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Table of Abbreviations

BRFSS	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
HB	House Bill
HBCU	Historically Black College and University
LHD	Local Health Department
LRC - Cannabis	University of Maryland Baltimore, Francis King Carey School of Law, Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy - Cannabis
MCA	Maryland Cannabis Administration
MDH	Maryland Department of Health
MSDE	Maryland State Department of Education
PBHS	Maryland Public Behavioral Health System
PRAMS	Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System
SB	Senate Bill
The Council	Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council
The Fund	Cannabis Public Health Fund
YRBS/YTS	Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey/Youth Tobacco Survey

Background

During the 2022 legislative session, state lawmakers passed House Bill (HB) 1 and amended the Maryland Constitution to legalize cannabis consumption and possession for individuals aged 21 years and older, contingent upon voter adoption of this constitutional amendment during the following general election.¹ Maryland voters passed the referendum on November 8, 2022, which took effect on July 1, 2023. The Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council (the Council) and the Cannabis Public Health Fund (the Fund) were established through HB 837, the Cannabis Reform Act, which also passed during the 2022 Maryland Legislative Session.²

Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council

Pursuant to HB 837, the Council was created to “study and make recommendation regarding:

1. The promotion of public health and mitigation of youth use of, misuse of, and addiction to cannabis;
2. Data collection and reporting of data that measures the impact of cannabis consumption and legalization;
3. The impact of cannabis legalization on the education, behavioral health, and somatic health of individuals under the age of 21 years;
4. Initiatives to prevent cannabis use by individuals under the age of 21 years, including educational programs for use in schools;
5. Public health campaigns on cannabis;
6. Advertising, labeling, product testing, and quality control requirements;
7. Training for health care providers related to cannabis use;
8. Best practices regarding requirements to reduce the appeal of cannabis to minors, including advertising, potency, packaging, and labeling standards; and
9. Any other issues that advance public health related to cannabis use and legalization.”³

The Council must report these findings and recommendations annually to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1. The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) manages the Fund, which is used in part to provide staff support and technical assistance to the Council in performing its duties.

Council Membership

The Council has 17 member positions: ten members are appointed by the Governor, and seven members serve as ex-officio or their designee. The statute has specific requirements for member roles and term limits.⁴ Each appointed Council member serves a four-year term, which is staggered to ensure continuity of Council operations. Current Council members are listed in Table 1 below; there is one vacancy.

¹ Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2022 (HB 1). Accessed 28 Aug 2024 at <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/chapters_noln/Ch_45_hb0001E.pdf>.

² Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2022 (HB 837). Accessed 29 Aug 2024 at <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/chapters_noln/Ch_26_hb0837E.pdf>

³ Ibid. fn 2

⁴ Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council, Health - General, § 13-4502 (2023). Accessed 11 Oct 2024 at <<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/laws/StatuteText?article=ghg§ion=13-4502&enactments=true>>

Table 1. Governor-Appointed Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council Members (2024)

Governor-Appointed Positions	
Council Member Name	Council Role
Dr. Deondra P. Asike, M.D. <i>Johns Hopkins Medicine</i>	Health Care Provider with Experience in Cannabis <i>Council Chair</i> <i>Lead, Legislative Workgroup</i>
Dr. Leah Sera, Pharm.D. <i>University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy</i>	Pharmacist Licensed in Maryland <i>Council Vice-Chair</i> <i>Lead, Surveillance and Evaluation Workgroup</i>
Karrissa Miller, MSW <i>Pinnacle CT, LLC and US Cannalytics</i>	Representative from a Laboratory that Tests Cannabis <i>Lead, Youth Mitigation Workgroup</i>
Dr. Leigh Vinocur, M.D. <i>Ananda Medical Practice</i>	Public Health Professional with Cannabis Experience <i>Lead, Healthcare Professionals Training Workgroup</i>
Dr. Bethany Young, Ph.D., J.D.⁵ <i>Director of Policy and Legislation, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Service</i>	Representative from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Service
Dr. David A. Gorelick, M.D., Ph.D. <i>University of Maryland, School of Medicine</i>	Health Care Provider with Experience in Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery
Jocelyn Bratton-Payne, MSW <i>New Hope Treatment Center</i>	Experience with Cannabis Use Disorder
Dr. Madhumi Mitra, Ph.D. <i>University of Maryland Eastern Shore</i>	Representative from a Historically Black College and University (HBCU)
Nora Urbietta Eidelman <i>College Park United Methodist Church</i>	Individual with 5+ years in Health or Social Equity
Vacant	Academic Researcher with Expertise in Cannabis Law and Policy

