

URGENT: Tell These Senators to Vote NO

Stephen Reid <[REDACTED]>

Fri, 10/11/2013 4:09 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Dear Supporter:

The bill to legalize commercial marijuana in New Jersey is imminent. The Senate committee is going to move on this bill any day... **WE MUST TAKE ACTION.**

There are a handful of Senators on the committee that are still on the fence and they need to hear from you that legalizing marijuana in New Jersey would be disastrous. Follow the steps below to make sure your voice is heard above smokescreen from the marijuana industry.

Step 1: **CALL these MUST-WIN offices** (see talking points below):

Senator Nia Gill: (973) 509-0388
Senator Nellie Pou: (973) 247-1555
Senator Paul Sarlo: (201) 804-8118
Senator Brian Stack: (201) 721-5263

Step 2: **CALL these supporters** and ask them to call these four offices. Go to **www.NJ-RAMP.org/calls** to find the list of people and phone numbers you need call!
Tell them:

- **Do NOT legalize pot in New Jersey.** The bill under consideration is a disaster: it would allow for 99% THC pot edibles, candies, dabs, "consumption rooms," delivery services, and Big Pot - hurting families, kids, communities, drivers, and businesses.
- **In states that have already legalized** the drug, there has been an increase in drugged driving crashes and youth marijuana use.
- **Since Colorado legalized marijuana,** first time youth pot use by youth is now #1 in the nation and more than 50% higher than the national average.
- **More minority kids** are being arrested for pot in CO than before legalization.
- **Please oppose the legalization** of recreational marijuana in New Jersey. Don't let Big Marijuana profit at the expense of our communities and families.

Marijuana legalization is not inevitable, but it will take a group effort to protect public health, safety, and commonsense. Please call these senators and other supporters as soon as possible.

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If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Reid,
Executive Director for NJ-RAMP at
info@learnaboutsam.org

www.njramp.org

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Problems with Marijuana/Sponsored Forum-Registration

Janet Mutter

Thu, 9/20/2013 2:02 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Cc: Christine Riehl <Criehl@pointbeach.org>; Patricia Kile <pkile@pointbeach.org>;

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September 14, 2018

Mayor Stephen Reid
416 New Jersey Avenue
Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

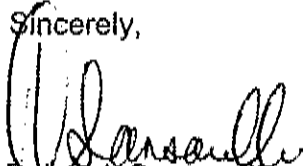
Dear Mayor Reid:

I believe you will find of interest the enclosed brochure and flyer for Problems with Marijuana, a timely forum about problems associated with marijuana use, especially by young adults. The forum will take place at Rutgers University Conference Center in New Brunswick on Saturday, October 6. Keynote speaker, Theodore A. Petti, M.D., a nationally recognized expert on the subject and Professor of Psychiatry at Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, will be speaking about the implications of marijuana legalization for youth.

Other speakers include psychiatrists who will present cases involving patients whose lives were disrupted by the drug, and two mothers representing internationally renowned websites promoting marijuana education will offer their perspectives. Also speaking will be a drug-free teenager managing a world where marijuana use by her peers is common, and we will hear from another young person in recovery.

If you would like to attend, we recommend registering in advance as early as possible since we do expect that the forum will be fully attended. If you have any questions about the forum, please feel free to email or call me any time.

Sincerely,



Debra J. Sansanelli
Executive Director

Enclosure

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Marijuana Use

AN ACO SPONSORED FORUM

PROBLEMS WITH MARIJUANA



It's time to get the facts.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Theodore A. Petti, M.D., M.P.H.

President, American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018 — 3:00PM TO 6:00PM

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE CENTER: 178 RYDERS LANE, NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ

\$50 per attendee

\$15 for students

(full-time students under age 30 with valid student ID)

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 The
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Saturday, October 6, 2018 — 3:00pm to 6:00pm — New Brunswick, NJ



PROBLEMS WITH MARIJUANA

Rutgers University Conference Center
178 Ryders Lane — New Brunswick, NJ

DESCRIPTION

It's time to get the facts.

As doctors working in the trenches with drug addiction, we feel it is crucial to tackle the abundance of misinformation about marijuana and marijuana use by young adults. This forum features a nationally recognized expert with many years of research experience who has consulted with the New Jersey legislature on the subject. Two mothers representing internationally renowned websites promoting marijuana education will offer their perspectives on marijuana use by young people. A selection of therapists will present cases involving individuals whose lives were disrupted by this drug. We also have a rare opportunity to hear how one drug-free teenager manages a world where marijuana use by her peers in and outside of school is common; and from another young person willing to share details about her recovery from substance abuse.

A question-and-answer section allowing our audience to interact with all of our presenters concludes our program.

SCHEDULE

2:30PM

Registration

3:00PM

Welcome and Introduction

Peter A. Crist, M.D.

Keynote Address

**Implications of Marijuana
Legalization for Youth**

*Theodore Petti, M.D. reviews ramifications of
medical and recreational legalization for
the healthy development of youth.*

**The Mental Health Harms, Suicide
and Psychosis Risk of Cannabis**

Kim Hartke, Moms Strong

**Unexpected Victims of Marijuana
Legislation: The Children**

Julie Schauer, Parents Opposed to Pot

Parents Matter: Five Brief Cases

*Dee Apple, Ph.D. describes the essential role of
parents in the prognosis and successful treatment
of five adolescent marijuana abusers.*

Who Knew? A Brief Case

*Dale Rosin, D.O. gives a psychotherapy case study
that shows how simple education about the effects
of marijuana in a therapeutic context can lead to
cessation and subsequent life improvement.*

Saying No: Three Brief Cases

Edward Chastka, M.D.

Wasted Youth

*After years of smoking Cannabis daily and
going nowhere a young woman quits weed to
pursue success and happiness.*

Too Much is Not Enough

*Heavy abuse of THC blinds a young man
to its effects.*

There is No Safe Dose

*A patient shows a marked effect from
a single use of marijuana.*

Voices of Youth

*Audrey Hunsbedt: A drug-free teen in a drug using culture
Kristin Kennard: A young person in recovery*

Summary

Dee Apple, Ph.D.

