

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Special Advisory Workgroup December 15, 2021

Attendees:

Matt Chrisitansen, Ben Cort, Jon Dower, Dora Radford, and Brian Gallagher,

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Special Advisory Workgroup of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment was called to order on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 3:08 p.m. The meeting was conducted by Zoom conference.

Agenda Items

Introductions and welcome - Dr. Matthew Christiansen

Dr. Christiansen gave the group an overview of how this workgroup came into existence and its purpose.

Next, workgroup members gave Mr. Cort and brief introduction of themselves and their role in the workgroup.

Ben Cort of

Ben Cort, CEO of The Foundry; Owner, Cort Consutling reviewed lessons learned from his state's implemtnation of recreational marijuana. The items of most concern to them had been:

- Potency - manufactured formulations are much higher in potency than street-purchased marijuana.
- Edibles - Are not properly broken down in serving sizes and are often diverted to youth.
- Economics - Cost v. Benefit and the net gains or losses
- Enforcement of Regulations - what will that look like in legislation and implementation.

The group discussed these topics and ways to address them.

Open Discussion

The group agreed that the work product from these meetings need to address the potential pitfalls and a strategy to limit the potency as low as possible.

The group discussed having Keith Humphreys for future speaking.

They also were to examine what Montana was doing along with any potential Colorado legislation.

Finally, the group discussed the implications of taxation.

Adjournment

Workgroup member Pylmale moved that the meeting be adjourned. Workgroup member Gallagher seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The workgroup determined that there was a quorum present. Workgroup member Dower moved the acceptance, which was seconded by workgroup member Gallagher. The motion carried unanimously.