



Cannabis Policy Oversight Team (CPOT)

Sept. 12th, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Rose Room-3rd Floor

Portland City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave. Portland, OR 97204

Attendees: Al Ochoa, John Monteleone III, Stephanie Neil, Daniel Rowland, Tiara Darnell, Katherine Krajinak, and Tim Zimmerman

Conference Call-in: Laura Valden-Vega

Civic Life Staff: Kimie Ueoka-Policy Coordinator and Arainnia Brown-Administrative Coordinator

Welcome and Introductions: CPOT members, Civic Life staff, along with the public said introductions, CPOT members had the opportunity to mention any conflicts of interests if any, and members approved minutes from August session. In addition to this, the public was invited to sit at the table with CPOT members for discussion.

Vaping Health Issue Update: Kimie was started a discussion regarding the health concerns with vaping. Currently, there is no identifying cause of the deaths or illnesses throughout the nation but there are several speculations. OLCC sent a memo regarding the vaping health scares. In summary, the memo recommended voluntary steps for reviewing cartridges prior to selling or producing. CPOT members recommended Cannabis Program should follow the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) model and focus on educating the public, mainly youth about underage cannabis consumption. CPOT members want to know how the City can engage with Portland Public Schools regarding cannabis education matters. What is the process to inform the youth of underage cannabis consumption?

U.S Attorney's Marijuana Summit Portland, OR: On Sept. 5th, 2019 Kimie attended the U.S Attorney's Marijuana Summit in Portland, OR. This was an invite-only summit hosted by Oregon's Attorney's Billy J. Williams. There were several panels which consisted of

regulators and law enforcement. NuLeaf's Executive Director, Jeanette Horton presented as well about economic development and social equity. Overall, the facilitation did not support the focus on social equity but rather strengthening law enforcement. Kimie is planning to write a response letter regarding the summit and will send CPOT members a copy.

Public Engagement: At the last meeting CPOT members and Kimie discussed strategies to include public engagement. The strategies will be listed below.

- Survey to general public-input and ideas around broad areas. Survey will go out by sending email blast to community.
- Targeted survey to community organizations and other key stakeholder groups- community organizations and other key stakeholder groups will provide feedback on drafted report.
- In October, CPOT members will host two or three community events to hold conversations focusing on the recommendation report and the public will provide feedback.

Community feedback will inform Bureau's decisions regarding upcoming grant cycle, enhance CPOT's 2019 recommendations for final report, and serve as a starting point for future engagement on cannabis policy development.

Grant Updates: On October 16th at 10:05am Cannabis Program will present to council. All current grantees will speak about what they are working on, how they have grown over the year, and what lesson were learned. Once council approves grants media blast will be sent to the public.

Drafting Recommendations Report: CPOT members along with public members began to revise drafted report. Group rational decided to work together instead of splitting into two separate groups. Based on CPOT members feedback, Kimie began report with Executive Statement and mentioned group members by briefly having bios. In addition to this, she listed key words in report which will eventually need definitions based on the report's context. In summary, edits/suggestions were made for all recommendations within the report. Edits and Suggestions will briefly be listed below.

- More items were added to stakeholder list such as vetrans and people of color (POC)
- Explanation of why recommendations were created
- Expand the definition of equity.

- Expand definition for Sustainability including health, eco-systems, and for the communities.
- If necessary, add more articles, video links, and research to provide background knowledge.
- Add footnotes to display where information was found
- Under guiding principles within the research section include lack of funding for research and public education.
- Under the Social Equity guiding principle for recommendation 2 include job and housing assistance for those who were formerly incarcerated due to cannabis.
- Under the Social Equity guiding principles include how adding money towards organizations that work specifically with clearing cannabis expungements and citations can make a difference.
- Include page numbers for entire report
- Include destigmatizing cannabis in why statement
- Include OLCC education, public Health/education in why statement.

Next Steps: Going forward, Kimie along with CPOT members will continue to make edits/ revise report. If anything was not mentioned at session, please send Kimie an email with suggestions. The next CPOT session will be held at a community center on Oct. 10th. Charles Jordan Community Center, Matt Dishman, or any Faith Center are some options at the moment. Kimie will send a confirmation email to inform all members where the meeting will eventually be held. In addition to this, a survey will go out to the public as well for engagement.