



**CANNABIS REGULATORS ASSOCIATION**

**CANNRA External Stakeholder Meeting**

Annapolis, MD, June 25-27, 2023

**AGENDA**

**Monday, June 26**

**8:30 – 9:15 AM – Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Gillian Schauer, PhD, MPH, Executive Director, Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA)

Tyler Klimas, Executive Director, Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board & CANNRA President

Will Tilburg, J.D., MPH, Director, Maryland Cannabis Administration & CANNRA Board Member

**Opening Welcome, Governor of Maryland, Wes Moore**

**9:15 – 10:15 AM PLENARY: Preparing for Interstate Commerce: Innovative Approaches for States to Consider**

**Moderator:**

Matthew Lee, J.D., General Counsel, California Department of Cannabis Control

**Panelists:**

Kaliko Castille, Executive Director, Minority Cannabis Business Association

Geoffrey Lawrence, MA, Research Director and Director of Drug Policy, Reason Foundation

Robert Mikos, J.D. Professor of Law and LaRoche Family Chair in Law, Vanderbilt University

Adam Smith, J.D., Founder and President, Alliance for Sensible Markets

Toi Hutchinson, J.D., President and CEO, Marijuana Policy Project

**10:30 – 11:30 AM – PLENARY: Market Dynamics: Policies to Support Small Business and Craft Cannabis**

**Moderator:**

Axel Bernabe, J.D., Chief of Staff & Senior Policy Director, New York Office of Cannabis Management

**Panelists:**

Michael Cooper, J.D., Policy Co-Chair and Board Secretary, National Cannabis Industry Association

Ross Gordon, Founding Member, National Craft Cannabis Coalition

Cat Packer, J.D., Director of Drug Markets and Legal Regulation, Drug Policy Alliance

Amber Senter, Executive Director, Supernova Women

**11:30 – 12:30 PM – PLENARY: Approaches to Better Educate Consumers and Prevent Youth Access**

**Moderator:**

Lila McKinley, J.D., Legal Program Director, Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection

**Panelists:**

Jodeci Gonzalez, Executive Administrator, Minorities for Medical Marijuana (M4MM)

David Jernigan, PhD, Professor, Boston University

Jason Ortiz, Executive Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Lynn Silver, M.D., FAAP, MPH, Senior Advisor, Public Health Institute

**12:30-1:15 PM – Lunch**

**1:15-2:15 PM – Afternoon Breakouts**

**BREAKOUT 1: Updates to Federal and International Cannabis Policy**

**Moderator:**

Tyler Klimas, Executive Director, Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board & CANNRA President

**Panelists:**

Andrew Freedman, J.D., Executive Director, Coalition for Cannabis Policy, Education, and Regulation

Saphira Galoob, J.D., Executive Director, National Cannabis Roundtable

Toi Hutchinson, J.D., President and CEO, Marijuana Policy Project

Andrew Kline, J.D., MPA, Firmwide Co-Chair, Cannabis Industry Group, Perkins Coie

John Walsh, MA, Director for Drug Policy, Washington Office on Latin America

**BREAKOUT 2: Local Control and Impacts on Cannabis Policy Goals**

**Moderator:**

Brian Hanna, Executive Director, Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency

**Panelists:**

Brittany Carbone, Member, National Craft Cannabis Coalition

Garland Doyle, MPA, Chair, Municipal Cannabis Regulators Network/Cannabis Center for Municipalities, & City Clerk, City of Pontiac, MI

Sarah Dukett, MPA, Policy Advocate, Rural County Representatives of California

**2:15-3:15 PM – Afternoon Breakouts**

**BREAKOUT 1: Policies to Preserve and Enhance Medical Cannabis in the Wake of Changing Laws**

**Moderator:**

Michele Nakata, J.D., Chief, Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation, Hawaii Department of Health & CANNRA Board Member

**Panelists:**

Eric Foster, National Policy Director, Minorities for Medical Marijuana (M4MM)

Stephen Robinson, MD, MPH, President, Society of Cannabis Clinicians

Tanya Scott, DNP, RN, Board Member, American Cannabis Nurses Association

Steph Sherer, Founder and President, Americans for Safe Access

Jordan Tishler, MD, President and Founder, Association of Cannabinoid Specialists

**BREAKOUT 2: Using Data to Understand the Impacts of and Further Cannabis Policy**

**Moderator:**

Gillian Schauer, PhD, MPH, Executive Director, Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA)

**Panelists:**

Adam Crabtree, CEO, NCS Analytics

Brooke Hoots, PhD, MSPH, Lead, Cannabis Strategy Unit, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Mackenzie Slade, MPH, Director, Cannabis Public Policy Consulting

Beau Whitney, Founder, Whitney Economics

**3:30-4:30 PM – PLENARY: New Directions in Cannabis, Equity, and Social Justice**

**Moderator:**

Dominique Mendiola, J.D., Senior Director, Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division & CANNRA Board Member

**Panelists:**

Courtney Davis, Executive Director, Marijuana Matters  
Khurshid Khoja, J.D., Chair Emeritus and Policy Council Co-Chair, National Cannabis Industry Association  
Amber Littlejohn, J.D., Vice President, International Cannabis Bar Association  
Scheril Murray Powell, J.D., Chief Operating Officer, JUSTÜS Foundation  
Mary Jane Oatman, Founder and Director, Indigenous Cannabis Industry Association