Panel and Discussion

*Drs. Petti, Apple, Chastka, Crist, Rosin, Ms. Schauer,
Ms. Hartke, Audrey Hunsbedt and Kristin Kennard*



KEYNOTE

Theodore A. Petti, M.D., M.P.H.
Implications of Marijuana Legalization for Youth

Dr. Petti received his Medical Degree from Case-Western Reserve University, completed a pediatric internship at Akron Children's Hospital, and trained in general psychiatry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has provided care in a broad

range of mental health services to youngsters and their families throughout his career. He is Professor of Psychiatry at Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, serves as Consulting Editor of Child Psychiatry Alerts, as a peer reviewer for several journals, and has been a member of New Jersey advisory and advocacy groups. Dr. Petti is President of the American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry (ASAP). He has spoken nationally and internationally on issues related to cannabis in adolescents and emerging adults.



INTRODUCTION

Peter A. Crist, M.D.

Dr. Crist is a Fellow and President of the American College of Orgonomy (ACO) and chairman of its Board of Regents. He is on the faculty of the ACO medical and social orgonomy training programs. Board certified in psychiatry, internal medicine, and medical orgonomy, he is in private practice near

Ringoes, NJ where he treats infants, children, adults, couples, and families. He also manages ergonexus LLC a functional business consulting practice.

Kimberly Hartke

The Mental Health Harms, Suicide and Psychosis Risk of Cannabis

Ms. Hartke is the publicist for MomsStrong.org, a website launched by two moms who lost their sons to cannabis-related suicide. She holds a BS of Business Administration from the University of Richmond.



Julie Schauer

Unexpected Victims of Marijuana Legislation: The Children

Ms. Schauer is the Founder of Parents Opposed to Pot, a non-profit, and currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer. She won an award from the Drug Free America Foundation in 2016 for her efforts to protect America's children from drugs. She holds a BA from Northwestern University and MA from University of Virginia.



Dee Apple, Ph.D.

Parents Matter: Five Brief Cases

Dr. Apple is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Princeton, NJ, director of psychological services at the Lawrenceville School, and consulting psychologist at the office for disability services at Princeton University. He is a Clinical Associate of the ACO, on the faculty of the ACO's social orgonomy training program, and a member of the ACO's Board of Regents.



Dale Rosin, D.O.

Who Knew? A Brief Case

Dr. Rosin is board certified in psychiatry and medical orgonomy and maintains private practices in Somerville, NJ, and in Hellertown, PA, where he treats children, adolescents and adults. Dr. Rosin is a Clinical Associate of the ACO, a Member of the ACO's Board of Regents, and coordinator of the ACO Clinical Case Presentation Series.

Edward Chastka, M.D.

Saying No: Three Brief Cases

Dr. Chastka is board certified in psychiatry and is a consultant to the Caron Foundation, a drug and alcohol treatment center in Wernersville, PA, where he has treated adults and adolescents with drug and alcohol addictions for the past 18 years. He has a private practice in psychiatry and medical orgonomy in

Wyomissing, PA and is a Clinical Associate of the ACO and coordinator of the ACO Sociopolitical Orgonomy Course.

REGISTRATION

PROBLEMS WITH MARIJUANA: An ACO Sponsored Forum

\$50 PER ATTENDEE

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*(full-time students under age
30 with valid student ID)*

Forum Date: Saturday, October 6, 2018 — 3:00pm to 6:00pm

Forum Location: Rutgers University Conference Center

178 Ryders Lane — New Brunswick, NJ

TO REGISTER FOR THE FORUM:

Call 732.821.1144 or visit www.orgonomy.org

or

Complete registration form below and mail with payment to:

The American College of Orgonomy — P.O. Box 490 — Princeton, New Jersey 08542

QUESTIONS: Phone: 732.821.1144 — Email: aco@orgonomy.org — Website: www.orgonomy.org

☐ **Yes!** I would like to attend **PROBLEMS WITH MARIJUANA: An ACO Sponsored Forum**

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WNYC Radio

Patricia Kile

Thu, 11/15/2018 12:34 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Mayor,
Sam Anderson of WNYC Radio would like to speak with you for a radio program regarding the ban on marijuana.
He can be reached at [REDACTED] or sanderson@wnyc.org
Thank you,
Patty

Patricia Kile
Municipality of Point Pleasant Beach
116 New Jersey Avenue
Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742
32-892-8345
kile@pointbeach.org

THIS IS NOT A DRILL: Marijuana legalization bill to be voted on Monday

Stephen Reid <[REDACTED]>

Tue 11/20/2018 10:34 AM

Re: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

DON'T LET NEW JERSEY GO TO POT

Dear friend,

This is not a drill.

The day we have been anxiously awaiting for is upon us. On Monday, November 26th, the New Jersey State Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee will hold a joint meeting with the Assembly Appropriations Committee to hold a hearing on the bill to legalize recreational marijuana in the state.

It is absolutely imperative that any and everyone who is able to speak out against this potentially disastrous bill comes to this hearing, being held at 9:00 AM, Monday, November 26th, and engages these members on why legalizing marijuana is a terrible decision.

This could be our last opportunity to educate these committees on why bringing such a reckless proposal to New Jersey is not in the best interest of the Garden State.

This hearing is, for all intents and purposes, what is known as a "fast track" hearing as the bill could be voted out of committee

and then be voted on for final passage by both houses of the legislature the same day.

This is not a call to lobby! It is a chance to educate and engage those members of the Senate who will vote on this issue. If you can make it to the hearing, please sign in on the sign-up sheet to be able to speak your opposition.

Thank you for all that you have done to protect our state and the future of our youth.

