



Rhode Island Department of Health

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health has under consideration fifteen (15) complete applications submitted in response to the *Announcement of Open Application Period for Operation of a Medical Marijuana Compassion Center*, which terminated on 17 May 2010. §21-28.6-12(c)(2) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended requires that *"Any time one or more compassion center registration applications are being considered, the department shall also allow for comment by the public and shall solicit input from registered qualifying patients, registered primary caregivers; and the towns or cities where the applicants would be located."*

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 42-35 and §21-28.6-12(c)(2) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, that the Director will hold a public hearing on the above mentioned matter, in the AUDITORIUM of the Rhode Island Department of Health (on the lower level of the Cannon Building), Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island on TUESDAY, 29 JUNE 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. If necessary, because the time allocated for this hearing is not sufficient to accommodate all who wish to be heard on this matter, a continuation session may be held in the same location on WEDNESDAY, 30 JUNE 2010 at 10:00 a.m. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

For the sake of accuracy, it is requested that statements to be made relative to any of the proposed applications to operate a medical marijuana compassion center be submitted in writing at the time of the hearing or mailed prior to the hearing date to: Charles Alexandre, MS, RN, Chief, Office of Health Professionals Regulation, Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill - Room 104, Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5097.

Copies of all complete applications to operate a medical marijuana compassion center will be available for public review (at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing date) on the Department of Health's medical marijuana website: <http://www.health.ri.gov/hsr/mmp/index.php>.

The Department of Health is accessible to the handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-222-7767 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Signed this 28th day of May 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Gifford", written over a large, loopy flourish.

David R. Gifford, M.D., M.P.H., Director of Health