

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Special Advisory Workgroup January 6, 2022

Attendees:

Thomas Plymale, Matt Christianen, James Berry, Dora Radford, Dr. Becker, Brain Gallagher, and Jon Dower.

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 Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 5:01 p.m. The meeting was conducted by Zoom conference.

Approval of Minutes

The workgroup determined that there was a quorum present and approved the minutes of the December 22, 2021 meeting with an amendment to Dr. Adinoff's name. The group approved the minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting without change.

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Agenda Items

The group discussed the draft document that was circulated by Dr. Chrisitansen. not take apoistion on legal or illegal but stastus quo was not acceptable. should be decriminalized with the guidelines being proposed. defining decriminalizetion - quantity? specifics had not been discussed. where do we draw the line? not saying that it is harmless but encourage individuals to go into treatment.

non-violent crimes

discussed individual who trffic marijuana - that continues to be regulated. needs to be defined by the amount in their possession. Matt will add into document

if the amount is less than a certain amount it is treated as an expungable offense. people who catch felony mj charges have other substances on them. they will plead on the mj possession which is actually a lesser charge to the other controlled substance that they have. discussion.

djcs did not have data on number of offenders charges with m related offenses.

discussion of home grown marijuana. not get into the details of number of plants but a broad statement about concerns regarding trafficking and the risks associated with that.

discussion of possession and the intent to distribute.

make caveats if they have addiction then treatment if just dealing criminal penalty

incarceration is not treatment but can save lives

discussion on mj triggering those with predisposition to mental health conditions such as schizophrenia. should say that.

pharmacological impact can offset some mental health medications such as SSRIs

Encourage to take testimony from experts on both sides of the issue?

reference study group form _____

could recommend that they put it into a study group

add resources page of who workgroup has heard from

concerns on language of tax revenue - not a specific percentage of revenue but that there will be some cost

if there is tax revenue generated, transparency and long term impact needs to be communication through using some of the tax funds for this purpose.

say a significant and meaningful amount based on the experiences of other state for necessary mitigation and remediations

amount for at least the first five years

reviewed and approved the suggested language

discussion of cultivation charges and chance for expungement

marketing to youth issues- individuals that market products have to contribute to a fund, is there a stronger statement about marketing like prohibition. is a statement expressing concerns about marketing in general - preface part h with . state should put out marketing guidelines prior to release.

dr christiansen will add marketing piece and return to group.

expungement discussion - plymale felt that there would be resistance from prosecutors for those who had other substances and they please dismisses the charges of other substances to allow them to plead to the marijuana charge. under section d, i, add assuming cannabis is the only related crime committed?

matt will add language about that the plea to the cannabis related crime was not part of a plea agreement involving other substances.

motion to adjourn

minutes berry, second brain - approved.

dr berry cannot do jan 13 -

We have enough material to create the document that could be brought to council for recommendation to go before the legislature.

chair of the council asked that workgroup members be at the council meeting on the 19th.

no more meetings unless warr

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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