Best,

Stephen Reid

"Fast Track" Committee hearing to be held at the following date and time:

**Monday, November 26th, 2018
9:00 AM EDT**

**Committee Room Four
New Jersey State House Annex
131 W State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608**

www.njramp.org

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Article

Bill <[REDACTED]>

Mon 11/26/2018 8:24 AM

To: Steve Reid <[REDACTED]>; Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Steve,

Excellent article last week on marijuana.

Bill Reilly

FW: Legalize Marijuana VOTE to Defeat GOP Alcoholic Nazi Thugs

Eileen Farrell

Mon 11/26/2018 2:52 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Cc: Christine Riehl <Criehl@pointbeach.org>; Patricia Kile <pkile@pointbeach.org>;

-----Original Message-----

From: info@learnaboutsam.org [<mailto:info@learnaboutsam.org>]

Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 2:46 PM

To: Eileen Farrell <EFarrell@pointbeach.org>

Subject: Legalize Marijuana VOTE to Defeat GOP Alcoholic Nazi Thugs

*** WEBSITE INQUIRY ****

NAME: SAM Marijuana Legalization Office

EMAIL: info@learnaboutsam.org

COMPANY: Smart Approaches to Marijuana

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

PHONE: [REDACTED]

WEBSITE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PHONE: [REDACTED]

BEST TIME TO CALL: noon

SUBJECT: Legalize Marijuana VOTE to Defeat GOP Alcoholic Nazi Thugs

TEST: Complaint

DEPARTMENT: Mayors Office

BACKGROUND: In 1937, the alcoholic Republican Nazi thugs criminalized marijuana to justify the unconstitutional arrest, incarceration and anal-rape in prison of African-Americans and Hispanics.

REASON: 3, WE THE PEOPLE have voted across America to dissolve the political power of the racists, bigots and bullies in the

Legalize Marijuana and VOTE to defeat the Alcoholic Nazi Republicans in New Jersey.

Thank you..!

FW: Planning Board

Eileen Farrell

Thu 12/7/2017 12:40 PM

To: Robert Santanello <bsantanello@pointbeach.org>; Thomas Migut <tmigut@pointbeach.org>; Thomas Toohey <ttoohey@pointbeach.org>; Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>; William Mayer <wmayer@pointbeach.org>; Andy Cortes <acortes@pointbeach.org>; Thomas Vogel <tvogel@pointbeach.org>; Christine Riehl <Criehl@pointbeach.org>;

Cc: Patricia Kile <pkile@pointbeach.org>; Janet Mutter <jmutter@pointbeach.org>; 'Kevin B. Riordan, Esq' <[REDACTED]>

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Ordinance review and vote.doc

Good Afternoon,

Please see the Planning Board's review and vote on Ordinances 2017-30 & 31, attached.

Thank you.

Eileen

From: Karen Mills

Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 12:36 PM

To: Eileen Farrell <EFarrell@pointbeach.org>

Subject: Planning Board

Laren L. Mills, CMR, LUA

16 New Jersey Avenue

Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

Certified Zoning /Planning Board Secretary, Board of Health Officer, Dog Warden,
Road Openings and Deputy Treasurer/Secretary of the Point Pleasant Beach
Community Endowment Fund

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To: Mayor and Council

From: Planning Board

Date: December 7, 2017

The Planning Board reviewed and considered Ordinance #2017-30 and voted to support it with a vote of 4 to 2 with the recommendation to allow medicinal marijuana sales from a licensed pharmacy that also provides conventional medications.

In favor: Ritchings, Paesano, Villani and Ammirata

Opposed: Russell and Babbini (Support ordinance as is)

The Planning Board reviewed and considered Ordinance #2017-31 and voted unanimously to recommend the ordinance as is.

In favor: Ritchings, Paesano, Russell, Babbini, Villani and Ammirata

Opposed: None

Respectively,

Karen L. Mills, LUA

Clerk/Secretary

Friendly Advocate Communication regarding Marijuana

Aubrey R. Conway <[REDACTED]>

Mon 12/10/2018 12:17 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Dear Mayor Reid,

This email is an olive branch, it is not to bash you in any way. I am not trying to change your mind or debate anything with you. To the contrary, I believe we may be able to accomplish more if we work together. Neither of us want to make things harder for sick people, we agree on that. Yes, I am a proud medical marijuana patient and a patient advocate for roughly 5 years now. I am an advisory board member for one of the current medical dispensaries. I am the person who did the press conference with Governor Murphy regarding the expansion of the medical program in March.

I am more than familiar with the patients involved with Sativa Cross however I am not part of their efforts and do not agree with all of their activism, though we are seemingly on the same side of this topic at times and friendly. I do not care about legalization and even agree with some of the concerns you mention about it when you speak publicly. I have spoken to you in person though, whereas some other advocates may not have had that opportunity and I do not believe you are cold hearted. I believe you may be misunderstood by the patient community in certain ways. I am writing you to explain why medical marijuana patients see you as an enemy at times so you understand the passion behind their words, and at times even the passion behind my own words. I only want this to be productive for both of us and not in any way an attack or personal. I am writing to you as a fellow advocate and peer in hopes that perhaps we can even help each other in the future.

Now that you are not against the idea of marijuana as medicine - you are not a monster wishing to restrict access of sick children and adults to their medicine. You are a Family oriented person who wants the best for his community. However, I think there are times you may not realize your words and efforts are doing just that. I want to help you be able to genuinely state you are pro-medical marijuana when you say it. I have heard you speak highly of the medical program yet at the same time, I know that you also privately contact outspoken residents of towns that are considering allowing medical dispensaries and inform them that you are on their side when it comes to banning medical dispensaries. Though the contradiction is confusing for me, I understand you have a job to do as we all do, so I am simply hoping to share genuine information with you.

