

Marijuana Advisory Commission
Tax and Regulate Sub-Committee
Friday, June 15, 2018
10:00-12:00
MINUTES

Attendance: Craig Bolio, Andrew Stein, Laura Subin, Dr. Mark Levine, Jake Perkinson, Lindsey Wells, Chuck Karparris, Gwynn Zakov, Gary Kessler, Aaron Ferenc, Abby Shepard, Kate Strousse, Drew, Kim Walker, Steve Monahan, Shane Lynn, April McCullum, John Demeter, Amanda Kitchen, Charlie Rice, Leah Goodman

Item 1: Announcement from Dr. Levine—next meeting of the Subcommittee on Education and Prevention

-please reach out to Sarah Gregorek if you are interested in attending

Item 2: Reports from Groups:

-Alternative Forms of Use:

- rely on what other states have been doing
- packaging—being sure that it isn't enticing to children, with warning labels
- listing committee: like with liquor control, to be sure that products are appropriate for the market
- concern for "cross addiction"
- imprinting on edibles to reduce accidental

-Workplace Regulations:

- Vermont's Drug Testing statute makes it hard to enforce in the workplace
- US Drug-Free Workplace Policy
- Workman's Comp Insurance for Dispensaries—how will this work?
- Laura: AG's office recently announced things will remain the same after July 1
- Federal Law can prevail in this case
- Dispensary Opinion: they do have Workman's Comp, but there aren't a lot of options

-Business Infrastructure/Business Legal Structure:

- Looked at through the lens of H.490
- Would a State bank be a viable solution? - it might not solve any of the issues
- What is the right number of growers? What is the right size of growers?
- Vermont residence requirements
- Draw line at felony for allowance of license
 - though if denied, then there can be an appeal process
- Minimize the big tobacco effect, to allow small Vermont farmers
- Control Model concerns—use some of it, but not all
 - maybe have an authority?

-Consumer Protection:

- testing to ensure quality—through labs
- capping THC content? - similar to alcohol?

-Diversion Prevention:

- seed-to-sale tracking- track everything produced until it is sold
- well-regulated distribution system
- what kind of system would we need to be able to do this?
 - limits?
 - though limits may discourage people from joining the legal market

-Hemp:

-Licensing:

- see handouts

-Local Control:

- advertising

-Medical Marijuana:

- will it be subject to taxes?
- the barrier for patients should be lower once there is a regulated system

-Public Education/Public Safety:

-Revenue:

- What would needs be? For what would revenue be raised?

Item 3: Public Comment