

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Special Advisory Workgroup December 22, 2021

Attendees:

Matthew Christiansen, Dora Radford, Karen O'Keefe, Dr. Adinoff, Jon Dower, Diane Goldstein, Dr. James Berry, Dr. Jim Becker, and Brain Gallagher.

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Special Advisory Workgroup of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment began on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at 3:03 p.m. The meeting was conducted by Zoom conference.

Agenda Items

Introductions and welcome - Dr. Matthew Christiansen

The workgroup members introduced themselves and gave an overview of their background and experience.

Presentation

Dr. Adinoff, Diane Goldstein and Karen O'Keefe gave the workgroup a presentation on their projects surrounding drug laws surrounding marijuana in the United States.

Subsequent to the presentation, the workgroup inquired about the presenter's experience with available data for youth surrounding the vaping of THC.

In addition the workgroup inquired about decriminalization v. sensible regulation.

Open Discussion

The workgroup discussed issues surrounding potency of products.

The workgroup discussed the need to protect the youth and PPW populations.

The workgroup felt that controlled studies about students who use cannabis and drop out rates as opposed to drop out rates in those who do not use cannabis would be helpful.

The workgroup went on to discuss the charge of the group and how best to use the information being gathered.

Next Meeting

The workgroup discussed the agenda for the next meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2022

The group also resolved to have an additional meeting due to the impending legislative session on Thursday, December 30 at 6:00 p.m.

The group felt it would be beneficial to plan a session dedicated to defining the questions that this workgroup expects to answer.

Workgroup members were to formulate questions for the planning session to distill prior to the next meeting.