

MEETING MINUTES
INDEPENDENT LABORATORY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
April 6, 2016

The Independent Laboratory Advisory Committee held a public meeting on April 6, 2016, beginning at 2:10 p.m. at the following locations:

VIDEO-CONFERENCE SITE:
Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way, Room 303
Carson City, NV 89701

VIDEO-CONFERENCE SITE:
Rawson-Neal Psychiatric Hospital
1650 Community College Dr., Room B-193
Las Vegas, NV 89146

1. Call to order; determination of quorum

ILAC Chairperson Ed Alexander called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Present: Ed Alexander, Savino Sguera, Chao-Hsiung Tung, Dr. Sue Sisely, Jason Sturtsman

Teleconference: Glenn Miller and Matt Haskin

Absent: David Luttrull

2. Public Comment (No action may be taken on this item of the agenda.)

Public comment was taken (none)

3. Approval of minutes

February 3, 2016 ILAC meeting.

Committee Comments:

There were none.

Motion: Savino Sguera to approve October meeting minutes. Second by Chao-Hsiung Tung. Unanimous.

4. Election of ILAC Chair and Vice Chair.

Motion: Jason Sturtsman nominated Ed Alexander for Chair. Second by Chao-Hsiung Tung.

Motion: Dr. Sue Sisley nominated Savino Sguera for Vice Chair. Second by Ed Alexander.

Ed Alexander requested a vote to approve proposed nominations of Ed Alexander for Chair and Savino Sguera for Vice Chair. Results were unanimous to elect Ed Alexander as Chair and Savino Sguera as Vice Chair.

5. Discussion and recommendation concerning cannabinoid and terpenoid potency testing and labelling.

Public Comments:

There was none.

Committee Comments:

Savino Sguera suggested the idea of setting up round robin testing throughout the state to ensure that the cannabinoid and terpenoid potency testing and labelling policy was being properly adhered to.

Public Comments:

Public comment was taken.

Ed Alexander redirected the meeting back on topic. He stated policy #MME02 Cannabinoid and Terpenoid Testing, provides a list of cannabinoids and terpenoids to be identified by the laboratories to satisfy labeling requirements and

provide results to patients. Industry feedback indicates that some labs may not be following this policy consistently, and to ensure that Nevada testing is uncompromised, members of the industry should speak up if there are concerns. Proficiency testing is required annually.

Ed Alexander stated in his personal experience as a patient, he has seen inconsistency and variability among product labels in northern and southern Nevada.

Savino Sguera agreed with Ed's comments and added that he has seen technical violations.

6. Discussion and recommendation concerning standardization on reporting THC results based on “dry weight” vs. “as received.”

Ed Alexander stated that this topic, previously addressed, needs additional discussion.

During public comment Ed Alexander questioned whether moisture contents are being reported. He suggested adding moisture information to the labels. Patient education on this topic is important, too.

Savino Sguera stated he does not believe moisture information is currently required on the labels but possibly could be added to the policy.

Jason Sturtsman stated that patients can request the test results which include the moisture content.

Savino Sguera stated the trend seems to be dry weight in Nevada and in other states. Importantly, everyone needs to be on the same page.

Jason Sturtsman, Dr. Sue Sisley, and Chao-Hsiung Tung agreed.

Chad Westom informed that previously ILAC recommended "as received." He invited recommendations from ILAC and will speak with Legislative Counsel Bureau.

7. **Public comment – No action may be taken on this item of the agenda.**

Public comment was taken.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.