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Advisory Committee for Medical Marijuana meets Monday in Portland

The Advisory Committee on Medical Marijuana (ACMM) will hold its next meeting Monday to discuss proposed legislation and administrative issues for medical marijuana.

Agenda topics include:

- 10 a.m. Welcome; introductions, approval of meeting minutes;
- 10:10 a.m. Administrative reports including program updates and statistics with opportunity for the committee to ask questions of program management;
- 11 a.m. Discussion of potential 2007 medical marijuana legislation;
- 12:05 p.m. Lunch break;
- 12:50 p.m. Finish morning work session; introduce new topics;
- 2 p.m. Public announcements and comment.

The meeting will take place from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in Room 140 of the Portland State Office Building, 800 N.E. Oregon St., Portland.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided as needed for individuals requesting assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters or large-print materials. Individuals needing these types of accommodations should call the DHS Public Health Division, 971-673-1234, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Background: The ACMM is an 11-member committee appointed by DHS Director Bruce Goldberg. It is charged with advising the director on administrative aspects of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program, reviewing current and proposed administrative rules of the program and providing annual input on the program's fee structure. Committee members are patients who possess registry identification cards, designated primary caregivers and advocates of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act.

The Oregon Medical Marijuana Act was approved by voters in the Nov. 3, 1998, general election. The ACMM was created during the 2005 legislative session. The statutes governing the OMMP are ORS 475.300 to ORS 475.346.