⁵ New member as of September 2024, replacing a previous workgroup member from this organization.

Table 2. Ex-Officio/Designee Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council Members (2024)

Ex-Officio/Designee Positions
Senator Benjamin Kramer <i>Member from the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate</i>
Delegate Terri Hill, M.D. <i>Member from the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House</i>
Dawn Berkowitz, M.P.H., CHES <i>Designee for the Director of Maryland Cannabis Administration</i>
Elizabeth Edsall Kromm, Ph.D., M.Sc. <i>Designee for the Secretary of Health</i>
Jason Semanoff <i>Designee for the State Superintendent of Schools</i>
Martin Proulx, MBA <i>Designee for the Secretary of Agriculture</i>
Nishant Shah, M.D. <i>Designee for the Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health Lead, Onsite Consumption Site Workgroup</i>

Council Activities

Many of the activities the Council has undertaken in 2024 focused on building capacity and deepening the Council's understanding of the public health impacts of adult use cannabis legalization in Maryland. This year, the council formed two new workgroups to further assist the overall Council with refining recommendations made in the 2023 Council report. The addition of these two workgroups gives the Council a total of five.⁶ The full Council met virtually seven times between January 2024 and October 2024. Council meetings were held from 4pm-6pm on January 17, 2024, April 17, 2024, July 17, 2024, and October 16, 2024. Two legislative meetings were held to vote on positions for proposed legislation (January 30, 2024 and February 6, 2024) and one ad-hoc meeting (March 5, 2024) was called to approve the Council by-laws. Council meeting dates, agendas, and minutes are posted on the Council website.⁷ Meeting details can be found in the Appendix.

Several guests presented in 2024 on current federal, state, and local activities. Representatives from the Motor Vehicle Administration, Maryland State Department of Education, MDH, Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA), Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy - Cannabis at the Francis King Carey School of Law, University of Maryland Baltimore (LRC-Cannabis), and the Maryland Poison Center discussed topics such as cannabis and impaired driving, adult and youth cannabis use data, skills-based education in schools, statewide media

⁶ https://dlslibrary.state.md.us/publications/Exec/MDH/HG13-4506_2023.pdf

⁷ <https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/ohpetup/council/Pages/default.aspx>

campaigns, cannabis-related exposures referred to Maryland Poison Centers, available resources and treatment options for cannabis use disorder, and overviews of onsite consumption sites.

Council Workgroup Activities

While statute does not require workgroups, it does allow the Council to form workgroups to assist in the work of the Council. Workgroups, with the exception of the Legislative Workgroup, meet once a month, with three to eight members in each workgroup. Members are able to participate in more than one workgroup if they choose to do so. In September 2023, the Council established the Youth Cannabis Use Mitigation and the Data and Surveillance Workgroups. During 2024, the Council added workgroups focusing on healthcare professional education and onsite cannabis consumption sites. A Legislative Workgroup was also formed and was active during the 2024 Legislative Session. In 2024, each workgroup identified a “lead” to guide workgroup goals, priorities, and actionable tasks needed to refine recommendations outlined in the 2023 report. Workgroup Leads report on activities at full Council meetings, allowing for discussion and approval of any recommendations made by the workgroups. Workgroup compositions, objectives, activities and accomplishments are outlined below.

