1. Working group name:

*Consumer Safety, Education and Health*

1. Individual sponsor(s):

*Dr. Joe Hardy, Nevada Senate*

*Dr. Joe Iser, Chief Health Officer, Southern Nevada Health District*

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1. Describe the recommendation:

*There are a variety of medical and clinical issues that health providers need to understand that are related to the implementation of the recreational marijuana program. In addition, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health needs to review many of these to provide programs as needed by health professionals.*

*Some of these issues include the following:*

***A) Treatment Programs***

***T****reatment programs for individuals needing substance abuse treatment will need to be assessed to ensure they will meet the needs of the State once recreational marijuana begins being sold. Marijuana, in some research, has been shown to be an effective adjunctive treatment for opioid treatment. There needs to be a routinely updated list on the internet of providers who can recommend medical marijuana and counseling, addiction specialists, and referrals to treatment programs. DPBH and the other health authorities should develop public workshops for the general public with an emphasis for the non-user.*

***B) Poison Control Centers***

*Poison control centers will need to be made aware of intoxication issues and where professional expertise is available in various parts of the State. \*\*Currently, the poison control center hotline is maintained by a private, out of state entity. It should be anticipated that the State costs for maintaining the call center will increase at least in the next year with an anticipated increase in call volume.*

***C) Routine Medical Check-ups***

*Medical providers will need to consider incorporating THC levels into routine patient blood work for chronic users (this will help obtain data as well as have people begin to understand their own body’s metabolism of THC).*

***D) Website for Treatment and Outcomes***

*The State should create a website as an information repository with appropriate links to research articles and relevant links to health, treatment, and outcomes.*

*These are a sampling of medical and clinical issues. We recommend that the professional societies work to address these within their respective memberships and professions. Some of these are issues that CME and other professional education should consider going forward.*

1. Which guiding principle(s) does this recommendation support?

*Guiding Principle 1 - Promote the health, safety, and well-being of Nevada’s communities*

*Guiding Principle 2 - Be responsive to the needs and issues of consumers, non-consumers, local governments and the industry*

*Guiding Principle 3 - Ensure the youth are protected from the risks associated with marijuana, including preventing the diversion of marijuana to anyone under the age of 21*

1. What provision(s) of Question 2 does this recommendation apply to?

*Section 5. Powers and duties of the Department.*

1. What issue(s) does the recommendation resolve?

*Health and safety of consumers, medical professional education for healthcare providers, issues that need to be considered for healthcare providers.*

1. Was there dissent in the group regarding this recommendation? If yes, please provide a summary of the dissenting opinion regarding the recommendation.

*No dissent.*

1. What action(s) will be necessary to adopt the recommendation? Will statute, policy, regulations, etc. need to be addressed?

*Not applicable.*

1. Additional information (cost of implementation, priority according to the recommendations, etc).

*There should be an anticipated increase in cost to the State due to the anticipated increase in call volume to poison control centers (as seen in Colorado).*

*These primarily are issues that both healthcare providers and public health authorities need to consider.*