

Medical Psilocybin Advisory Board Meeting Minutes and Chat

Date: March 20, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Virtual (Teams)

Chair: Ian Dunn

Department of Health Lead: Dr. Dominick Zurlo, Center Director, DOH Center for Medical Cannabis & Psilocybin

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM by Chair Ian Dunn. A quorum was confirmed.

2. Opening Announcements (DOH – Dr. Dominick Zurlo)

- Meeting is recorded and will be posted publicly.
- Attendees should use appropriate language.
- Video is limited to board members and select staff to preserve bandwidth for rural participants.
- Contact information will be posted in the chat.

3. Roll Call (Johnny Mouchet)

Present Board Members:

- Brenda Burgard
- Chris Peskuski
- Dan Jennings
- DezBaa'
- Ian Dunn
- Larry Leeman
- Keenan Ryan (for Alanna Dancis)

4. Department of Health Updates

4.1 Draft Regulations Release

- Draft regulations for *cultivation and testing* will be officially released and posted in the New Mexico Register on **Tuesday, March 24, 2026**.
- Public comment period: **30 days**.

- Public Rules Hearing: **April 24th at 9:00 AM.**
- Regulations will be available on the DOH website and announced via the Register and Albuquerque Journal.
- Acknowledgment given to the Propagation Committee for foundational work.

4.2 Staffing Announcements (Jorge Gonzalez)

Two new DOH staff introduced:

- **Leslie Peterson**, Senior Compliance Officer
- **Cyrus Rodman**, Associate Environmental Scientist

Both shared brief backgrounds and expressed appreciation for joining the program.

5. Adoption of Agenda

- Agenda approved without objection.

6. Committee Updates

6.1 Training & Education Committee (Chair: Brenda Burgard)

- Upcoming meetings will address:
 - Training requirements for licensed and unlicensed facilitators
 - Reciprocity for out-of-state training
 - Guest speakers presenting on training models
 - Review of other states' training hours
 - Competency expectations for New Mexico-specific needs
- Future speaker to address training for unlicensed practitioners.

6.2 Propagation Committee (Chair: Chris Peskuski)

- Draft regulations based on committee work will be released March 24.
- Committee has been reviewing permit applications and disciplinary sections.
- Will continue reviewing the full rule set once published.

6.3 Research & Continuous Improvement Committee (Chair: Dan Jennings)

- Consensus achieved on research references and minimum data collection framework.

- Next meeting (April 10) will include three presentations:
 - Challenging/adverse experiences (James Brown)
 - Emergency preparedness standards (Michelle Mirabindi)
 - Patient and community education (Eileen Brewer)
- Next steps will be set for meeting on May 8.

6.4 Equity, Access & Cultural Considerations Committee (Chair: DezBaa')

- Discussed purpose, priorities, and updates.
- Governor approved \$630,000 equity fund appropriation.
- Seeking deeper collaboration with tribal liaison and Pueblo leadership.
- Committee is exploring:
 - Telehealth use for screening, dosing, and integration
 - Barriers such as interpreters, childcare, travel, rural access
 - Reciprocity for facilitators near state borders
 - Data collection concerns for communities that may distrust documentation

6.5 Patient Qualification & Safety / Dosage & Clinical Practice (Chair: Ian Dunn)

- Work to date includes:
 - Contraindications and medication interaction review
 - Treatment-resistant depression defined as failure of two antidepressants
 - Risk stratification and cultural support for patients
 - Draft recommendation package largely complete
- Remaining work includes:
 - Stability requirements
 - Environmental safety standards
 - Emergency preparedness within treatment spaces
- Dosage Committee is developing dosage ranges and preparation session requirements.