I do not ever want you to know what patients go through from a first hand perspective because it would mean someone dear to you is very ill - something I wish on no one. However, I do invite you to see one of the current medical dispensaries in NJ if you would ever want to. No one has to go - but I want you to see for yourself first hand that they are not what you think. I too, have traveled to other states and seen their medical programs and facilities. Other states programs are nothing like New Jersey. They are a far cry from the "pot shops" you mention. They are cleaner than Doctors offices. They are low profile and full of educated staff helping the most vulnerable residents of the Garden State, the sick and dying. The term "pot shops" can refer to whatever you want when it comes to recreational use but every time you refer to a NJ Medical Dispensary in NJ as such, it comes off as offensive and closed minded coming from someone who claims support of marijuana as medicine for those that truly need it. Can we please agree to differentiate more between medical and recreational?

I have heard you mention allowing medical marijuana is just a way for recreational marijuana to get its foot in the town door, so to speak. Though it may be true that the current medical dispensaries *may have the option* to serve a both clientele until recreational has the infrastructure to serve their own, most of the NJ medical dispensaries are not interested in serving recreational audience as well as the medical dispensary being required to show ability to supply both crowds so as not to leave patients without their medication. If the medical dispensary is in a town that has banned recreational marijuana, they will not have the option of selling to both crowds. Please don't take my word for it. I urge you to check this information with the Department of Health. Medical Marijuana dispensaries are not a way to trick towns into allowing sales of recreational marijuana. I am one of the people that consult with towns both privately and publicly when they are considering banning or allowing medical dispensaries. I assure you I consider my relationship with you to be very sacred. I would never employ any kind of trickery in order to support recreational marijuana as that is against my own personal belief in anyway.

I am a parent of 3. I was near death and now I am the Parent I dreamed of being while I was in that hospital bed. When you refer to "who is thinking of children?", I assure you - I am. I am not just thinking of your children and my children, I am thinking of children such as Jake Honig who is no longer in NJ, didn't have access to enough of the medication he needed in the form he needed, and who's parents went through pure hell trying to keep their son comfortable. Parents shouldn't have to drive over an hour to get their terminally ill child medicine. No one should. You know that is true and I hope you agree with that. Though I hear your support for home grow, it is critical you understand homegrow will not help the most terminally ill that do not have much time left on earth nor the ability to cultivate plants due to illness. I have heard your comments regarding "...why the state isn't giving us more dispensaries..." But Sir, the state *is* giving us more medical dispensaries - however, it is an uphill battle regarding where to put those dispensaries since you are trying to halt placement efforts by claiming these medical dispensaries are "trojan horses...for recreational marijuana", "bringing a can of worms that cannot be put back", acceptable elsewhere - but never the town you are speaking in. Where would you like them to be if you are constantly making sure towns are afraid of medical dispensaries being put within their zoning? There are no pot leafs on buildings, no marijuana being allowed (per the state rules), no brightly colored edibles being marketed to children. I wonder all the time how edibles would have helped

Jake. Would it have spared him that much more agony for the month? Would his parents have gotten a few more hours sleep if they could purchase his medication in edible form instead of cooking it into oil?

I understand your concern about edibles and marijuana in general getting into the hands of our youth. In fact, Colorado has a whole program to discourage youth use, found [here](#). As someone who has spoken on several panels consisting of Physicians, Nurses, and Advocates, on the topic of speaking to your children about medical marijuana and the differences between recreational marijuana, I am happy to work on something like that for NJ with you in the future! Perhaps by sharing our concerns, information, and education with each other we can really make an impact for our youth. However, I beg you to please understand how your efforts really are hindering patient access and it has nothing at all to do with the state allowing more medical dispensaries but everything to do with your (perhaps unknowingly and well intentioned) demonizing medical marijuana while also stating you are in favor of it.

As with anything in life, there will be those who misuse or abuse things. The same as people right now can be addicted to shopping, gambling, alcohol, cigarettes, and sometimes even stranger addictions that are less common. Though addiction is not something we welcome in any form, I welcome the opportunity to speak with you and put our heads together on how we can reduce hindering the medical marijuana community while at the same time being cautious regarding legalization. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Vith Deep Respect,

ubrey C

Marijuana Dispensary

Cassidy Waters <[REDACTED]>

Wed 12/27/2017 6:22 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

I'm glad you think people addicted to opiates is better than people ingesting THC. Family friendly my ass. Grow up.

You are a bad guy.

Thanks for being uninformed,

Cassidy

NJ TV News - PBS for New Jersey Interview

Eileen Farrell

Wed 12/27/2017 4:22 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Cc: 'Stephen' <[REDACTED]>

Importance: High

Mayor,

Julie Daurio from NJ TV News – PBS for New Jersey called (cell: [REDACTED]). She would like to speak with you on camera tomorrow morning, @10:00 or 11:00 at Borough Hall, regarding the marijuana dispensary ordinance. She asked that you call her back.

Eileen

URGENT: Tell These Lawmakers to Vote NO

Stephen Reid <[REDACTED]>

Tue 12/11/2013 5:15 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Dear Supporter:

The bill to legalize commercial marijuana in New Jersey is imminent could come for a vote next Monday, December 17, which is one of the last legislative days of the year. As we recently saw, the pot pushers in the legislature are willing to go to any length to ram this bill through, so now is the time to make your voices heard.

WE MUST TAKE ACTION.

There are multiple lawmakers that are still on the fence and they need to hear from you that legalizing marijuana in New Jersey would be disastrous.

Follow the steps below to make sure your voice is heard above smokescreen from the marijuana industry.

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Senator Dawn Addiego - (609) 654-1498
Senator Declan O'Scanlon - (732) 444-1838
Senator Linda Greenstein - (609) 395-9911
Senator Joe Vitale - (732) 855-7441
Senator Joe Cryan - (908) 624-0880

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Fwd: New Jersey Sets the Stage for Passage of Adult-Use Cannabis Legislation - Now What?

