

# GOVERNOR'S MARIJUANA IMPACT ASSESSMENT COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

7/29/15 | 10:00a-12:30p | Room 1699, Herschler Building

<b>Meeting called by</b>	Co-Chairs Forslund and Reed	<b>Attendees:</b> Thomas Forslund, Chair; Mike Reed, Co-Chair; Steve Butler, Dan Noble, Steve Corsi, John Cox, Bob Lampert, Doug Miyamoto, Pete Michael, Chief William Hloucal, Lt. Col. Ratliff, Tom Gorman, Dr. Rodney Wambeam, Dr. Charles Ksir, Shelly Simonton, Pete Obermueller, Ernie Johnson, Jillian Balow By Phone: Dr. Michael Enright, Representative James Byrd
<b>Type of meeting</b>	Initial Meeting	
<b>Facilitator</b>	Mindy Chai, WDH	
<b>Note taker</b>	Cari Cuffney, WDH	
<b>Timekeeper</b>	Mindy Chai, WDH	

## Notes

### Opening Comments

At 9:00 am Governor Mead delivered opening remarks, highlighting the overall goal of the Council to gather information for the Legislature to make informed, data-driven decisions. Specifically, he requested that the Council consider:

- Enforcement: current laws (banking, impaired driving), adequate manpower at all levels of government (local to state)
- Identification of substances, such as edibles
- Impact on children and businesses
- What is the current literature and information gaps regarding medical and recreational marijuana?
- Revenue versus expenditures for law enforcement and substance abuse (SA) treatment
- Department of Corrections: how will inmates exiting the system be impacted?

### Introductions

From 9:10 - 9:20, the Council conducted introductions of the members

### Defining the Council's Purpose

From 9:20 to 9:30am Director Forslund addressed the Council's purpose and identified the production of a report by January, in time for the start of the Legislative session, as the primary work product of the Council.

### Mission Statement

From 9:30 to 9:40 am Mike Reed discussed the Council's draft Mission statement and the importance of working with data rather than anecdote in order to be as accurate and complete as possible. Discussion highlighted an appreciation for the focus on data. Director Forslund highlighted John Naisbitt's 1982 book *Megatrends*, and its conclusion that there are five bellwether states in the country: California, Florida, Connecticut, Washington, and Colorado and asked, in light of both Washington and Colorado having legalized medical and recreational marijuana, what is Wyoming going to do to prepare and what information do we need?

### Resource & Planning Discussion

From 9:40 to 11:10 the Council discussed resource availability and report planning. Steve Butler of WYSAC will lead report development with guidance from Dr. Ksir on the literature review. Topics identified for inclusion in the report included:

- Other states actions, regarding both medical and recreational marijuana, including:

Wyoming Department of Health

- Law enforcement
- Distribution
- Revenue
- Medical
- SA treatment
- Impact on young people
- Current impacts on Wyoming, assuming no changes within the State
- Broader economic impact of legalization
- Agriculture
- Impact on schools, including additional training, supports, and enforcement policies
- Impact of marijuana use on the use of other drugs
- Health impacts

Dr. Ksir commented that the Council is likely to find that the science is unclear in many cases. Tom Gorman offered the assistance of 2 staff members, given the short time frame for the report. The Council observed the need to take a neutral approach to inform public policy.

The following resources were offered by individual Council members:

- Tom Gorman: data from Colorado, which will be available in September
- Rodney Wambeam: SEOW profiles on Wyoming state substance use data summaries
- Shannon Ratliff: review of data on marijuana coming into Wyoming from Colorado and impacts on his counterparts in other states
- Ernie Johnson: impact of SA on crime in Wyoming, although marijuana has only been quantified separately since March of 2014, as well as monthly data on drug driving testing in Albany and Laramie Counties beginning July 2015
- Peter Michael: tracking importation data by county (number of traffic stops)
- John Cox: review of crash statistics with at least suspected drug impairment, driver's license revocations (including commercial vehicles)
- Dan Nobel: expected revenue impacts, which depend a lot on the manner of implementation
- Pete Obermueller: review of employment policies regarding drug use
- Steven Corsi: research and planning unit staff also available to assist

Council members suggested that an annotated bibliography would be helpful in sorting through the available evidence and member contributions.

## **BREAK**

From 11:10 to 11:20 the Council took a short break.

## **Ballot Process Presentation**

The Council reconvened at 11:20 for a presentation from Attorney General Dave Delicath from 11:20 to 11:50 on the ballot process. Mr. Delicath provided an overview of the ballot process and walked through the Peggy A. Kelly ballot initiative with the following comments:

- The ballot would require the liquor division to license caregivers and update a list of debilitating medical conditions, which is outside of their expertise
- Implementation would require the development of a large number of rules without an accompanying appropriation
- The ballot assumes implementation would be paid for by license fees, which will not be available for initial implementation, and
- The ballot requires a written warning of illegality at the federal level to hemp producers but not to users or sellers.

The Secretary of State's office informed the Council that the ballot submitted by the committee and distributed to the Council was an incorrect version and that the corrected version had gone to the printer yesterday and would be posted to the Secretary of State's website this morning. The Secretary of State's representative and the Council discussed changes to the ballot and the role of the legislature in the process.

**Summary of Action Items**

From 11:50 to noon Mindy Chai reviewed action items. Steve Butler advised that WYSAC will draft the report and would like the committee members to take an active role in reviewing and revising the final report.

**Public Comment**

From 12 to 12:15 the Council took public comment.

Representative Blake observed that CBD oil legislation had passed in the last legislative session.

A member of the public suggested that the Council also take into account the tax dollars used to purchase marijuana products.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Cari Cuffney**