

MEETING MINUTES

INDEPENDENT LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Independent Laboratory Advisory Committee held a public meeting on October 5, 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 2:20 p.m.

Present: Ed Alexander, Savino Sguera, Jason Sturtsman, Chao-Hsiung Tung, Sue Sisley

Teleconference: N/A

Absent: Matt Haskin and Glenn Miller

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

Public comment was taken.

At 2:27p.m., Dr. Sue Sisley called in and informed would be arriving soon.

3. Approval of minutes

August 3, 2016 ILAC meeting minutes.

Chao-Tung stated, Ed Alexander's motion under agenda item #6, actually pertains to agenda item #5. He requested to have the motion moved. Alexander provided reasoning for the motions placement, stating it had physically occurred while the meeting was in agenda item #6, even though it pertains to item #5. He requested, for clarification, that a note be added under agenda item #5.

Motion by Sguera to approve meeting minutes as amended. Second by Tung. Unanimous.

4. Discussion and possible recommendation concerning ingredient disclosures of products purchased for use by cultivation and production facilities, in addition to the requirements of NAC 453A.414 and NAC 453A.470.

Committee Comments:

Alexander opened by suggesting a State of Nevada-written letter to require nutrient manufacturers to disclose ingredients of their products. If manufacturers choose not to disclose, that nutrient line would be subject to disallowance by the state. Sturtsman questioned whether this would require legislative action.

Sguera stated most manufactures label the ingredients. Alexander stated that often, there are more ingredients that are not listed.

Sguera volunteered to draft a letter and submit to the state for approval.

Alexander questioned the division if the letter is something they would be able to support.

Steve Gilbert stated the division will take the recommendation and investigate whether there is regulatory authority for this.

Lynn Hettrick, Department of Agriculture, stated that if the products in question are nutrients registered with the Department of Agriculture, the manufacturers would already be in violation if the ingredients are not disclosed. Consequences for violations include significant penalties, added Hettrick. Growers are free to send samples of suspicious products to the Department of Agriculture for analysis.

Tung requested clarification for products with negative results. Hettrick clarified the issue only arises when amounts and types of results are at concerning levels.

Savino stated he believes before moving forward, clarification should be given as to what exactly will be looked for in those products. Alexander agreed, does not feel any motions are necessary at this time, and suggested hearing from cultivators and the public.

Savino reminded all that Hettrick stated it already required for manufacturers to disclose ingredients. He then quoted NAC. The issue is the companies selling the fertilizers are not disclosing all ingredients.

Alexander suggested this agenda item because he personally is experiencing issues with manufacturers not cooperating and proving the full list of ingredients. With the help from the state in the form of a letter, perhaps cultivators would be able to obtain the ingredient lists.

5. Update from the Division and the Department of Agriculture on round robin evaluations of independent testing laboratories, with limitations of NRS 453A.700.

Committee Comments:

Hettrick announced that Sharryn Cohen, Department of Agriculture and test coordinator, could not be present today due to a religious holiday. He has a preliminary report for distribution which maintains confidentiality of all labs. He reminded that this testing was conducted toward finding a way to make testing more consistent.

Alexander ensured that ILAC board members videoconferencing from Las Vegas had copies of the report. Alexander called for a 10 minute recesses to review the report.

Alexander called to return to order.

Hettrick provided a brief overview of the preliminary report. He said that Cohen was confident that she was able to identify people who misread or misinterpreted the correct peak and felt there could had been deviations from the way the pipettes were used.

Hettrick suggested that for the second round of testing, everyone including the Department of Agriculture, use the same standards used on the first test to eliminate standards as a source of a problem. Standard deviation will help determine what is will be an allowable deviation, and what is expected in that tolerance. The Department of Agriculture, after the second round of testing is complete, will establish a standard and assist in reading the result more accurately.

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

There were no public comments.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.