

MEETING MINUTES

INDEPENDENT LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Independent Laboratory Advisory Committee held a public meeting on August 3, 2016, beginning at 2:00 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, Chao-Hsiung Tung
Teleconference: Sue Sisley, Savino Sguera, Glenn Miller
Absent: Jason Sturtsman, David Luttrull

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

No comments.

3. Approval of minutes

July 6, 2016 ILAC meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.
Motion by Sguera to approve meeting minutes. Second by Sisley. Unanimous.

4. Report from Division on ILAC July 6, 2016 agenda item concerning laboratory testing of patient grown marijuana, and testability and tolerance levels of growth regulators and herbicides.

Jeff Hansen stated that based on committee member discussion and public comments during the July 2016 meeting, the division requested legal advice from the attorney general's office concerning patients having their home-grown marijuana tested. Nevada law requires that labs test marijuana that is "sold" or "will be sold" in this state, and there does not appear to be a prohibition precluding the testing of marijuana on behalf of patients that patients have grown or purchased themselves. The Division has determined there is no specific limitation that labs may only test product for other establishments, however, labs must comply with all current regulations regardless of the source of the marijuana. Additionally, there is a provision under the proposed regulations that allows for R&D testing. The Attorney General's opinion is this would allow for patients to limit the number of tests they could request to have done by the labs.

Committee Comments:

Tung asked about patients' marijuana that fails laboratory tests, and whether labs would submit results to the state.

5. Discussion and recommendation on round robin evaluations of independent testing laboratories.

Steve Gilbert provided an overview of the proposed procedure for round robin testing provided by the Nevada Cannabis Laboratory Association (NVCLA).

Committee Comments:

Alexander agrees with the recommendations from Department of Agriculture and would also like to see the addition of a secondary test 5-7 days later using a singular standard supplied by the department of Agriculture that would assess any deviations from all the different standards being used by the different testing lab.

Tung agrees with the recommendations from the Department of Agriculture, as long as they will shoulder the burden of prepping and compiling data.
Sguera and Sisley concurs with Tung.

Tung suggested that after the first round of testing, another round of tests be run using the same standard.

Alexander agreed with Tung.

Miller and Gilbert discussed how the data would be used and documented.

Sharryn Cohen, chemist with The Department of Agriculture, stated when this is complete, we will have some the characterized strains that could be used in the laboratories as good tool for quality control.

Miller inquired whether anyone has studied the stability of cannabinoids over the course of time. Cohen is unaware of this type of testing but has information from NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse) that would be useful for comparison.

Alexander clarified the information will be submitted to the Department of Agriculture for processing.

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

Lynn Hettrick said the purpose of round robin testing is not to accuse anyone but to determine whether the standards are making a difference.

Alexander would like to see the addition of a second test with additional language.

Miller requested having the protocol provided in a written form including who will be allowed access to see the results. Alexander reminded him the protocol was in written form as provided by the NVCLA as part of the handouts for today's meeting

Motion:

***Alexander moved** to approve the NVCLA round robin recommendation, amended to include a second test with a Department of Agriculture-supplied standard; that all of the data collected would be run through the Department of Agriculture; that identification of specific labs we would be redacted prior to that information being made public in an unidentified format. Second by Sguera. Unanimous.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

*This section may appear to be out of sequence, but it is sequentially correct.