

Dosage Administration & Clinical Practice Committee Meeting Minutes and Chat

Location: Microsoft Teams

Date: 04/27/2026

Time: 9:00 am

Organizers: Jorge Gonzales, Dominick Zurlo, Carmen Batista, Robert Truckner, Adrian Estrada, Raymond Gallegos, Leslie Peterson, Cyrus Rautman, Celina Montoya, Brenda Martinez, Cathy Augeri, Ian Dunn (Chair)

Attendees: Brenda Burgard, Chris Peskuski, Gina Knepell, Catherine Warnock, Catherine Sanchez, Kate Hawke, Denali Wilson, Susan Gautsch, Yasmeen, Skye Rivers, Donna Jojola, Jessica Eden, Gregory Evans, Reuben Sutter

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Agenda items

1. Welcoming Regards

- The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by Chair, Ian Dunn. The Chair welcomed participants.

2. Introductions

- Kate Hawke- Santa Fe, Trauma Therapist
- Chris Peskuski- Veteran, Board member
- Brenda Burgard-Board Member and Chair of Education Committee
- Denali Wilson Director of Strategic Support for Healing Advocacy Fund
- Skye Rivers- Investigative Journalist

3. Psilocybin Certified Clinician

Clinician

- Definition: as defined in NMAC 7.35.2.7. Should be a licensed clinician acting within their scope of practice who has

- diagnostic authority
- Responsibilities:
 - o Identify potential candidates based on qualifying conditions
 - o Certify qualifying conditions for entry into the program
 - o Share relevant diagnostic and clinical history with patient consent and in accordance with applicable privacy laws
- Limitations
 - o Certification does not constitute clinical clearance
 - o Not responsible for determining medical appropriateness, dosing, safety planning, or administration decisions[G-1.1]
- Recommendation for Education & Training:
 - o Establish minimum education, continuing education, and licensure requirements
 - o Define required competencies

Voting on discussion-In favor: 3 Against: 1 Document has been adopted.

4. Preparation Sessions

- Patients shall initially complete at least two preparation sessions totaling no less than three hours prior to administration (initially this limit may be reduced if repeating dosing) with each session lasting at least one hour with the final preparation session occurring no less than 24 hours and no more than 60 days before administration.

To be reviewed and discussed in session

5. Public Comment/Questions

- Denali-Will this be limiting? Clarification- First clinician whether that person be part of DOH program-enrolled physician?
- Catherine Warnock- I think PC Clinician should be Certified in the program which can be accomplished with 3-hour training that covers contraindications and risk assessment, etc. I do believe it is important they have SOME understanding of psilocybin. This is also a good way to get doctors, nurses, etc. to become more interested in educating themselves about the basics of psilocybin therapy.
- Dominick-ensure clinicians have specifics and knowledge of what the program is about and able to refer
- Skye-Primary Care to be included as well. Most people view them as PCP not clinicians.

- Kate- Clinicians= mental health practitioners as well as MDs, NPs, Hospice staff, others?
- Catherine S- what about adding a Ph.D. as a prescribing doctor?
- Denali- DOH, you might want to ask legal counsel about "certification" as the word here and throughout, because the term implies there has been an evaluation of the quality/caliber of the clinician (which could attach department liability for anyone who causes harm in the program). If the state doesn't intend to assess knowledge/competence for this group, permit might be the right word. That's more neutral - completed education but no assessment/endorsement by DOH of the clinician's skill/knowledge/care.
- Catherine W- Psilocybin Pre-Screening Clinician?
- Skye- would there be letters following like PCC - Psilocybin Certified Clinician?
- Catherine W-I think we need to add psychological prep and assessment to the definition of practitioner. Guides can offer administrative preparation and integration while a Practitioner offers psychological prep and integration. Let me clarify.... Guides can perform -admin prep and integration. Practitioners can perform -admin prep and integration- psychological prep and integration
- Brenda- So you're saying Denali the Guide would have their own insurance?
- Kate- If they are qualified in both functions, correct?
- Denali- This is the recommended amendment to "guide" that we offered to DOH - again, this does not reflect the other cultural considerations people have raised about the term itself, just the liability issues. 7.35.2.7.G(3) "Guide" means an individual who has completed Department-approved training and education and has been registered with the Department, and whose role is limited to providing non-clinical support and presence to a patient preparing for, experiencing the effects of, or integrating the effects of Administration, as allowed by the Program. A Guide does not perform, and shall not be construed to perform, clinical assessment, diagnosis, treatment, or any other act constituting the practice of medicine, nursing, or any other licensed health profession. A Guide does not act under the supervision, direction, or authority of any licensed health care provider, and

