

Iowa Board of Pharmacy
Controlled Substance Scheduling Review—
Medical Marijuana
July 21, 2009

The following plan is presented for Board review and consideration:

1. A series of public hearings would be held around the State to receive evidence and testimony regarding the pros and cons of medical marijuana from the scientific, medical, and legal communities.
2. Input would be sought from medical practitioners, patients, care-givers, law enforcement personnel, regulatory agencies, legislators, educators and members of the general public.
3. Oral testimony would be allowed but the submission of written information would be encouraged. Each interested party would be allowed a maximum of ten minutes to present information. Requests for additional time would be considered by the chair of the hearing.
4. Each hearing would be a half-day in length, from approximately 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. One hearing would be held in August, September, October and November. Hearings would be held in Des Moines, Iowa City, Council Bluffs, and Mason City. Dates and locations of the hearings would be coordinated by board staff.
5. The Des Moines hearing would be chaired by _____; the Iowa City hearing would be chaired by _____; the Council Bluffs hearing would be chaired by _____; and the Mason City hearing would be chaired by _____.
6. The review would include current federal law and regulations and the laws and rules of all U.S. states and jurisdictions relating to medical marijuana.
7. The review will include information previously gathered by board staff.
8. All material considered during the review process would be received and discussed in open session. The public would be invited to attend and observe the review process.
9. All information gathered would be reviewed by the Board at a public meeting to be held in Des Moines in November or December 2009.
10. The Board may make a recommendation to the 2010 legislature based upon the evidence received as a result of the review process.