Seth Sloan [REDACTED]

Wed 12/12/2018 10:00 AM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>;

You probably have read this but in case you haven't I have attached it

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP" [REDACTED]
Date: December 12, 2018 at 9:25:05 AM EST
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: New Jersey Sets the Stage for Passage of Adult-Use Cannabis Legislation - Now What?
Reply-To: [REDACTED]

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Cannabis Industry Client Alert
December 2018

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New Jersey Cannabis Reform Takes Major Step Forward...But Where Do We Go From Here?

By Jack Fersko and Mitchel S. Kay

November 26, 2018 was "Cyber Monday 2018" for the online retail sector, but for interested parties here in New Jersey it may well become known as "Cannabis Monday 2018" with approvals on that date by the State Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee (SBA) and Assembly Appropriations Committee (AAC) of multiple cannabis-related bills. This recent action has set the stage for full legislative passage as early as December 17, 2018.

The SBA and AAC approved S2703/A4497, the adult-use cannabis legalization bill some refer to as the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory and Expungement Aid Modernization Act (NJCREMA). Also approved were two medical marijuana expansion bills (via a combined S10/A10 and S2426/A3740), and S3205/A3205, a bill revising procedures surrounding the expungement of records of certain convictions, including those related to cannabis. The medical marijuana expansion bills were also approved by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Under NJCREMA, four classes of licenses will be created: Class 1 (Cannabis Grower License); Class 2 (Cannabis Processor License); Class 3 (Cannabis Wholesaler License); Class 4 (Cannabis Retail License). NJCREMA also provides for a certified cannabis handler to deliver certain cannabis products on behalf of a licensed Class 4 cannabis retailer, as well as certain licensing measures established by the Office of Minority, Disabled Veterans and Women Cannabis Business Development to promote the licensing of "persons from socially and economically disadvantaged communities, and minority owned and women's owned businesses." Other NJCREMA highlights include a proposed 12% excise tax on cannabis products and the creation of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission, to be tasked with certain action items such as adopting rules to regulate and prohibit advertising and marketing that appeals to minors, and instituting strict packaging and labeling requirements.

The medical bills mirror the licensing classes promulgated under NJCREMA and amend the definition of an "alternative treatment center" to be "an organization issued a permit by the commission to operate as a (i) medical cannabis cultivator, (ii) medical cannabis manufacturer, (iii) medical cannabis dispensary, or (iv) clinical registrant." Previously, the alternative treatment centers were required to be vertically integrated, performing all facets of cultivation, processing and dispensing. The medical bills raise the amount of dried cannabis that patients are permitted to purchase each month (from 2 ounces to 2.5 ounces commencing January 1, 2019 and ending July 1, 2019, before ramping up to 3 ounces on or after July 1, 2019). Additionally, the 6.625% sales tax will be phased out after five years and provides certain job-related protections for employee-patients.

December 17, 2018 is the first date that these bills may be brought to the full Senate and Assembly to vote on full passage, which would then require Governor Murphy's signature. It is likely that the State will release the additional medical cannabis Requests for Applications (RFAs) upon the passage of the medical expansion bills. These additional RFAs were initially intended to be released in Fall 2018 and Winter 2019, following modifications to the medical bill, however the delay in awarding the six alternative treatment center licenses (from the August 2018 applications), and the delay in passing such modifications, have pushed the release dates back.

Please contact the co-authors of this Alert with any questions or for additional information.

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NJ TV News - PBS for New Jersey Interview

Eileen Farrell

Wed 12/27/2017 4:22 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Cc: 'Stephen' [REDACTED];

Importance: High

Mayor,

Julie Daurio from NJ TV News – PBS for New Jersey called (cell: [REDACTED]). She would like to speak with you on camera tomorrow morning, @10:00 or 11:00 at Borough Hall, regarding the marijuana dispensary ordinance. She asked that you call her back.

Eileen

messages for you...

Patricia Kile

Tue 1/2/2018 1:44 PM

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These two messages came for you while I was out last week, both requesting a call back from you.

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Marijuana Vote in PPB

2/27 4:19pm
Lisa Anderson – RAT/WJRZ
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Phone in interview

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February 10, 2018

Stephen D. Reid, Mayor
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Dear Mayor Reid and Borough Council:

I wish to congratulate you and the Borough Council for rejecting legalization of recreational marijuana in Point Pleasant Borough. This is a clear and welcomed demonstration of leadership particularly in the biased climate that supports this defective and dangerous policy. I have long opposed this irresponsible revenue making scheme disguised as public health and equitable law enforcement! Rather it is just another incremental step toward Supervised Injection Sites (see enclosed).

I recently addressed this issue with the largest underwriting insurance company in the country which is taking a very prudent and wise position as of now. In my correspondence to them I have included facts, studies and arguments you may find useful and in the best interest of your families and particularly children in your town. Please find that correspondence enclosed for your perusal.

I admire the fact none of you were blinded by the promise of revenue over the human cost. Ironically revenue comes at a price. Doesn't it?

I wish you and the board continued success, health and prosperity. If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Richard W. Smith, Esq.

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cc: R. Santanello, Council Pres.

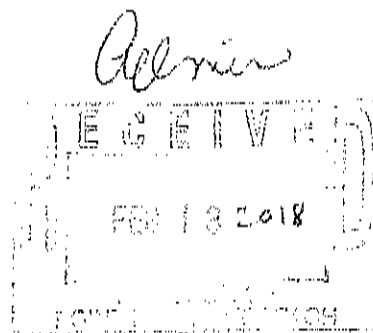
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January 19, 2018

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Dear Chairman Foley and Board Members:

On June 29, 2017 your Chief Underwriting Counsel, who I believe is Donald Cole, issued an underwriting bulletin to agents in 28 affected states that is as follows: "Please be aware that due to the conflict between federal and state laws concerning the cultivation, distribution, manufacture or sale of marijuana, the Company (Fidelity) is not able to close or insure any transaction involving Land that is associated with these activities." I wish to commend your Counsel and by extension Fidelity for your prudent, responsible and legally sound reasoning consistent with your long and excellent reputation. To further indicate the predictive wisdom of your decision, Attorney General Jeff Sessions wisely rescinded, on January 4, 2018, the lax marijuana policy commonly known as the "Cole Memo." This action now permits US Attorneys to concentrate prosecutions on violations of federal law by the marijuana industry rather than low level users.

