**Psilocybin Advisory Board Research Subcommittee**

**Meeting Minutes**

July 1, 2021

Research Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

1) Atheir Abbas X

2) Angela Carter X

3) Tom Jeanne X

4) Rachel Knox X

5) Todd Korthuis X

6) Ali Hamada

7) Christopher Stauffer X

8) Jessie Uehling X

**1. Review of Minutes**: Subcommittee members reviewed and approved minutes from last meeting.

**2. Discussion of Expert Peer Review Process:**

* Reviewed qualifications and conflicts of interest of the five people who were nominated and submitted CVs and COI statements. Qualifications for expert peer reviewers were reviewed.
* The Research Subcommittee affirmed qualifications of all five nominees.
* Some RSC members expressed concern regarding conflicts of interest, noting that only two nominees have no COI.
* Purpose and original plan for Expert Peer review was reviewed. Previously approved process was to have limited external peer review (3-5 reviewers with content or methods expertise) and incorporate these comments into the July 31st document. Some expressed the view that peer review was not necessary. Others felt this was critical. Timeline for peer review was reviewed.
* Motion to have full Psilocybin Advisory Board vote on the need for peer review at the next meeting on July 28 was approved with 4 RSC members voting in favor of delay (Carter, Knox, Stauffer, Uehling) and 3 RSC members (Abbas, Jeanne, Korthuis) voting against delay in external peer review and for continuing previously agreed upon expert review process.
* Co-Chair Korthuis noted that waiting for July 28th decision will not provide sufficient time to have external peer review inform evidence report before the required posting date of July 31st.
* RSC members encouraged to submit nominations of potential peer reviewers to OHA with CV and conflict of interest statements.

**3. Evidence Review Update:**

* Evidence review was submitted on June 30th, 2021, per Measure 109 requirement and circulated to full Psilocybin Advisory Board.
* There are a few outstanding citations in the appendix that will be corrected.
* Full Bibliography will be submitted prior to the July 31st report deadline

**3. Discussion of Research Subcommittee next steps:**

* Consensus request that OHA invite Dr. Del Potter to speak at the next RSC meeting that is convenient for him.
* Consensus that RSC meetings would be decreased to twice in July and then monthly thereafter. Meetings will be scheduled for two hours, with option to end early.
* Next meetings July 15 and July 29.
* RSC members discussed process for inviting additional speakers. There was broad consensus on the need to hear from speakers with indigenous, sociology, anthropology, and historical perspectives, as well as persons with experience with psilocybin practice. Agreement that there needs to be a process for recording and disseminating this information.
* There was discussion of a desire to develop a broader process for speaker invitations for the entire PAB, so that all PAB members might learn from speakers.
* One non-RSC PAB member (Marks) recommended Dr. Jordan Sloshower a research fellow in the Yale Psychiatry Department, as a potential speaker as well as Chad Kuske, a Navy Seal who has advocated for wider accessibility after responding well to psilocybin therapy.
* Mechanisms for ongoing updates to literature and inclusions of anthropologic literature were discussed. No consensus on how to proceed. Will revisit at subsequent meetings.
* Briefly discussed Living Review process, and example from AHRQ Cannabis living review shared as one option for ongoing review. OHA and RSC unlikely to have capacity to support this.
* One non-RSC PAB member (Marks) requested further explanation of the process for incorporating PAB member feedback and making sure that all comments were publicly available. The RSC co-chairs pointed out that every draft version of the report has been forwarded, with comments, to OHA, who will post them on a publicly available file. The co-chairs reviewed all edits/comments received from PAB members during extensive discussion at the June 23, 2021 PAB meeting, and also following receipt of written comments/edits from PAB members received by the deadline of June 27th, 2021, and incorporated pertinent comments in the June 30th document.