



**Cannabis Regulators Association  
External Stakeholder Meeting**

*June 6&7, 2022*

*Hyatt Olive 8 Ballroom – 1635 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101*

**Agenda**

**Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

**8-8:30 AM: Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:30-9:00 AM: Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Gillian Schauer, PhD, Executive Director, Cannabis Regulators Association

Andrew Brisbo, President, Cannabis Regulators Association

Executive Director, Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency

**9:00-9:45 AM: An Overview of Federal Initiatives, Priorities, and Needs**

*Session Moderator:*

Nicole Elliott, Executive Director, California Department of Cannabis Control

*Panelists:*

Susan Weiss, PhD, Director of Extramural Research, NIDA

Brooke Hoots, PhD, Lead, Cannabis Strategy Unit, CDC

Elisabeth Kann, Assistant Administrator External Affairs and Chief of Staff,

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

**9:45-10:45 AM: Federal cannabis policy: Coalition views on state and federal roles in a future national marketplace**

*Session Moderator:*

Andrew Brisbo, Executive Director, Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency

*Panelists:*

Sarah Chase, Executive Director, Council for Federal Cannabis Regulation

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

Saphira Galoob, Executive Director, National Cannabis Roundtable

Steven Hawkins, President and CEO, U.S. Cannabis Council

**10:45-11:00 AM: Mid-morning break**

**11:00-12:00 PM: Interstate Commerce: Impacts on markets, licensing, and consumer safety**

*Session Moderator:*

William Tilburg, Executive Director, Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission

*Panelists:*

Michael Cooper, Co-Chair, Policy Committee, National Cannabis Industry Association

Andrew Kline, Senior Counsel, Perkins Coie

Pete Meachum, President, U.S. Hemp Roundtable

Adam Orens, Managing Director, MPG

Steph Sherer, Founder and President, Americans for Safe Access

**12:00-12:45 PM: Tax, price, and illicit market: Lessons learned and future directions**

*Session Moderator:*

Steve Marks, Executive Director, Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission

*Panelists:*

Karen Gardner, Chief Marketing Officer, SICPA North America

Beau Kilmer, PhD, Drug Policy Research Center, RAND

Beau Whitney, Founder and Chief Economist, Whitney Economics

**12:45-1:30 PM: Lunch and Networking Break**

**1:30-3:00 PM: Social and Economic Equity & Social Justice: Challenges, Opportunities, and a Reality Check.**

*Session Moderator:*

Eugene Hillsman, PhD, Deputy Director, Equity & Inclusion, California Dept. of Cannabis Control

- **1:30-2:30 - Achieving Social and Economic Equity in the Industry: Where are we now and where do we need to be?**

*Panelists:*

Tahir Johnson, Director, Social Equity & Inclusion, U.S. Cannabis Council

Khurshid Khoja, Chair Emeritus, National Cannabis Industry Association

Amber Littlejohn, Executive Director, Minority Cannabis Business Association

Shanita Penny, Senior Advisor, Coalition for Cannabis Policy, Education, and Regulation

Amber Senter, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Supernova Women

- **2:30-3:00 - Social Justice: Following through on legalization's promise**

*Panelists:*

David Crawford, Senior Program Manager, Code for America

Steve DeAngelo, Founder, Last Prisoner Project

**3:00-3:15 PM: Afternoon break**

**3:15-4:15 PM: Preventing Youth Access, Promoting Consumer Safety, & Protecting Public Health in State Markets**

*Session Moderator:*

Chris Tholkes, Director, Minnesota Office of Medical Cannabis

*Panelists:*

Darrin Grondel, EdD, Vice President of Traffic Safety & Government Relations, Responsibility.org

Steven Mandernach, Executive Director, Association of Food and Drug Officials

Katie Mueller, Senior Program Manager, National Safety Council

Barbara Schillo, PhD, Senior Vice President, Truth Initiative

Lynn Silver, MD, Senior Advisor, Public Health Institute

**4:15-5:00 PM: How Data and Technology can help future policy making: Public Health, Regulatory, and Industry Data Sources**