Youth Cannabis Use Mitigation Workgroup	
Members:	Karrissa Miller, MSW, Workgroup Lead ; Dr. Madhumi Mitra; Del. Terri Hill, M.D.; Jocelyn Bratton-Payne, MSW; Jason Semanoff; Nora Urbietta Eidelman; Sen. Benjamin Kramer
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improve statewide and jurisdiction level data collection and surveillance. ● Prioritize data collection and programs that address youth problem use and impaired driving. ● Determine the relationship between youth access to and use of cannabis products. ● Utilize trending youth use data and potential health concerns related to use to make future policy recommendations, advocacy, and outreach efforts.
Activities and Accomplishments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Added additional cannabis questions to the 2024-2025 Youth Risk Behavior Survey/Youth Tobacco Survey (YRBS/YTS) based on the Council’s recommendations. ● Listening session held with the School Health Services Counselors. ● Listening session held with the School Counseling Supervisors.

Data and Surveillance Workgroup	
Members:	Dr. Leah Sera, PharmD, Workgroup Lead; Dawn Berkowitz, M.P.H., CHES; Dr. David Gorelick; Dr. Leigh Vinocur; Dr. Elizabeth Kromm; Martin Proulx, MBA; Dr. Deondra Asike
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve local and statewide surveillance instruments by identifying data gaps and proposing potential solutions to MDH and MCA. • Add questions around youth access, usual source, risk perceptions, knowledge/attitudes, problem use/addiction, driving while impaired (YRBS/YTS) and monitoring cannabis-use in pregnant and breastfeeding persons using the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS). • Ensure data is collected on other priority populations such as the elderly (65+), justice-involved youth, youth involved in the foster care system, out-of-school youth, and youth experiencing mental health challenges. • Recognize inherent biases in cannabis use data collected in emergency departments (i.e., ICD-10 codes) and emphasize a harm-reduction approach to data collection and surveillance. • Research cannabis-use links to youth mental health by reviewing existing surveys that collect youth mental health data and proposing additional data analysis.
Activities and Accomplishments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added additional cannabis questions to the 2024-2025 YRBS/YTS based on the Council's recommendations. • Added additional cannabis questions to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) adult data.

Healthcare Professional Education Workgroup	
Members:	Dr. Leigh Vinocur, Workgroup Lead; Dr. David Gorelick; Dr. Deondra Asike; Dr. Leah Sera
Objectives:	Study and recommend training for healthcare providers on cannabis use, dosing, potential drug interactions, screening for cannabis use and use disorder, and prevention strategies.
Activities and Accomplishments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study the prioritization of cannabis training for healthcare providers in other states. • Drafted a list of core competencies for all Maryland healthcare providers. • Compiled a list of healthcare provider licensing boards to help implement the recommended training.

Onsite Consumption Workgroup	
Members:	Dr. Nishant Shah, Workgroup Lead; Dawn Berkowitz, M.P.H., CHES (recused from voting on related recommendations); Martin Proulx, MBA
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study impacts of onsite consumption sites in other states with legalized cannabis and make policy recommendations based on these practices for the full Council to review and discuss. • Review and make recommendations for onsite consumption educational materials.
Activities and Accomplishments:	This Workgroup is new and activities are still being defined.

Legislative Workgroup	
Members:	Dr. Deondra Asike, Workgroup Lead; Dr. David Gorelick; Dr. Leigh Vinocur; Karris Miller, MSW
Objectives:	Review pertinent legislation proposed during the General Assembly Session and determine if the content aligns with the Council's focus and should be moved for full Council review.
Activities and Accomplishments:	<p>Reviewed several pieces of legislation, moving two bills forward for the full Council to review and vote on positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senate Bill (SB) 244/HB 238, which expanded the Clean Indoor Air Act to include electronic smoking devices, cannabis, and hemp products. (Supported) ○ SB 399 which would have altered the prohibition against advertising for cannabis licensees, products, or services and limited the prohibition to within a certain distance (500 feet) of substance use treatment facilities, certain schools, and child care facilities. (Opposed)

Council Recommendations

The Council has been diligent in meeting its charge to study and make recommendations on the public health impacts of adult use cannabis legalization. Providing education and utilizing member expertise in workgroups, the Council has further delineated and focused the recommendations from 2023. Recommendations are listed below.

