

GOVERNOR'S MARIJUANA IMPACT ASSESSMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

8/28/15 | 8:00a-10:00a | Room 1699, Herschler Building

Meeting called by Co-Chairs Forslund and Reed

Type of meeting Second Meeting

Facilitator Cari Cuffney, WDH

Note taker Franz Fuchs, WDH

Timekeeper Cari Cuffney, WDH

Attendees: Thomas Forslund, Chair; Mike Reed, Co-Chair; Steve Butler, Dan Noble, Steve Corsi, John Cox, Bob Lampert, Doug Miyamoto, Pete Michael, Lt. Col. Ratliff, Tom Gorman, Dr. Rodney Wambeam, Dr. Charles Ksir, Pete Obermueller, Ernie Johnson, Jillian Balow, Dr. Michael Enright, Dr. Stephen Bieber
By
Phone: Representative James Byrd, Shelly Simonton

Notes

8:04 - Meeting was called to order.

8:05 - Introductions.

8:07 - Director Corsi motions to approve the minutes from the initial meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

8:08 - Steve Butler at WYSAC explains timeline going forward.

8:12 - 8:45 - Mike Reed explains role of each subcommittee, specifically to:

- (1) Identify sources of information.
- (2) Pass information sources to the Research Integrity subcommittee for them to evaluate information in terms of validity and reliability.
- (3) Frame the policy questions and determine criteria for evaluating these policy questions based on evidence.

Mike Reed then introduced subcommittee contact areas, to include:

- (1) Impact on education – Jillian Balow appointed as chair.
Discussion centered on whether or not to include higher education, adult education and vocational rehabilitation. Decision was made to leave these topical choices up to subcommittee.
- (2) Legislative issues - Rep. Byrd appointed as chair.
Discussion centered on clarifying role of this subcommittee, specifically how other states have reacted to medical/recreational marijuana, constitutional and legal implications to the State of Wyoming, and who should staff this committee (e.g. legal expertise, Dept. of Revenue).
- (3) Health - Dr. Braund appointed as chair.
Discussion centered on including behavioral health, prevention, and substance abuse treatment.
- (4) Criminal justice – Director Lampert, Col. Ratliff appointed as co-chairs.
Discussion on including juvenile justice and international comparisons on crime and long-term impacts.
- (5) Agriculture and revenue – Director Noble and Director Miyamoto appointed as co-chairs.

Discussion on considering both environmental impacts as well as quality measurement / assay / testing requirements. Recommendation that Health and Criminal Justice Services representatives participate; Department of Revenue/Liquor Division lacks expertise in certain relevant areas.

(6) Research subcommittee - Steve Butler, Dr. Ksir, Dr. Bieber appointed.

0845 - 0856: Discussion by the GMIAC on potential other topics and subcommittee interactions.

(a) Children and family health

(b) Department of Family Services/Health/Education/Criminal Justice Services interconnections.

(c) Regulatory incorporated into Agriculture/revenue

(d) Constitutional issues with ballot issue on local control, ability of cities/counties to opt-out. Shelly Simonton of the Wyoming Association of Municipalities expressed concern over the ballot initiative as written.

0859 - 0908: Steve Butlers discusses timeline, and the need to have all articles/data in by November 30th. Franz Fuchs of WDH demonstrates document upload process and website.

0909 - 0913: Dr. Ksir discusses the ethical responsibility of the research subcommittee to be unbiased in assessing information, as well as a brief history of marijuana/cannabis in medicine and regulation in the US of controlled substances.

0922 - 0928: Dr. Bieber discusses evaluating evidence.

0928 - 0936: Steve Butler explains Gathering and Assessing Available Literature handout, which shows how evidence will be stratified into quality tiers:

(1) Peer reviewed, scholarly literature.

- Tier I

- Tier II

- Tier III

(2) Scientific research organizations / technical reports

- Tier I

- Tier II

- Tier III

(3) National/State/Local Gov't reports

- High

- Medium

- Low

(4) Non-research based discussion

WYSAC will attempt to review all documents within 7-10 days.

0936: Floor opened for public comment. No public comment received.

0937: Summary and next steps.

(1) Franz Fuchs and Cari Cuffney will ensure site works smoothly.

(2) Subcommittee chairs need to populate subcommittee.

(3) Subcommittees to structure questions and decision framework