economic Development Authority, one person with pharmacy expertise, one person with lab expertise, one person with agricultural expertise, and two people from other states that regulate cannabidiol programs. The DPH reported being on track to meet the licensing deadline of December 1, 2017, established in the Medical Cannabidiol Act.

The rest of the meeting was spent on a discussion of form and quantity of medical cannabidiol. Laws and limits from other states were examined. An early review of literature on the medical uses of cannabidiol was presented. The Board also discussed some aspects of law changes the Board might address in the upcoming report due in December.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2017, in Ankeny. Additional information can be found on the Medical Cannabidiol Advisory Board's webpage.

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