"This is a good day for public health. The days of safe harbor for multi-million dollar pot investments are over," said Kevin A. Sabet, a former Obama Administration drug policy adviser who is now director of the anti-legalization organization Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM). He further stated, "DOJ's move will slow down the rise of Big Marijuana and stop the massive infusion of money going to fund pot candies, cookies, ice cream and other kid-friendly pot edibles. **Investor, banker, funder beware.**" (emphasis added).

Expect Big Marijuana money to challenge by invoking the Tenth Amendment making this a states' rights issue, but the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled federal marijuana law preempts state marijuana laws. In Gonzales v. Raich, U.S. 1 (2005), the U.S. Supreme Court concluded that local cultivation, possession and distribution of marijuana were prohibited by the federal Controlled Substances Act under the Commerce Clause of the U. S. Constitution. Therein, the Supreme Court acknowledged Congress's Commerce Clause authority to ban marijuana production, consumption and distribution. The new Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch agrees, because in the case

of United States of America v. Rutherford, 472 Fed. Appx. 863 (CA 10 2012) he held that federal statutes criminalizing conspiracy to traffic in marijuana did not violate the Tenth Amendment. Additionally, "civil forfeiture" laws may also apply, so you may prudently seek your Counsel's advice on this possibility.

Now I ask you to consider medical findings which are frequently ignored by an agenda driven media. The following are just a sampling of what should be disclosed regarding this dangerous policy:

Non-addictive claim by proponents: However, physicians frequently strongly disagree. "There is no question at all that marijuana is addictive," Dr. Sharon Levy, director of the Adolescent Substance Abuse Program at Boston's Children's Hospital, told the Boston Globe. [FN1]

Effect on driving: Marina Goldman, an addiction expert from the University of Pennsylvania's Addiction Treatment Center said, "Visual perception and motor speed may be impaired not only when you smoke, but for up to 28 days afterward." Slowed reaction time translates to a delay in perception time and appropriate reaction time. (Potential for huge personal injury liabilities) [FN2]

Affect on Lungs: Since marijuana requires a deeper inhalation than cigarettes, it leaves about five (5) times the carbon monoxide concentration and three (3) times the tar in the respiratory tract compared to cigarettes. University of Washington's Alcohol and Drug Abuse. [FN3] How does this square with the national effort to reduce lung cancer by discouraging smoking?

Mental Illness: Marijuana can increase the risk of developing schizophrenia resulting in delusions, hallucinations and unclear thinking as well as increase depression and social anxiety. Heavy users are more likely to be suicidal. [FN4]

Paranoia: A 121 person study conducted at the University of Oxford found people were more likely to experience paranoid thoughts after ingesting THC, the active cannabis ingredient, than those who took the placebo. [FN5]

Effect on Adolescents: Using a \$1.95 million award by NIH, Kuei Y. Tseng, MD, PhD, Chicago Medical School, found in a five year study that marijuana inhibits maturation of the prefrontal cortex of the brain resulting in serious problems with attention span and impulse control in ages 11-17. These and other persistent deficits remain in adulthood. [FN6] Symptomatically, does this sound familiar to bipolar and attention deficit conditions/symptoms?

Recreational Marijuana Use in Colorado: A recent editorial from the Colorado Springs Gazette reports; 1) residential neighborhoods and other areas "reek of marijuana," 2) homeless growth rate ranks among the highest in the country since they migrate there

for easy pot access, 3) doubling in the numbers of drivers involved in fatal crashes who tested positive for marijuana, 4) drug violations reported by Colorado's K-12 schools increased 45% even while combined numbers of all other violations have fallen, 5) increase in high school violations of 71% since legalization, 6) school suspensions for drugs increased 45% and, 7) National Survey on Drug Use and Health found Colorado ranks first in the country for marijuana use among teens scoring well above the national average. [FN7]

Given these above scientific realities, please ask yourself a few questions. If you were boarding a plane for a transcontinental flight and you saw the pilot and co-pilot smoking a joint would you feel secure? If you were driving on an interstate and you saw the driver in the car next to you smoking a joint would you remain next to him/her? Since we have seen more parents smoking joints with their children, do you think it is a good practice? Alcohol is absorbed through the digestive mucosa and smoke is absorbed through the thin respiratory membrane, so which do you think gets to the blood stream faster? Would you like to live near a pot shop? Given the opioid epidemic and the ever present alcohol problem does legalizing another intoxicant seriously make any real legal, moral or ethical sense? If you were a local or state police officer and just made a traffic stop, but as you approached the car of occupants smelled the strong pungent odor of marijuana, do you think your danger index just substantially increased? Suppose you saw your dentist smoking a joint just before he began a root canal....?

The argument that legalization of marijuana is basically the same as alcohol legalization is a fallacious argument. Without belaboring it here suffice it to say it is ridiculous to add another intoxicant for commercialization. The revenue, while substantial, has been exaggerated in many reports. Nevertheless, **if the human costs, particularly in disadvantaged and impoverished communities, are factored into the equation the revenue shrinks before an honest conscience! Proponents will sophistically argue that revenue will be used to build schools, but bricks and mortar will never heal an enslaved addictive soul!** For example, the medical use of marijuana was a ruse just to get to legalized recreational consumption. There are many responsible opponents to recreational legalization who believe this is just the next incremental step to legalized "injection rooms (sites)" where heroin and cocaine addicts can go to "shoot up" in the presence of a monitor! Such sites already exist in parts of Europe.