1. Data Collection and Surveillance

- a. MDH's Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control should explore adding questions relating to the following topic areas in the YRBS/YTS: reason for

use, usual source (dispensary, community source), ease of access, driving behaviors, and perceptions of risk.

- b. MDH's Maternal and Child Health Bureau should explore enhanced data collection on cannabis use in pregnancy and breastfeeding, such as through the PRAMS optional Marijuana and Prescription Drug Supplement, which includes frequency, method, and reason for cannabis use.
- c. MCA should participate in an expanded International Cannabis Policy Survey for Maryland to further study and collect adult data on topics including safe storage, cessation, perceptions of risk and stigma, knowledge of cannabis laws, and exposure to public health/educational campaigns.

2. *Youth Use Mitigation*

- a. The Workgroup supports the *Data Collection and Surveillance* recommendation 1(a) to add questions to the next YRBS/YTS survey, including reason(s) for use, sources and ease of access, driving behaviors and perceptions of risk.
- b. MDH should collaborate with local education agencies to review current cannabis-specific curricula and implement a resource kit for educators related to youth use and impairment, including cannabis- related impairment within driver's education programming.
- c. MCA and MDH should work collaboratively with the Workgroup to provide feedback on youth-targeted campaign material for cannabis use and impairment and impaired driving.
- d. MCA and MDH should develop an implementation plan for stakeholder surveys or listening sessions, in collaboration with the Workgroup, to better understand limitations in existing material(s) and what resources or standardized materials may best support current needs, including:
 - i. Educators;
 - ii. Clinicians and mental health professionals;
 - iii. Parents and guardians;
 - iv. Community organizations; and
 - v. Youth.

3. *Healthcare Professional Education*

- a. MDH should establish continuing education recommendations for all licensed healthcare providers specific to the endocannabinoid system, cannabis use and use disorder, and cannabis' effects on human physiology.
- b. MDH should collaborate with MCA, healthcare professional licensing boards, health profession training programs, and healthcare professional associations to

strongly encourage and incentivize the use of healthcare professional education programs focused on the use of cannabis, ensuring basic competency in the following topics:

- i. The endogenous cannabinoid (endocannabinoid) system;
- ii. Cannabinoids;
 - 1. Plant derived (phytocannabinoid);
 - 2. Synthetic;
- iii. Cannabis Pharmacology;
- iv. Interactions with medications;
- v. Potential benefits;
- vi. Adverse effects; and
- vii. Prevention, screening and treatment for cannabis use disorder.

Maryland Department of Health Activities

MDH has undertaken a variety of activities to build its own capacity to support the recommendations of the Council. As highlighted in the table below, MDH follows a public health framework, incorporating the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Cannabis Strategy⁸ and evidence-based practices and lessons learned from the CDC Best Practices for Comprehensive State Tobacco Control Programs⁹. The framework components are noted below.

Table 3: MDH Cannabis Public Health Framework

<i>CDC Cannabis Strategy Strategic Pillars</i>	<i>CDC Best Practices for Comprehensive State Tobacco Control Program Components</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Build State/Local Capacity● Improve Public Knowledge and Awareness● Partner with Public Safety, Schools, and Communities● Support Providers and Health Systems● Monitor Trends● Advance Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Administrative/Infrastructure● State- and Community-based Interventions● Mass Reach Health Communications Interventions● Cessation and Health Systems Interventions● Surveillance and Evaluation

These strategies align with the Council’s requirements as previously listed in the Background Section.