*Session Moderator:*

Erik Gundersen, Executive Director, Maine Office of Cannabis Policy

*Panelists:*

Adam Crabtree, Founder and CEO, NCS Analytics

Julia Dilley, PhD, Co-Chair, Cannabis Subcommittee, Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists; Epidemiologist, Multnomah County Health Department

Michael Sofis, PhD, Director of Research, Cannabis Public Policy Consulting

Elle Wadsworth, PhD, Fellow, University of Waterloo

**5PM - Adjourn, Dinner on your own**

**Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**8-8:30 AM: Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:30-8:45 AM: Welcome, Brief Day 1 recap, Day 2 preview**

**8:45-10:00 AM: Hemp: Emergence and Proliferation of Novel Cannabinoids – regulatory, health, and market implications**

*Session Moderator:*

Gillian Schauer, PhD, Executive Director, Cannabis Regulators Association

*Panelists:*

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

Kay Doyle, Director, U.S. Public Policy & Public Affairs, Jazz Pharmaceuticals

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

Andrew Goff, Cannabis Law Deskbook Author, Attorney General Alliance;

Deputy Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Doris Hamilton, Lead, State Hemp Regulators group; Hemp Program Manager, Kentucky

Department of Agriculture

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

**10:00-10:15 AM: Mid-morning break**

**10:15-11:15 AM: Standards in Cannabis Regulation: Updates on efforts to establish common standards, challenges to the work, and ways state and federal officials can help**

*Session Moderator:*

Dominique Mendiola, Senior Director, Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division

*Panelists:*

Scott Coates, Senior Director, AOAC Research Institute

Matthew D. Curran, PhD, Board of Directors, National Conference on Weights and Measures

Nandu Sarma, RPh, PhD, Director, Dietary Supplements and Herbal Medicines, US Pharmacopeia

David Vaillencourt, Vice-Chair, ASTM D37 Committee

**11:15-12:00 PM: Regulatory Service Providers: Seed to sale and track and trace systems – Lessons learned and pathways forward**

*Session Moderator:*

Tyler Klimas, Executive Director, Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board

*Panelists:*

Moe Afaneh, PharmD, Chief Operating Officer, BioTrack, Forian

Lewis Koski, PhD, Chief Strategy Officer, METRC

Ray Thompson, President and Chief Operating Officer, Akerna

**12:00-12:45 PM: Lunch and Networking**

**12:45-1:15 PM: Regulatory Service Providers: Technology Advances in Licensing and Registration systems**

*Session Moderator:*

Tyler Klimas, Executive Director, Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board

*Panelists:*

John Barnes, Vice President, Government Relations, Veritec

Bonnie Campo, Vice President of Alliances, Thentia Cloud

Alex Valvassori, General Manager, Tyler Technologies

**1:15-2:15 PM: National B2B and B2C Cannabis Commerce: From Data to Delivery**

*Session Moderator:*

Shawn Collins, Executive Director, Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission

*Panelists:*

Michael Block, Director of Public Policy, Leaflink

Kimberly Boler, General Counsel, Leafly

Bridget Hennessey, Vice President, Public Affairs, Weedmaps

Katie Neer, General Counsel, Lantern

Erica Woods, Director, Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs, Dutchie

**2:15-3:15 PM: A Regulator's Perspective – State regulatory alignment, differences, and challenges**

*Session Moderator:*

Gillian Schauer, PhD, Executive Director, Cannabis Regulators Association

*Panelists:*

Andrew Brisbo, Executive Director, Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency

Chris Ferguson, Director, Florida Office of Medical Marijuana Use

Rick Garza, Executive Director, Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

Lila McKinley, Supervising Staff Attorney, Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection

Michele Nakata, Chief, Hawaii Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation

**3:15-3:30 PM: Meeting wrap up, next steps, and adjourn**

Andrew Brisbo, President, Cannabis Regulators Association

Executive Director, Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency

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