6.6 End-of-Life Care Committee (Chair: Dr. Larry Leeman)

- Focus on self-education and understanding various facilitator and spiritual support roles.
- Presentations held by psychedelic chaplains; upcoming presentations from James Brown and Jennifer Johnson.
- Planning hybrid meeting on April 23 or 24 to finalize proposals.
- Issues discussed:
 - Home-based care needs
 - Specialized training for end-of-life facilitators

7. Discussion: Program Priorities and Timeline

Key points discussed:

- Need to identify required licensure for:
 - Recommending clinicians
 - Facilitators (licensed vs unlicensed categories)
- Importance of incorporating Indigenous and legacy practitioners through clear pathways.
- Concerns about training timelines and practicum availability.
- DOH clarified:
 - Grandfathering/reciprocity will help launch the program
 - A New Mexico–specific educational module will be developed by DOH (anticipated by September)
 - Training program need not be complete by December for the program to launch
 - Parallel workstreams are occurring across committees

8. Equity Fund and Legislative Update

Guest: Senator Jeff Steinborn

- Summarized legislative achievements:
 - \$630,000 allocated to equity fund (non-reverting)

- \$300,000 allocated to UNM for research (end-of-life anxiety specialty)
- Encouraged thoughtful, data-informed use of funds.
- Highlighted bipartisan support and community advocacy during session.

9. Scheduling of Next Meeting

After discussion:

- **Next Advisory Board Meeting: May 15, 2026 at 9:00 AM**

10. Public Comment

- No public comments received during the meeting.
- Written comments accepted until Monday at 5:00 PM via email:
medical.psilocybin@doh.nm.gov

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:33 PM.

Committee Chat

Reminder:

This meeting is being recorded

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- Email: Medical.Psilocybin@doh.nm.gov
- Program Website: <https://www.nmhealth.org/about/mcpp/mpp/>
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Thanks...unfortunately on my Ipad no audio setting on my dropdown. I just put on captions so that should help. BW

The links to register for all of these different committees are located in the "Announcement section" on: <https://www.nmhealth.org/about/mcpp/mpp/mpab/>

The direct links for registration are:

[End of Life Care](#) – Friday March 20th from 1:00-3:00pm; Larry Leeman, Chair.

[Equity, Access, and Cultural Considerations](#) – Tuesday March 24th from 1:00-2:30pm; DezBaa', Chair.

[Dosage, Administration & Clinical Practice](#) – Monday March 30th from 9:00-11:00 am Ian Dunn, Chair.

[End of Life Care](#) – Friday April 3rd from 1:00-3:00pm; Larry Leeman, Chair.

[Patient Qualification & Safety](#) – Monday April 6th from 9-10am; Ian Dunn, Chair.

[Research and Continuous Improvement](#) – Friday April 10th from 9:00-11:00am; Dan Jennings, Chair.

[Training and Education](#) – Friday April 10th from 1:00-3:00pm; Brenda Burgard, Chair.

[Research and Continuous Improvement](#) – Friday May 8th from 9:00-11:00am; Dan Jennings, Chair.

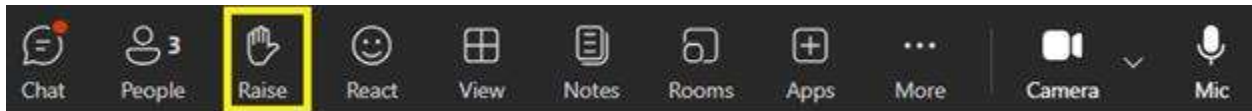
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How to submit written public comments:

- Please send written public comment to the program email at:
medical.psilocybin@doh.nm.gov and include the committee's name in the subject line.
- If referencing documents from other sources/websites:
 - Do not include the document, only a working - accessible hyperlink;
 - Documents must be sent with context provided (i.e. do not simply send a research article);
- The comment must relate to the topics discussed in the meeting.
- Documents are limited to no more than 3 pages (letter size) in length and must be in 10-point font or larger.
- Please remember to include your full, legal name and any organizational affiliations you may be representing (if any) on the documents.
- To be included, please send your comment by 5:00 PM the business day after the meeting.