no provider shall be deemed to have supervisory responsibility over a Guide solely by virtue of their concurrent participation in any part of the Program.

- Dominick- Instead of using guide: List of term: Nonclinical Facilitator, Facilitator, sitter, clinician assistant, Doula
- Susan- A doula is a trained, non-medical professional who provides continuous physical, emotional, and informational support to a person before, during, and after childbirth/death to ensure a healthy, comfortable, and empowered experience. They offer support such as pain management techniques, advocacy, and guidance, but DO NOT perform clinical tasks
- Catherine W- I think we need at least 2 psychological prep sessions and at least 1 admin prep session
- Kate- The possibility of reduced prep for repeated administration would be helpful- especially for conditions such as pain. Might this open the door to low dose or even microdosing?
- Reuben- Could the term "Psychedelic Therapist" change to Psychedelic Practitioner to more broadly include any other licensed provider type? MD, DO, PA, PMHNP, etc.
- Brenda- A patient's psychological state can change between sessions. It makes sense to keep re-assessment and prep each time.
- Denali- Are these safety draft rules moving on the same promulgation timeline as the training/licensing rules?

6. Next/ Future meeting date

- Public Comment submission deadline Friday May 1, 2026, at 5pm.
- **The Chair confirms the next committee meeting for Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 9:00 AM.**

7. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Chair Ian Dunn on Monday April 27, 2026, at 10:44 am.

Minutes submitted by: Carmen Batista, Health Educator NMDOH MCPP

Committee Chat

Meeting started at 8:49 AM

Mouchet, Jonathan, DOH started recording.

Reminder: This meeting is being recorded PL... by Zurlo, Dominick, DOH

Zurlo, Dominick, DOH

9:03 AM

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Hello everyone, by Brenda Burgard LPCC, LSAA, ATR

Brenda Burgard LPCC, LSAA, ATR

9:04 AM

Hello everyone,

How to raise your hand to speak: If on a co... by Zurlo, Dominick, DOH

Zurlo, Dominick, DOH

9:04 AM

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Clinician - Definition: as defined in NM... by Gonzales, Jorge, DOH

9:09 AM

Gonzales, Jorge, DOH

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Catherine Warnock

9:17 AM

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6 Like reactions.

6

So NOT facilitation training - got it! That... by Denali Wilson

Denali Wilson

9:20 AM

So NOT facilitation training - got it! That's helpful to understand.

Yes - does help. Thank you! by Denali Wilson

Denali Wilson

9:21 AM

Yes - does help. Thank you!

Begin quote, Denali Wilson, 4/27/2026 9:20 ... by Zurlo, Dominick, DOH

Zurlo, Dominick, DOH

9:21 AM

Denali Wilson

4/27/2026 9:20 AM

So NOT facilitation training - got it! That's helpful to understand.

exactly

Clinicians= mental health practitioners as ... by Kate Hawke

Kate Hawke

9:23 AM

Clinicians= mental health practitioners as well as MDs, NPs, Hospice staff, others?

1 Like reaction.

Begin quote, Display Name, 4/27/2026 9:23 A... by Zurlo, Dominick, DOH

Zurlo, Dominick, DOH

9:24 AM

Kate Hawke

4/27/2026 9:23 AM

Clinicians= mental health practitioners as well as MDs, NPs, Hospice staff, others?