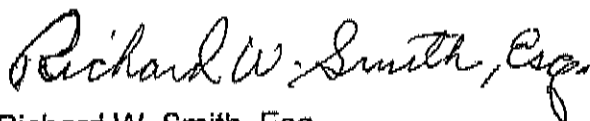
The Brand: Fidelity National enjoys a prestigious reputation not only because of wise, personally sensitive and professionally informed decisions but because you have established trust with your clients. Let us be candid. Illicit drug legalization is a "dirty business" which does virtually nothing to reduce addiction. It merely attempts to discharge the criminal legal liability thereby shifting the liability, but does virtually nothing to address the fault except to perpetuate it! So, that leaves tremendous potential for civil liabilities and huge awards....and guess who pays those? Marc Siegel, MD, NYU Medical Center, author and FOX News Medical Correspondent warned, "But it's important to note that there is evidence that marijuana is a gateway drug to other

drugs, both licit and illicit, including nicotine. This evidence must concern us even as we try to gain control over the opioid epidemic." [FN8] With over thirty years experience in public health I totally agree! Furthermore, what is gained from the recreational legalization of pot except blood money? It is akin to the flies conquering the flypaper! This nation continues to legalize its vices, and remember what happened to the Roman Empire pursuant to doing the same thing. I urge you to insulate Fidelity's hallmark of trust from the stain of this inherently "dirty business" that perpetuates human misery in exchange for the almighty buck!

I hope I have given you information and reasoning that will assist you in guiding the ship of Fidelity National through the treacherous waters of our times and permits you to secure a safe and respectful harbor for your shareholders.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,



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ADDICTION

Debate on in Massachusetts over safe sites for drug users

By Steve Leblanc
The Associated Press

BOSTON — The idea may seem jarring at first: Creating safe spaces where drug users can shoot up under the watchful eye of staff trained in helping counter the effect of potentially fatal overdoses — all with the approval of public health officials.

But the terrible toll taken by the state's opioid battle in recent years have prompted some lawmakers, activists and medical groups to endorse the idea of "supervised injection sites" as another way to reduce overdose deaths.

Among those skeptical is Republican Gov. Charlie Baker, who said he doesn't see the sites as gateways to treatment.

At a public hearing Tuesday about a bill he filed to help ease the state's opioid abuse crisis, Baker was asked about the possibility of the sites — something not included in his legislation.

"As far as the data I've seen is concerned, it has not demonstrated any legitimate success in creating a pathway to treatment," Baker said. "The harm reduction argument I think is

a much better one, but I'm kind of a hard sell on that one."

The Massachusetts Medical Society and the Massachusetts Hospital Association back the idea.

In a report released last year, the medical society found supervised injection sites can reduce overdose mortality and increase access to drug treatment. Much of the research is based on two sites in Canada and Australia.

The report called for the creation of a pilot supervised injection facility program in Massachusetts. The group said the state should seek an exemption from federal drug laws to pursue the pilot program and consider partnering with other states.

The American Medical Association said sites in other countries have helped reduce overdose deaths and curb transmission rates of infectious disease while getting more people into treatment without increasing drug trafficking or crime.

Aubri E., a 32-year-old Boston resident who declined to give her full name because she was admitting to illegal activity, said she would use such a facility.

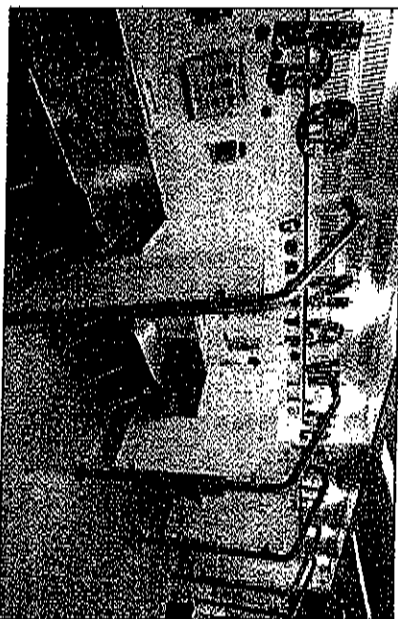
Aubri said she began using drugs when she was 17. She said she's so concerned about overdosing that she calls or texts a friend before using and then texts every 2 minutes. If she stops texting, she has asked the friend to call 911 and leaves her home door open.

"I've lost a lot of very close friends due to overdosing, some of whom have died right in front of me," she said. "Another benefit for me would be being in a safe space and not having to hide and being able to talk openly about substance abuse and not having to inject alone."

There have been efforts to establish safe injection sites in a number of cities and states including New York, California and Vermont as well as Seattle, Denver, Philadelphia and San Francisco.

Injection sites are already legal in a number of countries including Australia, Canada, France and Spain.

In Massachusetts, legislation has been filed that would let state health officials permit injection sites. The bill, sponsored by Democratic state Sen. William Brownsberger, has just over



AP PHOTO/RICK RYSCROFT
In this April 12, 2016, file photo, containers for used needles and drug use information are provided at each of the injecting cubicles at Sydney's Medically Supervised Injecting Centre in Sydney, Australia.

a dozen co-sponsors out of a 200-member Legislature. Brownsberger said the goal is to save lives and get people into treatment, provided supporters can find a welcoming city or town to locate the site and a group to run it.

"Whether or not it's a good idea depends on the whole context and whether it's actually set up in way that's going to work," he said.

Mayors of two of the state's largest cities — Boston's Marty Walsh and Springfield's Domenic Sarno, both Democrats —

tion "recovery coaches" and make it easier to prescribe smaller amounts of opioid painkillers.

Some in the debate over supervised injection sites hear echoes of earlier debates over needle exchange programs, which supporters pushed to help stem the spread of diseases like AIDS.

Baker's Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders noted the administration has worked to expand existing needle exchange programs but said there's one big obstacle to allowing injection sites.

"It is difficult for me to find that bridge given that it is completely illegal federally for medical professionals or others to actually be in the presence of someone injecting themselves with heroin," she said.

More than 2,000 people died from opioid-related overdoses in Massachusetts during 2016.

