

Governor's Marijuana Advisory Commission
DPS Building, Waterbury, VT
9/28/2017, 9:00 AM

- call meeting to order, quorum reached
- Went around room for introductions
- Commission plans to hold meetings around state

Discussion of Executive Order

- Three Subcommittees and their roles
 - o Responsibilities
 - o Nov 15 deadline for reports on “common baseline understanding...” (in EO)
 - o The specific areas of concern to be addressed by the Commission (in EO)
 - o Report due Jan 15, 2018 on the 12 items noted in EO
 - o Final report Dec 15, 2018 to the Governor
 - o Subcommittees to meet monthly & update progress
- Commission will update progress as well
- Governor wants the Commission to look at other states where marijuana is already legal
- Emphasized importance of funding

Subcommittee Chairs Reports on Assignments Thus Far (have not met yet)

- Regionalism – look to other states
- Commissioner Anderson - Chair of Roadway Safety subcommittee
 - o Overview of Mandate for Roadway Safety
 - o Review legislation out there already
 - o Timeline for processing
 - o Strategies to fulfill mandate, what they need to learn
 - o Identify subject matter experts to advise on issues
 - o Plan future meetings
 - o Public comment
 - o Where to go from here
- Dr. Levine – Chair of Education and Prevention subcommittee
 - o Review charge in EO
 - o Reflecting on Main Commission meeting
 - o Discussing the volumes of materials available on the issue
 - o Other literature as well
 - o Get up to speed on current research on marijuana
 - o Aim to come from a position of strength, data and science driven
 - o Looking for data, examine other states already legal
 - o Catalog issues they will be facing, establish workflow management to hit deadline
- Kaj Samsom – Chair of Taxation and Regulation subcommittee
 - o Look at revenues marijuana might produce and how to use them
 - o Current status in other states
 - o Learn what other states did/learned and changed
 - o Hear from subcommittee members, concerns
 - o Funding

Presentation by Michele Childs

- Powerpoint presentation: Overview of legal frameworks in other states & history of legislative process in VT
 - o Powerpoint is posted on Commission website under Commission Documents)

Broke out into Subcommittees – 10:30 AM

Commission Members in Attendance:

- Senator Joe Benning – appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees
- Senator Dick Sears – appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees
- Representative Maxine Grad – appointed by the Speaker of the House
- Anson Tebbetts, Secretary of the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Tom Anderson, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety
- Dr. Mark Levine, Commissioner of the Department of Health
- Michael Schirling, Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development
- Kaj Samsom, Commissioner of the Department of Taxes
- David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General – designee of the Attorney General
- John Campbell, Executive Director of the States' Attorneys and Sheriffs