

## Marijuana Advisory Commission, Education & Prevention Subcommittee

*Date:* 1/5/2018  
*Location and Time:* 10 a.m. 1 p.m.  
*Present:* Mark Levine, MD, David Englander, Shayla Livingston, Lori Uerz, Megan, Rose Gowdey, Guy Roberts, David Scherr, Jon Porter, MD, Dawn Poitras, Sarah Gregorek  
*Absent:* Amy Minor, Jill Rinehart, MD, Mark Redmond, Ann Pugh, Megan Trutor  
*Meeting Facilitator and Note Taker:* Sarah Gregorek

<b>Meeting Objectives:</b> Third meeting of the Marijuana Advisory Commission, Education & Prevention subcommittee		
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
<b>Presentations from WA &amp; CO</b>	<p>Two-hour presentation from Mary Segawa from Washington and Jessica Neuwirth from Colorado</p> <p>Mary Segawa serves as the Public Health Education Liaison for the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB), working closely with other state agencies and community organizations to coordinate and align substance abuse prevention efforts, promote public health-influenced policy work, provide training opportunities, and develop resource materials. She is co-chair of the Washington Healthy Youth Coalition. Prior to her work at the WSLCB, Mary served as executive director of a nonprofit organization focusing on community mobilization and prevention of youth substance abuse and violence.</p> <p>Jessica Neuwirth works for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Retail Marijuana Education and Youth Prevention Coordinator. Jessica prioritizes integration of marijuana education messaging across state agencies, directing local outreach and partnerships, and connecting the marijuana prevention program to positive youth development initiatives across the state. She comes to state government from youth and community engagement nonprofits.</p>	

The amount of work to roll out a public health campaign was noted. CO has three FTE s in their media team. Would have liked 4-5 people. \$18.5 M per year is funded for prevention, education and enforcement. WA has \$350M in their FY18 budget (see disbursement form).

WA doesn't allow home grown and the DC model is similar. Knowing educational info is so important, the committee asked what is the optimal amount of funding/resources needed, and how does prevention money get into the schools?

In CO, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16, the first \$40M of the Retail Marijuana Excise Tax revenue was distributed to the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Fund administered by the Colorado Department of Education's Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) program. Excise tax collections in excess of \$40M, \$2.5M for FY 2015-16, were transferred to the Public School Fund.

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Also asked, is the funding the same or different depending upon the size of the state?

WA: depends upon how you allocate the funding, community coalitions in high need communities had 50 coalitions across the state. It has now increased to 60 coalitions but there is a huge gap with communities who don't get funding. Media funding

	<p>goes further. CO Research isn't dependent upon the state and it has increased Substance Abuse Professionals in schools with the marijuana funding and filled in some gaps.</p> <p>Potency concerns – was thought put into potency levels during the legislation?</p> <p>WA: Very little except for edibles are set at 10 mg per serving. Not much research on the max amount. CO: Same more research is needed.</p>	
<p><b>Recommendations from Committee</b></p>	<p>Jake and Tom drafted the report and we inserted some of our recommended statements.</p> <p>There was agreement with the recommendations and a 12-18 month lead time to implement prior to the bill becoming effective.</p>	
<p><b>Decriminalization of Marijuana bill</b></p>	<p>David Englander – The House passed H.511 which eliminates all penalties for possession of one ounce of marijuana and two mature and four immature marijuana plants for a person who is 21 years of age or older while retaining criminal penalties for possession, dispensing a sale of larger amounts of marijuana.</p> <p>Once the Senate passes the bill, it will go to the Governor's office for his signature. Once signed, it will go into effect 7/1/18.</p>	