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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University’s Marc Sweeney, Pharm.D., dean of the school of pharmacy, has been appointed to the Ohio Pharmacists Association (OPA) Medical Marijuana Task Force. His appointment takes effect immediately.

Gov. John Kasich signed the bill legalizing medical marijuana on June 8, 2016, and it goes into effect today (September 8, 2016). OPA’s task force will provide guidance in the dispensing of the drug in Ohio.

Last year, several OPA members and volunteers interacted with legislators in meetings and hearings around the state, providing individual perspectives on the medical marijuana legalization. At that time, then-OPA president Jeff Bartone instituted a special Medical Marijuana Task Force chaired by past OPA president Joe Sabino. The task force included pharmacists with varying opinions on the legitimacy of medical marijuana in Ohio.

As a member of the OPA medical marijuana task force, Sweeney will lend his expertise as the OPA works toward dispensing medical marijuana in Ohio.

“ ‘I hope to be able to provide balanced and valuable information to the public through participating in a committee devoted to patient safety,’ Sweeney stated. ‘I will be able to keep our students at the forefront of development of this important Ohio issue.’

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