- **Improve public knowledge and awareness.** In November 2023, MDH entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with MCA to collaboratively fund the development and

⁸ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (February 2020). A CDC Plan to Monitor and Address Use of and Exposure to Cannabis and Associated Health and Social Effects. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Accessed 11, Oct 2024 at <https://www.cdc.gov/cannabis/media/pdfs/2024/05/Cannabis-Strategic-Plan_FINALVersion.pdf>

⁹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs—2014. Atlanta: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health, Accessed 11 Oct 2024 at <[2014.https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/stateandcommunity/guides/pdfs/2014/comprehensive.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/stateandcommunity/guides/pdfs/2014/comprehensive.pdf)>

placement of public health messaging related to cannabis use. Campaigns were aligned with recommendations provided by the Council. In April 2024, MDH and MCA launched the first “BeCannabisSmart¹⁰” public education campaign, which centered around preventing cannabis impaired driving and promoting safe cannabis consumption behaviors for adults. Other campaigns launched in 2024 include educating communities about smoke-free spaces and safe cannabis storage to prevent unintentional exposures to cannabis.

- **Improve public knowledge and awareness; partner with public safety, schools, and communities.** MDH provided funding to local health departments (LHDs) to increase capacity to implement new programs and strategies that address the public health impacts related to adult-use cannabis legalization. LHDs are permitted to use this funding to establish local partnerships and develop community-based approaches to cannabis use prevention by building infrastructure to prevent youth cannabis use, promote substance use disorder counseling and treatment, collect data on the effects of cannabis legalization, provide healthcare provider training, and launch education and public awareness campaigns related to cannabis use, including funding for educational programs to be used in schools.
- **Training and technical assistance.** In 2024, MDH expanded its existing partnership with the LRC-Cannabis to provide legal technical assistance and support on cannabis public health policy. LRC-Cannabis has shared research findings on cannabis related public health issues with the Council and provided overviews for proposed legislation and regulations.
- **Monitoring trends and advancing research.** MDH’s Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control has added additional cannabis-related questions to the 2024-2025 school year YRBS/YTS. In addition to current use (past 30 days), ever use, and method of use, questions added include: reason for use, delta-8-THC product use, driving behaviors, and perceptions of use amount since legalization. The YRBS/YTS will be implemented from October 2024 to December 2024, with results anticipated in December 2025, at the earliest. The BRFSS adult survey also added cannabis-related questions to its 2024 survey. Questions added include driving behaviors, risks from cannabis use, source of cannabis, cessation behaviors, and dual product use. Finally, MDH has developed a public facing Cannabis Public Health Dashboard to track and present public health measures related to cannabis use. This online tool assembles important public health data collected from a variety of sources including the CDC Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics; Maryland Poison Centers; the Maryland Public Behavioral Health System (PBHS); and cannabis use data through the YRBS/YTS and the BRFSS adult survey. The dashboard visualizes data regarding cannabis-related emergency department visits, cannabis-related calls to Maryland Poison Centers, Marylanders seeking out substance use disorder treatment for cannabis, and youth and adult cannabis use. The Council’s Data and Surveillance Workgroup reviewed and provided feedback on the data prior to finalizing the Dashboard.

¹⁰ BeCannabisSmart. (n.d.). Maryland Cannabis Administration. Accessed 10, Oct 2024 at <<https://cannabis.maryland.gov/Pages/BeCannabisSmart.aspx>>

Conclusion

Though it will be years before the full public health impacts of adult use cannabis legalization will be apparent in Maryland, a picture is forming as new data are collected and analyzed and trends begin to emerge. In 2024, the Council made great strides in studying the current state of cannabis use in Maryland, establishing partnerships with entities outside the Council, and providing actionable recommendations, refining those provided in 2023. The Council will maintain its focus on studying and promoting best practices that address the public health impacts of adult-use cannabis legalization in Maryland.

In 2025, the Council will continue to share its expertise to: address youth cannabis use mitigation, cannabis misuse, and cannabis use disorder and their impacts on education, behavioral health, and physical health of those under the age of 21; expand cannabis use data collection with additional survey tools; and provide recommendations for healthcare professionals with education related to cannabis use. With the addition of the new Onsite Cannabis Consumption Workgroup, the Council will study data from other states with onsite consumption sites, the public health concerns surrounding these sites, and provide policy recommendations. The Council will also review educational materials for onsite cannabis consumption sites.

