

Committee on Public Health Consequences of Changes in the Cannabis Policy Landscape: Committee Meeting 2

Agenda

Day 1 – Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. ET

Day 2 – Thursday, November 30, 2023, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ET

Background:

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Committee on the Public Health Consequences of Changes in the Cannabis Policy Landscape will host a public information gathering session for the committee's second full meeting. This session will feature presentations and panel discussions on cannabis regulatory models, how those models have influenced the cannabis marketplace and product availability, and how policies at various levels (federal, state, and local) influence the supply or demand side of the market. The committee will also hear from experts on how the cannabis industry approaches the wide variation in cannabis policy across local, state, and federal governments and from how U.S. regulatory bodies can learn from policies being implemented in other countries.

Objectives:

The committee will learn from experts how cannabis policies at the local, state, and federal levels affect the supply and demand sides of the market and public health. Key questions that will be covered throughout the meeting are:

- How do cannabis policies at the local, state, and federal levels affect the supply and demand sides of the market and public health?
- What are the perspectives of federal, state, and local organizations on the changing landscape of cannabis policy?
- What are the unanticipated consequences of early cannabis policies, and how can we learn from them to improve safety and minimize negative public health consequences?
- What surveillance and regulatory systems exist for cannabis, and how have they influenced the industry and public health?
- How does the cannabis industry approach the variation in cannabis policy across local, state, and federal authorities?
- What can federal, state, and local governments learn from other countries about cannabis policy?

Workshop Overview

Day 1 will cover the implications of federal, state, and local cannabis policies and perspectives from the cannabis industry.

Day 2 will cover international cannabis policies and broader perspectives on cannabis policy.

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SESSION I WELCOME AND OPENING

11:00 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Chair**
Steven Teutsch, Committee Chair

SESSION II PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

11:10 AM **Keynote Talk: The Public Health Authorities of State and Local Governments as They Pertain to Cannabis in Light of the Federal Prohibition**

Moderator: Doug Berman (Committee Member)

Anne Boustead, University of Arizona

This session will look at the public health regulations adopted across the U.S. states and their variation and how these regulations are meant to shape aspects of supply.

11:50 AM **Discussion with Committee**

During this question-and-answer period, committee members will have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenter and have an open dialogue.

SESSION III OVERVIEW OF THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF CANNABIS POLICY

12:00 PM **State Cannabis Policy Landscape: Effects on Public Health**
Moderator: Beau Kilmer (Committee Member)

Beth McGinty, Weill Cornell Medicine

12:20 PM **State Cannabis Policy Landscape**
Gillian Schauer, CANNRA

1:05 PM **Panel Discussion: Perspectives from State Health Regulators**

Adria Berry, Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority
Nicole Elliott, California Department of Cannabis Control
Amy Moore, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
Michele Nakata, Hawaii Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation
Will Tilburg, Maryland Cannabis Administration
Beth McGinty, Weill Cornell Medicine
Gillian Schauer, CANNRA

This 45-minute panel discussion includes cannabis policy experts who will discuss what is and is not working in this space, react to the presentations, and allow the committee to ask questions of invited presenters and the panel.

- *How are existing state regulatory models working well? Where are they lacking? How are they currently being improved?*
- *How are state governments addressing safety concerns of existing and new products that enter the market? How well are states monitoring and responding to adverse events or problems identified with new products?*
- *How is the accuracy of product labeling monitored?*
- *How can we learn from early cannabis policy missteps to understand unanticipated consequences and work to improve safety and minimize negative public health consequences?*

1:50 PM

Break

2:05 PM

Local Cannabis Policy Landscape: Across California

Ellicott Matthay, New York University

2:25 PM

Local Cannabis Policy Landscape: Across Oregon and Washington

Julia Dilley, State of Oregon Public Health Division

2:45 PM

Panel Discussion: Perspectives from Local Health Regulators

Molly Duplechian, City and County of Denver

Al Romero-Gibu, City of Grand Rapids

Kim James, City of Detroit

Sarah Ross Viles, Public Health – Seattle & King County

Mathew Swinburne, The Network for Public Health Law

Ellicott Matthay, New York University

Julia Dilley, State of Oregon Public Health Division

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- *Where do existing state regulatory models help localities, and where do they struggle with the state's regulatory framework? How are they currently being improved?*
- *How are local municipalities using their authorities to shape the medical/cannabis marketplace? What tools seem to work? What tools are less effective at influencing supply and/or use?*
- *How can we learn from early cannabis policy missteps to understand unanticipated consequences and work to improve safety and minimize negative public health consequences?*