**4:30 – 5:30 PM – PLENARY: CANNRA Regulators Panel: Regulatory Perspectives on the Meeting Topics**

**Moderator:**

Gillian Schauer, PhD, MPH, Executive Director, Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA)

**Panelists:**

Jeff Brown, Executive Director, New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission  
Kirsten Davis-Franklin, MA, Deputy, Policy & Legislation, Illinois Cannabis Regulation Oversight Office  
Rasha Salama, MA, Acting Director, California Department of Cannabis Control  
Will Tilburg, J.D., MPH, Director, Maryland Cannabis Administration & CANNRA Board Member  
Andrew Turnage, Executive Director, Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission & CANNRA Board Member

**Tuesday, June 27**

**8:30 - 9:30 AM – PLENARY: Standards for Cannabis: Novel Ideas to Improve Cannabis Product Safety**

**Moderator:**

Lori Dodson, MS, MT (ASCP), Senior Advisor, Maryland Cannabis Administration

**Panelists:**

Allison Baker, M.Sc, Coordinator, Standards and Official Methods, AOAC International  
Warren Merkel, Vice-President, Policy, ANSI National Accreditation Board/ANAB  
Amanda Cowley, J.D., General Counsel & SVP Legal, Strategy, & People, US Pharmacopeia  
David Vaillencourt, MS, Vice-Chair, ASTM International, D37 Committee on Cannabis

**9:30 - 10:30 AM – PLENARY: Ongoing Challenges with Cannabis Research: How Can Regulators Advance Science?**

**Moderator:**

Chris Tholkes, MPA, Director, Office of Medical Cannabis, Minnesota Department of Health & CANNRA Board Treasurer

**Panelists:**

Eric Goepel, Founder and CEO, Veterans Cannabis Coalition  
Myfanwy Graham, M.Pharm, Australian-American Fulbright Scholar, Medical Cannabis Public Health Policy, University of Southern California  
George Hodgins, MBA, Founder and CEO, Biopharmaceutical Research Company  
Susan Weiss, PhD, Director, Division of Extramural Research, National Institute on Drug Abuse

## **10:45 – 11:45 AM – Morning Breakouts**

### **BREAKOUT 1: Policies to Support the Transition of Legacy Operators and Consumers into the Regulated Marketplace**

#### **Moderator:**

Wesley McWhite, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission

#### **Panelists:**

Leo Bridgewater, Co-Founder, Service Disabled Veterans in Cannabis Association

Ivan Ferreira, Fellow, JUSTÜS Foundation

Chelsea Higgs Wise, MSW, Co-Founder, Marijuana Justice

Scheril Murray Powell, J.D., Chief Operating Officer, JUSTÜS Foundation

### **BREAKOUT 2: Advances in Detection of Cannabis-Impaired Driving**

#### **Moderator:**

James Pepper, Chair, Vermont Cannabis Control Board

#### **Panelists:**

Paul Armentano, Deputy Director, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML)

Jim Maisano, MS, Manager, Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and Partner to: National Alliance to Stop Impaired Driving

Robert Ritter, Director, Office of Impaired Driving and Occupant Protection, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Tory Spindle, PhD, Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins

## **11:45 – 12:45 PM – Lunch**

## **12:45 – 2:00 PM – PLENARY: Considerations in U.S. Federal & State Policy on Cannabinoid Hemp Products**

#### **Moderator:**

Gillian Schauer, PhD, MPH, Executive Director, Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA)

#### **Panelists:**

Norman Birenbaum, Senior Public Health Advisor, Food and Drug Administration

Michael Bronstein, J.D., Co-Founder and President, American Trade Association for Cannabis & Hemp

Daniel Fabricant, PhD, CEO and President, Natural Products Association

Khurshid Khoja, J.D., President Emeritus and Board Member, National Cannabis Industry Association

Michael McGuffin, President, American Herbal Products Association

Jonathan Miller, J.D., General Counsel, U.S. Hemp Roundtable

## **2:15-3:15 PM – Afternoon Breakouts**

### **BREAKOUT 1: Creative Approaches to Banking, Payments, and Access to Capital**

#### **Moderator:**

John Hudak, PhD, Director, Maine Office of Cannabis Policy

#### **Panelists:**

Paul Dunford, ACBP, CAMS, Co-Founder and Vice-President of Knowledge, Green Check Verified

Amber Milenkevich, Senior Legislative Director, National Association of Federally Insured Credit Unions

Ameya Pawar, MA, MS, MPA, Senior Advisor, Economic Securities Project

Maritza Perez Medina, Director, Office of Federal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance

Tanisha Robinson, Owner and Founder, Running Eagle, LTD

**BREAKOUT 2: Technology in Cannabis: What Does the Future Hold and What Are Policy Impacts?**

**Moderator:**

Adria Berry, J.D., Executive Director, Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority

**Panelists:**

Bryan Barash, J.D., Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and External Affairs, Dutchie

Ryan Smith, Executive Chairman, Leaflink

Imani Brown, PhD, Director, Social Equity Program, Los Angeles Department of Cannabis Regulation

David "Urban" Urbanowicz, Vice President of External Affairs & Business Development, Metrc

Jordan Wellington, J.D., Partner, VS Strategies

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Hannah Carty, MA, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Office of Cannabis Regulation

Steven Crowley, Hemp & Cannabinoid Coordinator, Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission

Justin Nordhorn, Director of Policy and External Affairs, Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

Amy Moore, J.D., Director, Cannabis Regulation, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

**4:30-4:45 PM – Closing Remarks**