The Council looks forward to advancing health equity and providing public health recommendations to guide Maryland residents through the ever-changing cannabis use environment.

Appendix - 2024 Council Meetings¹¹

Date and Format	Agenda
<p>Wednesday, January 17, 2024 <i>Virtual Meeting</i></p>	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Maryland's Youth Risk Behavior Survey/Youth Tobacco Survey by Nikardi Hynes from the Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control • Cannabis and Impaired Driving by Dr. Tim Kearns, Director of the Highway Safety Office for the Motor Vehicle Administration <p>Public Comment Period: No comments from members of the public</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 30, 2024 <i>Virtual Legislative Meeting</i></p>	<p>Council Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed a letter of support from the Council regarding SB 244 expanding the Clean Indoor Air Act to include electronic smoking devices in the products prohibited for use in indoor public places. • The Council approved the letter of support. <p>Public Comment Period: No comments from members of the public</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 6, 2024 <i>Virtual Legislative Meeting</i></p>	<p>Council Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A vote for Vice-Chair was conducted. • The Council discussed SB 399: Cannabis Advertising Prohibited Locations. This legislation would have removed the existing ban on outdoor cannabis advertising and instead limited outdoor cannabis ad prohibitions to within 500 feet of a substance use treatment facility, certain schools, child care facilities, or other locations. • The Council voted to submit a letter of opposition in response to this legislation which highlighted the Council's concerns regarding youth exposure to cannabis advertising. The letter was approved with edits from the Council. • The Council discussed SB 244 which pertained to the public health Clean Indoor Air Act revisions by amending the statute to include cannabis, hemp products, and electronic smoking devices in the indoor ban. This bill was identical to HB 238 for which the Council had previously submitted a letter of support. • The Council voted unanimously to submit an identical letter of support for this bill. <p>Public Comment Period: No comments from members of the public</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 5, 2024 <i>Virtual Ad-Hoc Meeting</i></p>	<p>Council Activities: The Council discussed and proposed amendments to Council bylaws. A majority of the Council voted in favor of approving the amended bylaws.</p> <p>Public Comment Period: No members of the public attended this meeting</p>

¹¹ Note: In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, minutes from all council meetings can be found on the Maryland Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council's website: <https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/ohpetup/council/Pages/default.aspx>

Date and Format	Agenda
<p>Wednesday, April 17, 2024 <i>Virtual Meeting</i></p>	<p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of cannabis-related legislation introduced in the 2024 legislative session by Mathew Swinburne from the UMB LRC - Cannabis • Cannabis and School Health Education by Suzannah Ward, the Coordinator of Comprehensive Health Education at the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). This presentation discussed the shift to skills-based health education focusing on practical skills like self-management and advocacy. <p>Public Comment Period: A member of the public inquired about available research funding opportunities from MCA. It was clarified that the MCA does not typically fund research, but instead focuses on data collection and surveillance.</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 17, 2024 <i>Virtual Meeting</i></p>	<p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “BeCannabisSmart” Public Education Campaigns by Dawn Berkowitz from the Maryland Cannabis Administration • New Cannabis Regulations & MCA's Onsite Consumption Report by Andrew Garrison from Maryland Cannabis Administration. • Safe Consumption Standards for Onsite Consumption Sites by Mathew Swinburne from the UMB LRC - Cannabis <p>Public Comment Period: No comments from members of the public</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 16, 2024 <i>Virtual Meeting</i></p>	<p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Cannabis-Related Cases Reported in Maryland by the Maryland and National Capital Poison Centers • Behavioral Health Resources for Cannabis Use Disorder <p>Council Activities: Council members reviewed a draft of the Council’s report to the Governor and General Assembly and provided feedback and edits. Draft report was approved unanimously by the Council with edits.</p> <p>Public Comment Period: No comments from members of the public.</p>