

Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Virtual Meeting

3:00 – 4:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions

3:00

Elizabeth Kromm, Director

MDH, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration

Dana Moncrief, Director

Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control

a. Agenda Review

b. Roll Call

i. Dorothy Lenning

ii. Dr. Madhumi Mitra, PhD

iii. Mathew Swinburne, Esq

iv. Dr. Deondra Asike, MD

v. Dr. Leigh Vinocur, MD

vi. Dr. David Gorelick, MD

vii. Dr. Leah Sera, PharmD

viii. Jocelyn Bratton-Payne

ix. Karrissa Miller

x. Senator Benjamin Kramer

xi. Delegate Terri Hill, MD

xii. Dr. Elizabeth Kromm, PhD

xiii. Dawn Berkowitz

xiv. Martin Proulx

xv. Justin Dayhoff

c. Member Introductions

i. Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Support Staff

1. Pamela Williams

2. Susannah Beckermen

3. Jody Sheely

4. Alexandra Nowalk

ii. Other

1. Erin Hopwood, Department of Legislative Services (DLS)

2. Christine Boyd, Maryland Cannabis Administration

3. Lori Dodson, Maryland Cannabis Administration

4. Rachel Jones, Maryland Department of Agriculture

2. Orientation

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Dana Moncrief

- a. Overview of HB837
 - i. Required a baseline study
 - ii. Established Cannabis Public Health Fund
 - 1. Administered by MDH
 - 2. Supported by tax revenue (adult-use only)
 - a. 50 percent to state general fund
 - b. Of remaining 50 percent, 5 percent goes to the Fund
 - 3. Funds may be used for supporting the Council and other public health activities
 - iii. Established Public Health Advisory Council
 - 1. Study the public health impact of adult-use cannabis legalization
 - 2. Focus on youth prevention and treatment
 - 3. Structure
 - a. General Health Article §13-4501 through §13-4506
 - b. Consists of 17 members (10 Governor-appointed)
 - c. Led by Chair elected by members of the Council
 - d. May establish workgroups
 - e. MDH to provide staff support and technical assistance
 - 4. Term Limits
 - a. Began Jan 1, 2023
 - b. 4-year term limit (staggered)
 - c. Member cannot serve more than two full consecutive terms
 - 5. Disclosures and Expenses
 - a. Members must submit financial disclosure forms
 - b. May not receive compensation as a member
 - c. Entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses
 - 6. Council Duties
 - a. Study the public health impact of adult-use cannabis legalization in Maryland
 - b. Recommend best practices
 - c. Make additional recommendations
 - d. Submit annual report by Dec 1
 - 7. Workgroups are TBD and optional
 - 8. Meetings
 - a. Subject to the Maryland Open Meetings Act
 - b. Must meet at least four times per year
 - c. Requires a majority of members (quorum) to vote
 - d. Includes workgroup updates
- b. Council Member Roles/Expectations
 - i. Roles and Contributions
 - 1. Actively participate in meetings
 - 2. Review and contribute to documents in a timely manner
 - 3. Attendance

- a. 75 percent of Council meetings
 - b. 50 percent of workgroup meetings (as needed)
 - ii. Time Commitment
 - 1. 2-4 hours per month plus Council and Workgroup meetings
 - 2. Council start-up may require more time upfront
 - 3. Council chair anticipate 5-6 hours/month plus meetings
 - 4. Suggestions
 - a. Monthly meetings through December
 - b. 2 hour meetings
 - c. Location is TBD (virtual, in-person, hybrid)
 - iii. Open Meetings Act
 - 1. Council will approve minutes at the next meeting
 - 2. MDH staff and Council Chair are required to receiving OMA training; highly encouraged for other Council members
 - iv. Participation in Legislative Session
 - 1. Dana to get clarification on Council members participating during the legislative session (i.e., testifying, written testimony, etc.)
 - 2. Per Senator Kramer and Delegate Hill, can identify that you are participating in your individual capacity or on behalf of the Council
 - 3. DLS (Erin Hopwood) concurs Delegate Hill
 - v. Contact Dana Moncrief or Council Chair to add items to the meeting agenda
- c. State Public Health Actions
 - i. MDH Efforts
 - 1. Expanding infrastructure
 - 2. Media communications and outreach materials
 - 3. Establishing a technical assistance center
 - 4. Determining resources needed for local support
 - 5. Enforce the Clean Indoor Air Act
 - 6. Provide guidance and treatment support
 - ii. Publicly available fact sheets and other materials from the Maryland Cannabis Administration
 - 1. Public awareness campaign
 - 2. Responsible Use Toolkit
 - 3. Point-Of-Sale Toolkit
 - 4. Fact Sheets
 - iii. Maryland Cannabis Administration also tests and approves products
- d. Council Deliverables
 - i. Establish a mission/vision
 - ii. Elect a Council Chair
 - iii. Establish meeting cadence
 - iv. Set up workgroups
 - 1. Data/Surveillance
 - 2. Youth Cannabis Use Mitigation

- v. Approve bylaws
- vi. Develop and submit report with recommendations by Dec 1
- e. Questions/comments

3. Next Steps

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Dana Moncrief

- a. Nominations for Chair
- b. Workgroups
- c. Meeting cadence
- d. Bylaws
- e. Open Meetings Act Training

4. Public Comment

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- 1. Stephanie Brandford - Will the Council set standards or make recommendations for cannabis growers and processors?
- 2. Medical cannabis legislation in the past about pesticides, can Council make recommendations for companies to disclose what chemicals were used in the making/growing of their products?

5. Adjourn

4:00

Next meeting: TBD