

Vermont Public Health Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes—September 16, 2021

Member Julie Hulburd noted there is not a quorum so no decisions can be made and minutes cannot be approved.

Attendees

Advisory Committee Members:

- Ingrid Jonas

VT Cannabis Board:

- Julie Hulburd
- Nellie Marvel

NACB:

- Gina Kranwinkel
- Mark Gorman
- Deneka Scott
- Tom Nolasco

2 members of the public

Minutes recorded by Meggan Hau/Deneka Scott

It was noted by Julie Hulburd that due to attendance of only 1 sub-committee members, there was no quorum, but the Sub-Committee can still provide information, but cannot make decisions without a quorum.

NACB Sub-Committee moderator Deneka Scott started the meeting by sharing the discussion guide on screen. She started by reviewing the milestone of October 20 in which the sub-committee will put recommendations forth at that time.

There were no public comments this week to review. Members of the Vermont public were notified how to submit comments via the [CCB website](#).

The Sub-Committee moves on to the discussion guide/deck shared on screen and reviewed the information on guidelines and warnings from other various states, commonalities put forth by other cannabis control boards/commissions, and language on a point-of-sale flyer.

Notable comment(s) summarized:

- Ingrid Jonas- I feel concerned about things like impairment, people being made aware of habit-forming aspect, also delayed onset of edible cannabis, those kinds of things are important. How do you choose two of the following warnings and not more? As much information as possible for people going into this is important.
- Deneka Scott- similar to the point-of-sale flyer we are suggesting. Language on “This product may be illegal outside of MA” instead of “This is federally illegal.”

- Deneka Scott- In Massachusetts Guidelines, I also appreciate that they suggest what font and font size should be used.
- Gina Kranwinkel- In response to a question regarding “serving sizes” of edibles - A serving size for each person will vary and how they process it. Same person depending on food they had that day will also impact how they respond to one serving size. We will provide more information to the subcommittee for next week on this.

Next, Deneka Scott discussed correspondence with Dr. David Nathan and the evolution of what is going on with international packaging and labeling standards. These standards follow ISO, ANSI and ASTM requirements. Samples were shared through the deck. Dr. David Nathan’s samples follow ISO 3864 “Standardized Safety Signs.”

Suggested Next Steps:

- Research and provide information on serving sizes/portions- what guidance is around responsible serving/dosing.
- Compare samples of safety signs with different states.
- Deneka Scott and Mark Gorman will put together some draft language to present on Monday on a health warning label and additional considerations for Vermont

Public Comment Period:

Deneka Scott opened the floor for public comment at 11: 37 AM.

Bernie Silva (Policy Director of VT Growers Association)- Has this subcommittee discussed dispensing of oil concentrates in vapor. Oil concentrates can only be sold to public in vapor cartridges. Very worrisome to me. FDA is against the use of THC in vapor cartridges (safety and access to youth). That compounded with the cap on concentrates, hinders smaller businesses. THC cartridge issue overlaps with many topics. Public Health (heavy metals in cartridges), Environmental concern (only way is disposable), Public Health (most cartridge process is deemed successful when you reach highest levels of products- removed all other additives. Currently, with 60% law, producer wouldn’t be able to make 90plus percent THC product and dilute for public consumption. THC caps and vapor cartridges- responsible to only have vapor cartridges for oils. Simultaneous, public consumers and producers with a list of products that cannabis producers cannot use as dilutants or additives to products rather than a THC cap. Vermont has a burgeoning glass blowing community. Forcing the use of cartridges only, rendering local artists useless. Cartridges increases packaging.

Adjournment:

Following closing the public comment period, Deneka Scott closed the meeting at 11:45 am.

Next Public Health Sub-Committee meeting is Monday, September 20 at 11 am ET.