## **Public Health Sub-Committee Update**

- Sub-Committee is working with an Oct 20<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- As of Sept 30<sup>th</sup> Sub-Co agreed on top two symbols and a preferred warning and have asked the Dept of Health to review.
- Next review of symbols and warnings week of Oct 11<sup>th</sup> (likely Oct 14<sup>th</sup>).
- Next Steps: Point of Sale Flyer, Food Producer/Food Manufacturer.





















## DRAFT Recommendation for Written Warnings

#### View 1: All language

This is a cannabis product has not been analyzed or approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). For use by individuals 21 years of age and older or registered qualifying patient only. **KEEP THIS PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN. DO** NOT USE IF PREGNANT OR **BREASTFEEDING.** The effects of cannabis may be delayed by two hours or more. Cannabis can impair concentration, coordination, and judgment. It is against the law to drive or operate machinery when under the influence of this product. National Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222.

#### View 2: Two warnings with call-out box

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None currently, plan for October 15th.



- Sub-Committee deadlines
  - October 1<sup>st</sup>, Plan for reducing or eliminating fees for SE applicants
  - October 15<sup>th</sup>, Develop criteria for SE applicants for the purpose of obtaining social equity loans and grants from the Cannabis Business Development Fund
  - As of Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, Sub-Co agreed on general recommendations for both items
  - Next tasks: discuss transferability of SE licenses, SE benefits, SE Applicant approval, reinvestment in DIA, Cannabis Social Equity Board, DEI program



#### Recommendation

- Two separate programs should be created:
  - Social Equity Program to address disproportionate impact by cannabis prohibition.
  - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Program to create a more inclusive industry for those who have been typically underrepresented in society.



- Criteria for Social Equity Applicant
  - Lives in an Opportunity Zone, or
  - Black, Indigenous, or Person of Color, or
  - Convicted of cannabis related offense
    - Have been arrested, convicted or incarcerated for a cannabis offense (misdemeanor or felony), or
    - Are a member of an impacted family



- Impacted Family: Relationship to the impacted individual is
  - Spouse
  - Domestic Partner
  - Child / Step-child that resided in the relationship (when a minor)
  - Minor in their guardianship
  - Legal guardian
  - Parent
  - Sibling
  - Grandparent
  - Grandchild (when a minor)



- Domestic Partnership
  - The persons are each other's sole domestic partner and have been in an enduring domestic relationship sharing a residence for not less than six consecutive months prior to the submission of the application.
  - The persons are eighteen years or older.
  - Neither person is married to anyone.
  - The parties are not related by blood closer than would bar marriage under Vermont state law.
  - The persons are competent to enter into a legally binding contract.
  - The persons have agreed between themselves to be responsible for each other's welfare. (borrowed from SOV-HR Policy)



- Supporting Documentation
  - Proof of conviction-court documents, probation documents or Department of correction documents (can be achieved by requesting one from the courts)



- Proof of residency at time of application
  - a Vermont driver's license OR Vermont Identification Card OR Vermont Disability Identification Card
  - a voter registration card;
  - signed lease agreement that includes the applicant's name OR a property deed that includes the applicant's name
  - a paycheck stub;
  - School district requirements
  - Bank statement
  - Recent tax return
  - Utility bills
  - Notarized affidavit from lease holding roommate



- Eliminating or Discounting Fees
  - Application fees should be waived, including provisional/intent to apply fee
  - Employee ID Card fee should be paid by the employer
  - Local fees should be waived for the first year only



### Social Equity Program Recommendations

- Eliminating or Discounting Fees
  - Licensing should be reduced as follows:

Recommendation 1 License Fees Sub-Committee Preferred	Waiver* for License fee: Partial and/or Full-Fee Waiver for second or third year	
First year:WaivedSecond year:25% of feeThird year:50% of feeFourth year:75% of feeFifth year:Full fee	<ul> <li>Second year: 25% of fee</li> <li>Third year: 50% of fee</li> <li>No reduction for year 4 and 5</li> <li>*Licensee must demonstrate financial need and show plan as to how they will remedy situation moving forward.</li> </ul>	Chart



t provided by NACB

- For SE business license
  - At least fifty-one percent owned by one or more Social Equity Candidate
  - Social equity candidate must be involved with the daily operations and be able to make decisions for the business
  - SE candidate must meet state requirements to open a business



Accept the work of the sub-committee, consider additional comments we received in the full Advisory Committee meeting, and general public comment and begin finalizing the details of the plan for reducing or eliminating fees for SE applicants and the criteria for SE applicants for the purpose of obtaining social equity loans and grants from the Cannabis Business Development Fund.



## **Decision Points**

May require further consideration:

- Opportunity Zones
- Cannabis related offense
  - Should there be any exclusions, if so, should those match licensing requirements?
  - Consider that SE criteria may be used to define access to programs outside of licensure
- Ease/challenge of obtaining court documentation
- Definition of "impact"
- Clarify impacted family
- Further define domestic partner
- Documentation for domestic partner
- Requirements for additional fee waivers



# Municipal Roundtable Agenda

11:30 Overview the Cannabis Control Board (CCB)
11:45 Review of the survey results
12:00 Act 164 and Act 62 FAQs
12:30 Review relevant sub-committee and CCB work & your comments
1:15 Next steps & how to stay informed



77 of 246 Towns responded

18 responding towns have already voted to include retail cannabis in their town

Another 19 responding towns anticipate a vote on or before TMD, 30 are unsure

Another 2 anticipate a vote after TMD, 45 unsure

Most of the responding towns have Zoning By-Laws and Commercially Zoned Areas

21 responding towns said they have plans to review zoning bylaws, town ordinances or other town rules with consideration toward retail cannabis, 23 were unsure, 38 said no.

30 responding towns said they anticipated making changes to bylaws, ordnances or rules prior to issuing permits, 52 said no

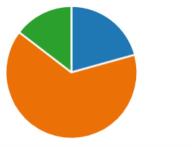
Most responding towns said it would take 8 months or more to make changes



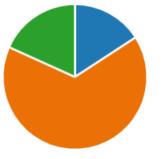
17. What resources does your municipality anticipate needing for local regulation of cannabis entities related to permitting and zoning? <u>More Details</u>

Our municipality does not anti... 17

- Our municipality is unsure wh... 53
- Our municipality anticipates in... 12



- 18. What administrative, operational, public safety, or other costs do you anticipate ? <u>More Details</u>
  - Our municipality does not anti... 13
    Our municipality is not sure w... 54
    Our municipality anticipates in... 15





## Top 3 Take-A-Ways From Towns

Towns need clarity on what is currently in the legislation.

Towns need more information from the CCB to make local decisions.

Towns are looking for clear, easy to understand, guidance.



### Top 3 Take-A-Ways From the CCB

What are the costs incurred by a municipality that can be defrayed by a local fee?

What community concerns do you have that we should be thinking about as we write the rules? (*think compliance & enforcement*)

What topics do we need to specifically need to address in guidance we develop?

