

**Cannabis State Legalization Task Force**  
**March 14, 2018 –Meeting Minutes**  
**Year III Schedule and Compassion Programs**  
**25 Van Ness Avenue, Room 610, San Francisco, CA 94102 | 1PM – 4PM**

**Task Force Proposed Goal**

In Year III the Task Force will develop recommendations to inform local regulations, particularly in Local Ordinance policy areas that could benefit from further development and assessment.

**Meeting Objectives**

- Approve Year III Workplan
- Discuss Compassion Programs and develop recommendations

Meeting start time: 1:10pm

**1. Welcome, Agenda Review and Announcements**

- Jennifer Garcia, Task Force Co-Chair, Seat 20, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.
- Michelle Magee, consultant, oriented Task Force members to meeting materials.

**2. Year III Workplan**

- Michelle Magee, consultant, provided an overview of consensus decision making and the Ad Hoc Committee guidelines. She read the list of Task Force members that had signed up for the Youth Ad Hoc Committee and Taxation Ad Hoc Committee.
- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, reviewed Year III Workplan with Task Force members
- **CONSENSUS:** Task Force members approved the Year III Workplan.

**3. Spotlight Panel**

- Jennifer Garcia, Task Force Co-Chair, Seat 20, introduced spotlight panelists Ryan Miller, Operation EVAC; Sara Payan, Task Force Co-Chair, Seat 12, and Public Education Officer for The Apothecarium; Valerie Corral, founder and director of WAMM; Joe Ferroni, founder and director of Sweet Leaf Collective; and Anne Kelson, cannabis lawyer. Spotlight panelists provided brief presentations related to compassion programs.

**4. Compassion Program Recommendations**

Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, instructed Task Force Members to work in small groups to draft Compassion Program Recommendations.

## 5. Public Comment

- Anthony John Martinelli stated that he has used medical cannabis all his life and legally since 1998. He has been involved in compassion program as a participant and has contributed to the community as a compassion baker. Since January he has had to back off because he does not want to go to jail. He has made over 40,000 brownies in the last 15 years and now needs to stop until the rules get fixed, which he said was a shame. He stated that money is the issue because there is so much money to be made from adult use taxes. He asserted that a portion of tax revenue should be set aside for compassionate use.
- Shona, Axis of Love, has worked on compassion program for 17 years. She noted a few things were not brought up previously: first, the business and professional code in prop 64 allows for local governments to immediately issue temporary permits to groups primarily serving low income patients. She stated that it was voted in by the state voters and needs to be used, though one problem is it specifies only nonprofit organizations are eligible. Given the federal climate, these groups cannot obtain nonprofit status; therefore the regulations should be broadened to include not for profit entities without nonprofit status. She described work with Supervisor Sheehy to get small amendments approved: the ability for retailers to continue their compassion programs if they choose, though many are choosing not to because of tax barriers, and the ability for manufacturers to run their own compassion programs. She stated that the big barrier is taxation. She stated that they passed a nonbinding resolution with the following components: 1) In regards to the quality of medicine, compassion programs need a high grade of cannabis; and 2) Programs should be able to keep receipts, as there are cases in which they may obtain MediCal discounts. She also noted a recommendation from the former Task Force for a collective garden process and low income cultivation seeder.
- Kendra Saeger, stated that on January 9<sup>th</sup> she had major heart attack and died, and was resuscitated at the hospital and supported with medical cannabis. She stated that she is a mental patient on disability, and \$500 of her \$900 monthly income pays rent, \$300 is spent on medicinal cannabis, which leaves \$200 for her to live on for a month. She stated that she has had 6 more major heart attacks, and was prescribed a medication that gave her high blood pressure and causes her to gain weight. She stated that she takes medical marijuana to help her heart and to live, and she cannot afford \$20 a gram.
- Denise Dory stated that cannabis is regulated far more than guns and that the laws are predatory and exemplify the predatory behavior of oligarchs. She stated that even calling it recreational cannabis is a joke and that her

father was shot in the back by Oakland police in the drug war. She does not want to be discarded. She has four catastrophic illnesses from a tick bite, and pays for all of her own doctor appointments. She stated that the health care system is predatory and that Shonda is all she has. Her dream in life is to grow plant gardens for patients.

**6. Wrap-Up and Next Steps**

- Michelle Magee, consultant, thanked everyone for coming and reminded the Task Force that the next meeting is on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the War Memorial Building.

Meeting end time: 4:00pm

**Meeting Materials**

- Agenda
- Issue Briefing Document
- Year III Workplan

**Upcoming Task Force Meeting**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
April 11, 2018	1PM – 4PM	Suite 125 War Memorial Building

**Members Present**

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| Tomas Aragon                                 | Barbara Fugate      |
| Marifi Esteves Reis                          | Tom McElroy         |
| Maggie Weiland                               | Laura Thomas        |
| Kasey O’Connor                               | Terrance Alan       |
| Rosalía Lopez (alternate for Erica Lingrell) | Jennifer Garcia     |
|  | Sarah Shrader       |
| Jesse Stout                                  | Kai Keli’iho’omalua |
| Erich Pearson                                |                     |
| Sara Payan                                   |                     |
| Duncan Talento Ley                           |                     |
| Thea Selby                                   |                     |