As noted, it would be based on the scope of practice from their licensing board to diagnose conditions.

1 Like reaction.

what about adding a Ph.D. as a prescribing ... by Sanchez, Catherine, WCA

Sanchez, Catherine, WCA

9:25 AM

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DOH, you might want to ask legal counsel ab... by Denali Wilson

Denali Wilson

9:27 AM

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Psilocybin Pre-Screening Clinician? by Catherine Warnock

Catherine Warnock

9:30 AM

Psilocybin Pre-Screening Clinician?

would there be letters following like PCC -... by Skye Rivers

Skye Rivers

9:31 AM

would there be letters following like PCC - Psilocybin Certified Clinician?

Thank you by Skye Rivers

Skye Rivers

9:32 AM

Thank you

Term Definition Defined In Guide a... by G-lan.Dunn

G-lan.Dunn

9:32 AM

Term

Definition

Defined In

Guide

an individual who has completed training and education approved by the department to be able to assist practitioners during the administration sessions and who has been registered with the department.

NMAC 7.35.2.7

Clinician

means an approved health care provider licensed in New Mexico who holds a certification from the department to provide medical services to qualified patients.

NMAC 7.35.2.7

Practitioner

means an individual who is a licensed healthcare professional who is certified by the department to provide medical psilocybin integrative therapy, supervise guides, and who has completed department required trainings.

NMAC 7.35.2.7

I think we need to add psychological prep a... by Catherine Warnock

Catherine Warnock

9:36 AM

I think we need to add psychological prep and assessment to the definition of practitioner.

Guides can offer administrative preparation... by Catherine Warnock

Catherine Warnock

9:37 AM

Guides can offer administrative preparation and integration while a Practitioner offers psychological prep and integration.

As mentioned previously - the terms can be ... by Zurlo, Dominick, DOH

Zurlo, Dominick, DOH

9:37 AM

As mentioned previously - the terms can be changed - and these are the conversations the program has asked to be held and occur in these committees.

Let me clarify.... Guides can perform -a... by Catherine Warnock

Catherine Warnock

9:41 AM

Let me clarify....

Guides can perform

-admin prep and integration

Practitioners can perform

-admin prep and integration

-psychological prep and integration

This is the recommended amendment to "guide... by Denali Wilson

Denali Wilson

9:42 AM

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So your saying Denali the Guide would have ... by Brenda Burgard LPCC, LSAA, ATR

Brenda Burgard LPCC, LSAA, ATR

9:49 AM

So your saying Denali the Guide would have their own insurance?

Begin quote, Display Name, 4/27/2026 9:41 A... by Kate Hawke

Kate Hawke

9:49 AM

Catherine Warnock

4/27/2026 9:41 AM

Let me clarify.... Guides can perform -admin prep and integration Practitioners can perform -admin prep and integration -psychological prep and integration

As long as they are qualified in both functions, correct? They might just do one.

Begin quote, Denali Wilson, 4/27/2026 9:42 ... by Kate Hawke

Kate Hawke

9:51 AM

Denali Wilson

4/27/2026 9:42 AM

This is the recommended amendment to "guide" that we offered to DOH - again, this does not reflect the other cultural considerations people have raised about the term itself, just the liability issue...

It sounds like "guide" might be roughly equivalent to the non- clinical Colorado Natural Medicine Facilitator.

That was my point by Skye Rivers

Skye Rivers

9:51 AM

That was my point

Facilitator by Kate Hawke

Kate Hawke

9:52 AM

Facilitator

facilitator or sitter

Facilitator! by Chris Peskuski

Chris Peskuski

9:52 AM

Facilitator!

Facilitator by Gregory Evans

Gregory Evans

9:52 AM

Facilitator

"guide" is commonly accepted by Reuben Sutter

Reuben Sutter

9:53 AM

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or Facilitator by Reuben Sutter

Reuben Sutter

9:53 AM

or Facilitator

Facilitator is the most accurate. by Gina Knepell

Gina Knepell

9:53 AM

Facilitator is the most accurate.

