

OCC Subcommittee Guide (Drafted January 2021)

The role of OCC subcommittees is to assess the OMMP and its context within the greater industrial cannabis ecosystem, identify areas of improvement, and to report these solutions to the commission in the form of actionable recommendations to help advance our efforts to shape an effective and integrated medical cannabis program in Oregon that ensures long term access to therapeutic and affordable cannabis as medicine as defined in ORS 475B.961.

Subcommittees meet on a monthly basis and prepare a quarterly report to present at every OCC general body meetings to include, but not limited to, recommendations for rule changes for the OHA (OAR 333-008) and OLCC (OAR 845-025), and ongoing legislative concepts to ensure and improve the medical program as defined in statute.

2021 Role

The OCC recognized early that all aspects of the adult cannabis industry impact OMMP registrants, and in 2019 and 2020 the commission drafted annual reports outlining specific recommendations to the OHA, OLCC, and legislature to advance, modernize, and stabilize an adult market with a medical program within it, and in a way that can streamline administrative costs, reduce administrative redundancies, and improve efficiencies all while expanding access to affordable, safe, and effective cannabis for all Oregonians.

Our recommendations included the formation of a decentralized and sensible governing coalition to regulate cannabis at large, to be made up of the ODA, OHA, and OLCC (overseeing agronomics, public and patient education, health and safety, and wholesale and retail licensing, respectively, to maximize knowledge and resource efficiencies across the agencies). For their support, we recommended the establishment of a Cannabis Research Coalition and State Reference Lab, as well as an Equity Oversight Body to lay the framework for a singularly equitable, rational, sustainable, fiscally responsive, and data driven cannabis industry to safely serve all consumers, both patients and adults alike.

In 2021, the OCC and its subcommittees will finalize its proposed cannabis governance framework.

Subcommittee agenda template:

Monthly Subcommittee Meetings:

- 1. Call To Order (Chair/Co-Chair)**
- 2. Roll Call (Staff)**
- 3. Administrative Updates (Staff)**
 - a. Summary of rule changes since the last monthly meeting
- 4. Commission Updates (Chair)**
 - a. Occur the 1st meeting after each quarterly commission meetings
 - b. Summary of recommendation outcomes (discussions, votes, OHA/OLCC feedback)

5. Subcommittee Member Updates (Member/Members)

- a. Review member homework

6. Regular Business (Chair or Co-Chair)

- a. Problem|Solution Exercises
- b. Recommendation/LC draft revisions
- c. Identify/delegate member homework

7. Public Comment (Staff)

8. Adjourn (Chair/Co-Chair)

Subcommittee chairs:

- Work with staff and SC to establish monthly meetings through the end of the year.
- Oversee SC meetings, delegate SC member homework, and assist in the organization of SC quarterly reports to the OCC.

Subcommittee scope of work:

- Problem-Solution Exercises: SCs are tasked with assessing the current cannabis landscape. SCs will use the Problem-Solution worksheet provided by the Commission to 1) call out problems with the existing adult/medical frameworks (e.g., rules, statutes, or experiences/outcomes), 2) identify data/evidence demonstrating the problem (or data/evidence needed to assess the root of the problem), 3) find solutions, and 4) identify if and how solutions might impact any current laws or programs.

From these exercises, SCs will work alongside the Commission to draft comprehensive legislative concepts as the framework of a model cannabis bill that redesigns a lean and robust medical cannabis program within the greater cannabis ecosystem.

- Recommendations and legislative concepts: SCs are tasked with crafting concrete rule recommendations to OHA and OLCC, and legislative concepts for statutory revisions on an ongoing basis.