

Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Virtual Meeting

3:00 – 5:00 PM

1. **Welcome and Introductions** **3:00**
Dr. Laura Herrera Scott, Secretary
MDH
2. **Council Business** **3:06**
Dana Moncrief, Director
Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control
 - a. Agenda Review
 - b. Roll Call
 - i. Roll Call
 1. Dorothy Lenning
 2. Dr. Madhumi Mitra, PhD
 3. Mathew Swinburne, Esq
 4. Dr. Deondra Asike, MD
 5. Dr. Leigh Vinocur, MD
 6. Dr. David Gorelick, MD
 7. Dr. Leah Sera, PharmD
 8. Jocelyn Bratton-Payne
 9. Karrissa Miller
 10. Senator Benjamin Kramer
 11. Delegate Terri Hill, MD
 12. Dr. Elizabeth Kromm, PhD
 13. Dawn Berkowitz
 14. Martin Proulx
 15. Sara Barra
 16. Justin Dayhoff - Not Present
 17. Nora Eidelman - Not Present
 - c. August 29th Meeting Minutes
 - d. Chair Nominations
 - e. Reminders
 - i. Open Meetings Act Training
 - ii. Financial Disclosures [option in drop down menu]
 1. "A member of the Advisory Council **shall file a financial disclosure statement** with the State Ethics Commission in accordance with Title 5, Subtitle 6 of the General Provisions Article."
 2. <https://efds.ethics.maryland.gov/>

3. Members must use **Form #2**. *NOTE: If any member or his or her spouse has full or part-time employment, this information must be disclosed on Schedules F and G of the form.*

iii. Governor appointed members - ensure you are sworn in

iv. As a member of the Council, you **cannot** have someone sit in for you.

v. Council function is to:

1. Study the **public health impact** of adult-use cannabis legalization in Maryland
2. Recommend **best practices** to protect public health as it relates to adult-use cannabis
3. Set **additional priorities**
4. Deliver an **annual report** to the Governor and General Assembly with recommendations and findings by **December 1**

3. Adult-Use Cannabis Legalization: Select Issues **3:27**

Mathew Swinburne, Associate Director

The Network for Public Health Law, Eastern Region

- a. *Is there a definition for smoking Cannabis?*
- b. *When is rescheduling coming for Cannabis use?*
- c. *If it becomes a schedule 3, how will this impact doctor prescriptions and training?*

4. Reducing Youth Access to Cannabis: Recommendations and Best Practices **3:53**

Dawn Berkowitz, Deputy Director

Maryland Cannabis Administration

- a. *Food prohibitions?*
- b. *Labeling and packaging reducing youth appeal? Plain and less appealing packaging similar to Virginia.*

5. Council Discussion **4:11**

6. Workgroup Breakouts **4:22**

- a. Data/Surveillance
- b. Youth Cannabis Use Mitigation

Reconvene/Wrap-Up **4:50**

Public Comment **4:53**

- a. Figuring out methodology and data behind medical cannabis bill- helps us to understand what strands and what branches are useful for each ailment

Adjourn

4:58

Next Council Meeting: October 18, 2023, 3-5PM