Facilitator by Brenda Burgard LPCC, LSAA, ATR

Brenda Burgard LPCC, LSAA, ATR

9:53 AM

Facilitator

Term: non-clinical facilitator. Kate - I th... by Denali Wilson

Denali Wilson

9:53 AM

Term: non-clinical facilitator. Kate - I think that's right! Brenda, requiring insurance for this and other roles is a possible way to address patient safety.

Non-clinical facilitator by Jessica Eden

Jessica Eden

9:53 AM

Non-clinical facilitator

facilitator may be a more neutral role whic... by Reuben Sutter

Reuben Sutter

9:53 AM

facilitator may be a more neutral role which is also preferred

"Assistant" will create the same liability ... by Denali Wilson

Denali Wilson

9:54 AM

"Assistant" will create the same liability issues so I'd recommend against that.

2 Like reactions.

2

i think and assistant is a different role by Gregory Evans

Gregory Evans

9:55 AM

i think and assistant is a different role .Denali Wilson

1 Like reaction.

Please remove my comment on clinician assis... by Skye Rivers

Skye Rivers

9:56 AM

Please remove my comment on clinician assistant. I agree with facilitator

another idea... Doula! (it's a term that's... by Susan Gautsch

Susan Gautsch

9:56 AM

another idea... Doula! (it's a term that's increasingly used for birth & death.)

1 Heart reaction.

A doula is a trained, non-medical professi... by Susan Gautsch

Susan Gautsch

9:58 AM

A doula is a trained, non-medical professional who provides continuous physical, emotional, and informational support to a person before, during, and after childbirth/death to ensure a healthy, comfortable, and empowered experience. They offer support such as pain management techniques, advocacy, and guidance, but DO NOT perform clinical tasks

Still can't turn on my mic! by Gina Knepell

Gina Knepell

9:59 AM

Still can't turn on my mic!

Yes, Chris! by Catherine Warnock

Catherine Warnock

10:00 AM

Yes, Chris!

It won't let me. I wanted to bring forth th... by Gina Knepell

Gina Knepell

10:00 AM

It won't let me. I wanted to bring forth the reality that the patient needs to feel a tremendous sense of safety with the facilitator. Relegating the facilitator to admin. does not serve this great need.

Begin quote, Display Name, 4/27/2026 9:59 A... by Gonzales, Jorge, DOH

10:01 AM

Gonzales, Jorge, DOH

Gina Knepell

4/27/2026 9:59 AM

Still can't turn on my mic!

Gina, some folks have found that leaving and returning to the meeting helps with the mic.

Can you change those last appearances of "g... by Denali Wilson

Denali Wilson

10:03 AM

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Thank you! by Denali Wilson

Denali Wilson

10:03 AM

Thank you!

Clinical Roles Adopted: XX-XX-XXXX Import... by G-Ian.Dunn

G-Ian.Dunn

10:04 AM

Clinical Roles

Adopted: XX-XX-XXXX

Important Note:

A single qualified individual should be allowed to fulfill multiple roles where scope, training, and credentialing allow.

Clinician (Psilocybin Certified Clinician)

Definition: as defined in NMAC 7.35.2.7. Should be a licensed clinician acting within their scope of practice who has diagnostic authority (e.g. PMHNP, LPCC, LCSW, MD, DO)

Responsibilities:

Identify potential candidates based on qualifying conditions

Certify qualifying condition for entry into the program

Share relevant diagnostic and clinical history with patient consent and in accordance with applicable privacy laws

Limitations

Certification does not constitute clinical clearance

Not responsible for determining medical appropriateness, dosing, safety planning, or administration decisions

Recommendation to Education & Training:

Establish minimum education, continuing education, and licensure requirements

Define required competencies

Practitioner (Psychedelic Therapist)

Definition: as defined in NMAC 7.35.2.7.

