

OREGON HEALTH DIVISION

CHARGE TO THE EXPERT ADVISORY PANEL On *MEDICAL MARIJUANA PETITIONS*

The Oregon Health Division is directed by statute (ORS 475.334) to evaluate and rule on written petitions submitted to it for adding petitioned conditions to the list of “debilitating medical conditions” for which the use of medical marijuana is permitted under the Medical Marijuana Act. As part of the Division’s promulgated Administrative Rules for evaluating such a petition (OAR 333-008-0090), an Expert Advisory Panel is appointed for each condition or closely related set of conditions for which the Division receives a serious petition. After thoroughly and objectively reviewing and evaluating the available evidence according to an agreed upon protocol in common, each member of this Panel is to advise the State Health Officer regarding whether or not the petitioned condition(s) should be included in the definition of “debilitating medical condition” for purposes of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act. Each Panel is expected to conduct its work and each panel member is expected to arrive at his/her recommendation under the direction of and with support from Division staff and its consultant, and in compliance with the agreed to protocol.

This Expert Advisory Panel has been appointed to conduct an evaluation of and provide recommendations on a set of petitions received by the Division, each requesting the expansion of the list of “debilitating medical conditions” to include a particular psychiatric condition. The conditions specifically petitioned for are schizophrenia, schizo-affective disorder, bi-polar disorder, clinical depression, anxiety, post traumatic stress disorder, attention deficit disorder, chronic insomnia/sleep disorder with anxiety (and its treatment with the benzodiazepine diazepam [Valium]), and agitation and anxiety associated with Alzheimer’s Disease.

The State Health Officer would like the Panel to complete its common review and evaluation of the available evidence and each member to then arrive at his/her individual recommendations to him no later than April 5, 2000. The Division’s consultant will communicate these individual recommendations to the State Health Officer in a written report by April 7, 2000.