

Marijuana Advisory Commission
Tax and Regulate Sub-Committee
Monday, March 26, 2018
10:00-12:00
MINUTES

Item 1: Planning and Strategy Moving Forward

-Governor's Team is expecting the full package—the Commission hopes to have the final report compiled by mid-November at the latest, though the T&R subcommittee will try to have our portions together by mid-September to allow other sub-committees ample time to move forward.

- Plan for monthly working meeting from here until August
 - More frequent subgroup meetings on topic areas
- Concern over upfront costs required for implementation
 - First time approximate costs by agency needed
 - Lag between staffing and licensing due dates
- Advocacy groups recommend that we work with H. 490
 - Use this as a base to anchor the report

Item 2: Deep Dive: Necessary Components of a Tax and Regulate System (assignments bolded, leads underlined)

- Alternative Forms of Use (Edibles, Vaping, etc.): **DPS, AAFM, recommendations from other sub-committees (Education and Prevention, and Public Safety)**
- How does the 5mg affect the oz. limit?
 - Listing committee to address packaging issues (Gary, DLC)
 - Would these mixed products be subject to other existing taxes? (Meals and rooms tax, alcoholic beverage tax, liquor tax, tobacco taxes)
 - How does this interact with CBD oil?
 - Business Infrastructure: **DFR, Banks, Credit Unions, Jon Jamieson, ACCD**
 - Banking and payment structures
 - Business Legal Structures: **DFR, Banks, Credit Unions, Jon Jamieson, ACCD**
 - VT Residency?
 - How to treat license applicants and/or employees of those applicants who have marijuana convictions under prior law?
 - Consumer Protection: **AAFM, DLC**
 - Branding/logo?
 - Grading system? (Like maple syrup)
 - Age/expiration date?
 - Child-resistant packaging; no images enticing to children;
 - Diversion Prevention: **DLC, DPS**
 - Hemp: **AAFM**
 - Licensing: **Vermont Coalition to Regulate Marijuana, (Laura Subin), AAFM, DLC, DPS (Lindsey)**
 - Local Control: **VLCT, DLC**
 - Medical Marijuana: **DPS (Lindsey)**
 - Priority: The continued viability of the medical marijuana system.

-Question whether preference should be given to medical dispensaries, but not monopoly

-What does H.490 do here?

-Public Education/Public Safety: **other sub-committees**

-Revenue: **TAX, ACCD, DLC**

-Workplace Regulations: **ACCD** (bring in Labor? Dispensaries?)

-What is missing???

-What is the highest/most sold product in which quantity, etc.?

Attendance: Kaj Samsom, Jake Perkinson, Gwynn Zakov, Laura Subin, Joan Goldstein, Gary Kessler, Cary Giguere, Lindsey Wells, John Demeter, Abby Shepard, Rowan Cornell-Brown, Kate Strousse