Scope:

Conduct comprehensive biopsychosocial assessment

Review medical, psychiatric, and substance use history

Identify contraindications and medication interactions

Evaluate risk for adverse psychological or physiological response, create a safety plan, and assess support system

Determine medical appropriateness for psilocybin treatment

Responsibilities:

Evaluate clinical appropriateness for psilocybin use (including but not limited to medication interactions, medical & mental health history, and current functioning); if the patient is not appropriate, refer them to a primary care provider or other appropriate treatment avenue

Use trauma informed and culturally competent communication throughout the screening and treatment process.

Assign a Clinical Support Tier

Establish dosing parameters or considerations

Approve or defer participation based on safety

Must be involved in psychological preparation

Limitations:

Does not provide facilitation unless separately credentialed

Does not conduct preparation/integration unless dual trained

Recommendation to Education & Training:

Establish minimum education and licensure requirements

Define required competencies in assessment, contraindication review, interventions, medication interaction screening, risk stratification, and harm reduction.

Facilitator

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Responsibilities:

Conduct administrative preparation and integration sessions in coordination with Psychedelic Therapist

Obtain informed consent

Support patient during administration session

Monitor psychological and physical safety during sessions

Escalate medical or psychological concerns to the Psychedelic Therapist or appropriate emergency services

Prepare materials for patient self-administration in accordance with approved protocols and Psychedelic Therapist's direction

Document sessions activities

Limitations

Does not determine medical appropriateness independently

Does not override contraindications or safety restrictions

Recommendation to Education & Training:

Establish minimum education, continuing education, and licensure requirements

Define required competencies.

can i sit with this? by Gregory Evans

Gregory Evans

10:04 AM

can i sit with this?

not against, just need to read and reflect by Gregory Evans

Gregory Evans

10:06 AM

not against, just need to read and reflect

This is moving fast- and there will be time... by Kate Hawke

Kate Hawke

10:07 AM

This is moving fast- and there will be time for further discussion through the public comment period.

I'm coming in late, but it seems to me that... by Jessica Eden

Jessica Eden

10:07 AM

I'm coming in late, but it seems to me that psychedelic practitioners should also be fully trained as facilitators, in administration, prep and integration.

I think we need at least 2 psychological pr... by Catherine Warnock

Catherine Warnock

10:08 AM

I think we need at least 2 psychological prep sessions and at least 1 admin prep session

I agree with Greg! When chronic pain is ad... by Catherine Warnock

Catherine Warnock

10:10 AM

I agree with Greg! When chronic pain is added into the mix, it will look very different.

1 Hundred points reaction.

The Practitioner should make the decision! by Catherine Warnock

Catherine Warnock

10:11 AM

The Practitioner should make the decision!

The possibility of reduced prep for repeate... by Kate Hawke

Kate Hawke

10:20 AM

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2 Heart reactions.

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10:23 AM

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1 Like reaction.

1 Plus sign reaction.

Agree by Chris Peskuski

Chris Peskuski

10:24 AM

Agree

A patient's psychological state can change ... by Brenda Burgard LPCC, LSAA, ATR

Brenda Burgard LPCC, LSAA, ATR

10:27 AM

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2 Heart reactions.

2

1 Like reaction.

Are these safety draft rules moving on the ... by Denali Wilson

Denali Wilson

10:28 AM

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yes by Brenda Burgard LPCC, LSAA, ATR

Brenda Burgard LPCC, LSAA, ATR

10:28 AM

yes

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Brenda Burgard LPCC, LSAA, ATR

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Skye Rivers

10:30 AM

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Thanks for all you do Ian Smile by Sanchez, Catherine, WCA

Sanchez, Catherine, WCA

10:31 AM

Thanks for all you do Ian

Thanks Ian and team by Skye Rivers

Skye Rivers

10:31 AM

Thanks Ian and team

DRAFT