

Oregon Cannabis Commission

Date: July 16, 2019

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Deschutes County Health Services (Stan Owen Room) 2577 NE Courtney Drive, Bend 97701

In Attendance: Thomas Jeanne, Anthony Taylor, Rachel Knox, Andre Ourso, and Pat Luedtke

Conference Call-in: Amanda Borup and Cedar Grey

OHA staff: Margaret Flerchinger, Maureen Russell, and Shannon McFadden

DOJ staff: Shannon O’Fallon

Welcome and Call to order: Chair, Dr. Rachel Knox, started introductions. All Oregon Cannabis Commission Members stated their names and organizations they are affiliated with.

Report of Officers, Boards, Committees

- **OMMP Updates:** Megan Lockwood updates on staff support and scope of work. With the passing of HB 2198 back in 2017, the program was allocated \$250,000 a biennium to cover cost and staff support for the Oregon Cannabis Commission. This equates to about 2.5 of a full-time employee position per year for each position. There are two positions, an administrative support specialist and an Operations and Policy Analysis.
- **Legislative Report and update: Marijuana bills this session included** a social consumption bill, a work place employment bill, a bill to allow OLCC to limit issuing licenses to their producers, a couple of technical fix bills, and the export bill. Bills focusing on patients never made it

out of committee. They didn't feel they had enough knowledge to make a confident decision on some bills, so it did die in committee. However, it did lay a lot of ground work for the chair and co chair's work during the interim.

- **OHA Update:** We are currently at 27,037 patients in the Medical Program and currently about 10,127 grow sites which is down a bit from the previous quarter in April. You can always find this information on the OMMP website under statistical snap shot. You can see a continual decline in the program. Fiscally there is some good news, the program was still supporting state support for public health in the 17-19 biennium to the tune of about 7 million dollars for the biennium. The legislature and OHA's budget have found other resources for that money so right now the OMMP is only obligated 1.6 million for the 19-21 biennium, which is about 800,000 a year. That's good news because it allows the program to continue operating above its costs for the 19-21 biennium. It will be pertinent for legislative to make changes in the 21 session in order to maintain the program at its current level.
- **OLCC Update:** HB 2098 potency advisory committee will be held by OLCC which would include someone from ODA, OHA, and OCC and others who have the background in this to get advice and recommendations about potency. The other aspect of that bill is to let OLCC start a pilot program that includes patient access through retail stores. We will probably start looking at this early 2020. Right now, we are going to be looking at emergency rules for some of the bills that passed, producer moratorium bill and then regular rule making process for all the 2019 legislation that passed.

Unfinished Business

- **Legislative concepts to a new framework:** This is the Oregon Cannabis Commission Project Ecosystem slide deck 5.0 which is a starting point to work from and in no way set in stone. Where Medical Marijuana is protected and recreational is regulated.

New Business

- **Review and approval letter to legislators from commission:** Letters were approved by all commission members, Pat Luedke made a motion to approve; Andre Ourso seconded. Just changing the date to current date and remove past tense reference of end of session.
- **Community Presentations:**

- **Public Health – Patrick Luedtke:** Clinical Impacts and implications of Cannabis (Draft) presented by Patrick F. Luedtke MD, MPH Chief Medical Officer, Senior Public Health Officer for Lane County Health and Human Services from Peace Health Oregon Network Preliminary Research. To view the PowerPoint, please contact OHA.OCC@dhsosha.state.or.us to request a copy.
- **Project Scarecrow – Peter Gendron:** Project Scarecrow’s mission is to “Facilitate or assist access to quality of life products, therapies and other services for Oregonians with debilitating medical conditions”. To view the PDF of informational Pamphlet, please contact OHA.OCC@dhsosha.state.or.us to request a copy or at www.projectscarescrow.org.

Next Oregon Cannabis Commission: November 12th 1-4pm Portland State Office Building 800 NE Oregon St Room 1B Portland, OR 97232