SESSION IV

INDUSTRY APPROACH TO THE WIDE VARIATION IN CANNABIS POLICY

3:30 PM

How does the cannabis industry approach the wide variation in cannabis policy across local, state, and federal authority?

Moderator: Larry Wolk (Committee Member)

Jonathan Caulkins, Carnegie Mellon

4:15 PM

Panel Discussion: A Safe and Sustainable Cannabis Industry

Michael Cooper, National Cannabis Industry Association

Daniel Fabricant, Natural Products Association

Micah Sherman, Raven, National Craft Cannabis Coalition

Ross Gordon, Humboldt County Growers Alliance, National Craft Cannabis Coalition

Carrie A. Harney, US Pharmacopeia

This 45-minute panel discussion between representatives from various cannabis industries will answer questions on the industry's perspectives on the changing landscape of cannabis policy.

- *What regulatory systems exist for cannabis industry companies? How is product safety determined?*
- *Why are prices for cannabis falling? How much is legalization, competition, and other factors? How meaningful is regulation for keeping prices high?*
- *How does the range in cannabis policy affect how the industry markets products, maintains quality control, supplies carriers, and design packaging?*
- *How independent are cannabis product testing and regulations?*
- *How often is the industry faced compliance checks or fines related to state licensing regulations? Products? Testing? Marketing?*

5:00 PM

Break

SESSION V

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

5:15 PM

Public Comment Session

Moderator: Steve Teutsch (Committee Chair)

Individuals who have pre-registered will be given up to 3 minutes to comment about the project to the committee.

SESSION VI

CLOSING REMARKS

5:55 PM

Chair's Reflection and Preview of Workshop Day 2

Steven Teutsch, Committee Chair

6:00 PM

End DAY 1

Day 2 – Thursday, November 30, 2023, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

SESSION VII WELCOME AND OVERVIEW OF THE WORKSHOP SERIES

11:00 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Vice Chair

Yasmin Hurd, Committee Vice Chair

SESSION VIII OVERVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL CANNABIS POLICY

11:10 AM What the U.S. Can Learn from the Changes in Cannabis Use Across Canada

Moderator: Magdalena Cerdá (Committee Member)

David Hammond, University of Waterloo

11:55 AM Panel Discussion: Perspectives from International Researchers

Hanan Abramovici, Health Canada

Arturo Alvarez Roldan, Universidad de Granada, Spain

Alvaro Castillo-Carniglia, Universidad Mayor, Chile

Wayne Hall, University of Queensland, Australia

Rosario Queirolo, Universidad Católica del Uruguay

This 45-minute panel discussion between cannabis researchers from various countries will answer questions about what state, federal, and local governments can learn from other countries.

- *What are the trends in product use, purchases in legal or illicit markets, prices, and exposure to ads across countries?*
- *How does cannabis use in different countries compare to the U.S.?*
- *How do the Regulatory frameworks influence cannabis use?*
- *How can the US learn from international cannabis policies?*

SESSION IX BROADER PERSPECTIVES

12:45 PM Protecting Public Health and Social Equity with Legal Cannabis

Moderator: Ellen Kurtzman (Committee Member)

Kevin Sabet, Smart Approaches to Marijuana

Cat Packer, Drug Policy Alliance

Lynn Silver, Public Health Institute

Peter Grinspoon, Massachusetts General Hospital

This session will provide opportunities for cannabis policy experts and advocates to provide reflections on the committee's statement of task and answer questions from committee members.

SESSION X

CLOSING REMARKS

1:20 PM

Reflections and Closing Remarks from the Vice Chair
Yasmin Hurd, Committee Vice Chair

1:30 PM

End Workshop
