

CANNABIS ADVISORY BOARD  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2017

3:00 p.m.

250 Washington Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Public Health Council Room,  
Boston, MA 02108

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair Jaime Lewis  
Horace Small (represented by designee Lum-Bhi Tashi)  
Nichole Snow  
Michael LaTulippe  
Dr. Sharon Levy

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chief John Carmichael  
Michael Dundas  
Associate Commissioner Lindsey Tucker  
Dr. Alan Balsam

EXHIBITS/DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes Meeting 1 to be Approved
3. Minutes Meeting 2 to be Approved
4. Powerpoint presentation by Dr. Sharon Levy
5. Powerpoint presentation on Chapter 55 Law by Commissioners Doyle and Title

Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. There was recording. Chair made an announcement at the opening of the meeting that two items would be added under the Agenda item of "New Business", presentations by Dr. Sharon Levy, and Commissioners Doyle and Title. Chair determined quorum present.

Chair moved to open discussion on Meeting Minutes for 10.13.2017 and 10.20.2017. For Public Commenter clarification of blended herbal supplement and not tobacco made to minutes from 10.13.2017. Chair asked for motion to approve minutes, Nichole Snow motioned, Michael LaTulippe seconded, unanimous vote in favor of approving 10.13.2017 meeting minutes.

Chair moved to open discussion on Meeting Minutes for 10.20.2017. Nichole Snow asked for correction from "Dr. Mary McNabb" to "Dr. Marion McNabb" for public commenter. Motion by Chair to approve

Meeting Minutes for 10.20.2017 meeting, Nichole Snow seconded, unanimous vote in approval of Minutes for Meeting 10.20.2017.

Chair moved to open discussion of compiled data and regulations. No discussion. Chair moved to open discussion of Assignments, Timelines and Recommendations. Jillian to send out Doodle poll to reschedule meetings for weeks of November 13<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup> and additional meeting prior to submission of recommendations on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Subcommittee members to split into working groups based on past topic assignments for the compilation of rules and regulations. November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to be expert presentations by the Department of Health Toxicologist, Dr. Staci Gruber, Dr. Stephen Corn. Meeting November 10<sup>th</sup> will be powerpoint presentations of suggested recommendations by the working groups on their assigned topics. Jillian to send out a powerpoint template and then compile the presentation before the meeting. Next two meetings will be working to compile recommendations and figure out issues for recommendations that the subcommittee has differing opinions on. Chair and Jillian to compile a final list of recommendations in a bullet form over the Thanksgiving weekend to circulate to the subcommittee members so that they have time to read over and review the recommendations. Then, a final meeting will occur either Monday or Tuesday before the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline from the Cannabis Control Commission, to do a final scrub of recommendations and document issues that the subcommittee potentially could not come to a consensus on as well.

Chair moved to open the topic of New Business the Chair did not Anticipate at time of Posting. Dr. Sharon Levy made a presentation on THC and marijuana use, and impact on youth and adolescent brain development. Chair opened for questions and discussion after Levy's presentation.

The subcommittee discussed recommendations for adult use regulations versus medical program regulations with regards to children and adolescents and marijuana. Educational campaigns and other awareness programs including public health campaigns, their history of effectiveness in other states and other industries were discussed. A need for packaging and product recommendations to cover both intentional and accidental ingestion by children and adolescents was discussed. High potency products, and recommendations for dosages and concentrations were discussed, including a suggestion for creating a formula for equivalent doses in products with 'non-activated' THC products like topicals, as well as CBD products. Proper disposal and storage processes were also discussed.

Chair moved to close discussion on Dr. Levy's presentation, in order to move to the presentation on Chapter 55 Law by Commissioners Doyle and Title.

Presentation covered History of the Law, a Basic Summary of the Law, Limits on Regulations, Medical vs. Adult use programs and regulations, coverage of State vs. Federal Frequently asked questions and then the Commissioners opened the presentation for questions by the subcommittee members.

The subcommittee asked about the recently proposed Amendments to the Medical regulations by the Department of Health, and how that would impact their recommendations. Subcommittee members asked for clarification on definitions within Chapter 55 Law, and if further definitions not covered in statute could be provided in the regulation recommendations by the subcommittee. The subcommittee asked for clarification on what they could and could not recommend to the Cannabis Control Commission, and the process of what will happen with the recommendations from the Public Health

subcommittee after they are submitted to the Cannabis Control Commission. The subcommittee discussed packaging, serving size and distinguishing serving size elements in statute.

Chair moved to open the meeting for Public Questions and Comments.

**Eric Dubé, Public Health Scientist**

Asked the subcommittee to keep in mind concerns about overregulating the Adult Use program due to the origins of marijuana as a 'street drug'. He stated alcohol and prescription drug products seem to have lesser requirements, while potentially being as if not more harmful, and to keep in mind that some issues discussed by the Public Health subcommittee regarding the regulation of Adult Use marijuana program seem to be issues of perspective. He also asked for additional clarification on the issue of 'active' vs. 'non-active' THC.

Chair moved to announce the next meeting date as November 3, 2017 at 250 Washington Street, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Public Health Council room at 3:00pm. Chair closed the meeting at 5:06pm.

**MINUTES APPROVED November 3, 2017**