

June Regulators Roundtable topics

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Asterisks indicate degree to which the topic is needed/relevant to our agency.

****Tracker update**

We all agreed that a presentation on this has a lot of value and would be worth Gillian doing a brief overview again

- To cover: how we landed on where to find it, how to use/update it, and appropriate storage....
- Background work ahead of time. Perhaps reframe the public records concerns – de-escalate this; we don't think it's top secret information. What is it about the tracker that needs protecting? But we know Gillian can obviously help us with this question.

****Illicit market tracking**

- Have a public safety component with possible law enforcement presentations on what they're seeing and how involved etc.
- Established states would benefit from information about diversion from legal states to illegal states...
- Describe the current illicit market/s in legalized states:
 - Has legalization led to increase or decrease in illicit market where are we on capturing and measuring it?... What does the replacement or newer or offshoots of legalizations that have changed or contributed to another form of illicit market? What
 - Who are the people still buying from the illicit market and why?
 - Does the illicit market still look the same as it used to?
- This is an important conversation for those considering legalization since elimination of illicit market is one of main goals of new policy...
- What can be done? How can we include local (and state) LE efforts so that they play their role in eliminating the illicit market? Regulatory authority and existence of the market can't do it alone... Barriers? Political consequences to arresting and prosecuting people for marijuana possession/distribution, public opinion, etc...

Delivery/social consumption/events (i.e.4/20)

- Updates from states who have policies in these arenas (CA and CO) – how is it going? Regulatory structures are different and how is that looking...
- NY's experiences: Manhattan bicycle delivery services... how are they preparing for that thinking about existing (illicit) infrastructure?
- How are social consumption policies working out? What are impacts, from regulatory framework but also public health, changes in social norms and advertising/marketing, normalization, etc
- Events – We do really struggle with HempFest every year: age gating, advertising and sales... what are other states doing for such events?

***NEW TOPIC **High potency products: What do we know? Who are using these products? What are the harms??**

***Environmental standards** – spent solvents, pesticides, light bulbs, water use – indoor vs outdoor input/output This is a stand alone topic.... Efficiencies and inefficiency of different methods... Considering environmental impacts/costs as impacts of legalization in general

***Labs**

- Kathy would love to have Susan Audino come back and give an update on progress for lab protocols... State of the art of where testing and capacity is.... Open this up to conversation... What do we all need from labs?
- We need something we can hang onto in terms of true lab capacities out there so that we can write rules that land.
- Is there something that could help the DOE-convened Task Force we have in WA? Could they be included in a session (increase DOE, etc, engagement and provide voices from the field) or even attend this section?
- What are the differences between medical and “recreational” testing? Are these meaningful? Should they just be one set...? How does consumer perception/assumption about the safety therein?

****Excipients/flavorings**

- What the heck is in marijuana products (not just vapor)? Let’s not concentrate only on flavors here.
- What is the safety information do we have? What don’t we have that we need?? What do we need to get moving in the scientific community so that we have a foundation for our rules to rest upon? What is the hard science on this?
- What are states doing to address and open rules in a systematic way to consider these safety data or lack thereof (vs knee jerk response)?
- Product and product standard issues may be more inclusive way of framing this topic. We could have breakout tables with specifics if time allows.

Vaping

- Updates on this...
- Mini case study about mess of working interagency – why we need partnerships at the table. Know where you stand with what regulatory tools you have per statute, etc,, who else has a hand and we’d need to get to. This could also fit into talking about products or another. Recall procedures... We could open this up to gaps in regulatory authority...

****Advertising/Marketing requirements**

- Possible litigation update from Dec Regulators Roundtable
- Other topics and cases
- Perhaps go over that first amendment webinar from Bruce’s Cannabis AGs group
- This is the way others are thinking about mj advertising – where are states’ constituencies resting on this?

***Regulatory/licensing 101**

Newbie track on how to set this up... Structure of regulatory agencies, rulemaking processes, licensee education and outreach... provide options and examples

****CBD and other cannabinoids**

- How do we make language nimble to account for evolving cannabinoids and products? Consider Delta-8, CBN, CBG, etc.
- For CBD – How do we handle co-branding, sales in licensed stores, product types?

- What would an ideal regulatory structure look like? Is anyone regulating any aspects of hemp-derived products inside or outside the marijuana marketplace?
- Food safety concerns and other product/consumer safety concerns

***Out of state investment – Publically Traded Companies – Multi-State Operators – Interstate commerce**

NEW Format ideas:

- World café style conversation tables with different topics that participants can rotate around to after 15-30 minutes; would be a facilitator or two at each table to frame and shape the conversation... May lend itself to topics that there's a lot of interest in but not enough for a full session and/or topics that were covered last time
- Topical dinners that are informal but would require organizing (ie: Email Sara if you're interested in getting together for dinner Wednesday night and chatting about social equity (at least some of the time.) I would then get a head count and make a reservation somewhere for a group. We'd all pay on our own...)