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Dear Mayor Reid and Mr. Mayer, Mr. Vogel, Mr. Migut, Mr. Santanello, Mr. Toohey
and Mr. Cortes

You have recently stated your opposition to marijuana legalization and the marijuana industry. The marijuana industry is following the playbook of the tobacco industry in trying to get our kids addicted. They market to young people with potent edibles such as cookies, candies, "gummie bears," sodas, brownies and ice cream. Their advertising uses cartoon characters and Santa Claus and images from popular kids' movies.

There is now crystalline THC that is 99.99% THC. Many recent marijuana products are advertised as being 94 or 95% THC. This is far higher than the "Woodstock Weed" of years past that was 2-3% THC. However, the public perception of marijuana is based on the marijuana of the past.

The recent science shows that marijuana use causes mental illness and addiction and many other problems.

The recent science

The 2016 United States Surgeon General report on addiction states that marijuana is a serious threat to physical and mental health of our children and that its use is a major threat to public safety. [FN1]

The American Psychiatric Association reports that current evidence supports, at a minimum, a strong association of marijuana use with the onset of psychiatric disorders. [FN2] Mental illness leads to crime, recklessness and enormous costs. It is also not good for business.

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) research shows that 30 percent of marijuana users may develop some degree of problem use that can include addiction. Among young users, the drug may impair thinking, memory, and learning functions. Marijuana use has also been linked to mental health problems, such as depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts among teens. [FN3]

In 2017, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) landmark report written by top scientists concluded after a review of over 10,000 peer-reviewed academic articles, that marijuana use is connected to, among other problems:

1. respiratory problems;
 2. mental health issues (like psychosis, social anxiety, and thoughts of suicide);
 3. increased risk of car accidents;
 4. progression to and dependence on other drugs, including studies showing connections to cocaine and heroin use;
 5. learning, memory, and attention loss (possibly permanent in some cases); and
- low birth weight. [FN4]

A study discussed in a 2017 article in Scientific American shows that people who had consumed marijuana before age 18 developed schizophrenia approximately 10 years earlier than others. The higher the frequency of use the earlier the age of schizophrenia onset. Neither alcohol use nor genetics predicted an earlier time of inception, but marijuana did. Marijuana use during puberty is a major risk factor for schizophrenia. The more marijuana you take - and the higher the potency - the greater the risk. [FN5]

A recent study found that marijuana use in youth is linked to bipolar symptoms in young adults.[FN6]

Recent research shows that marijuana use is associated with an increased risk of prescription and opioid misuse disorders. [FN7] We now have an opiate epidemic. Lets not make it worse.

According to the annual 2017 Quest Diagnostics Drug Testing Index™ the use of drugs in our national workforce reached the highest drug test positivity rate in 12 years. This was an analysis of more than 1,000,000 workplace drug test results. The marijuana positive rate has increased dramatically in the last three years with increases in the “recreational” marijuana states of Colorado and Washington being double the national average. For Colorado it was a increase of 11% and Washington 9%. [FN8] Do you want more drug users in our workplaces?

There are many other problems that come with marijuana commercialization. Please read the recent editorial from the Colorado Springs Gazette about the situation in Colorado. [FN9]. They note that:

Residential neighborhoods and other areas “reek of marijuana.”

A homelessness growth rate that ranks among the highest rates in the country as homeless substance users migrate there for easy access to pot.

A doubling in the number of drivers involved in fatal crashes who tested positive for marijuana.

More marijuana in schools than teachers and administrators ever feared. Drug violations reported by Colorado's K-12 schools have increased 45% even as the combined number of all other violations has fallen.

An increase in high school drug violations of 71% since legalization.

School suspensions for drugs increased 45%.

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health found Colorado ranks first in the country for marijuana among teens, scoring well above the national average.

Do you want this for your neighborhoods, your schools and your kids? NO!!

Thank you for your good sense and courage.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Evans

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Please join me in stopping the next Big Tobacco

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July 17, 2018

Dear Colleague,

As Mayor of Point Pleasant Beach, our town was the first New Jersey municipality to pass an ordinance banning marijuana sales in our community. I am pleased to report that many other municipalities have followed, from Bergen County to Cape May.

With the Legislature considering a new bill to legalize marijuana in the coming months, it is important that local officials take action now to protect their communities and families from a new "Big Tobacco" type industry that seeks to profit at the expense of the health and safety of our residents.

Make no mistake, marijuana legalization brings a multitude of public health concerns, including increased youth drug use, increased motor vehicle accidents and higher numbers of minority arrests. And with the Garden State in the grips of an opioid crisis, we cannot forget that the CDC has found that marijuana users are nearly three times more likely to be addicted to heroin.

Looking at what's happening in other states, New Jersey elected officials should be very alarmed. In Washington State and Colorado, where marijuana has been legal for five years, pot use has increased, particularly among children. According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), Colorado is now the top state in the country for first time users of marijuana in youth and adults.

Local officials also need to be concerned with the impact of increased marijuana use on the roads. Pot-related car crashes continue to skyrocket in the era of legalization and widespread commercialization of marijuana. In Colorado, marijuana-impaired drivers involved in fatal crashes have more than doubled since 2013, the year after the state voted to legalize recreational use of the drug, according to an analysis by the Denver Post. That same study also found that Colorado saw a 40 percent increase in the number of all drivers involved in fatal crashes between 2013 and 2016, and a 145

percent increase in the number of marijuana-impaired drivers involved in fatal crashes in the same period.

Additionally, we've seen significant proof that marijuana legalization is not the step forward for social justice we have been promised. In fact, it's just the opposite, as the marijuana industry routinely targets vulnerable communities as its profit centers. Just take a look at Denver, where the number of pot shops is greater than the number of McDonalds and Starbucks combined. According to the Colorado Department of Public Safety, in the two years after Colorado legalized marijuana, the number of Hispanic and black kids arrested for marijuana-related offenses rose 29 and 58 percent, respectively.

In the same period, the number of white kids being arrested for identical crimes dropped eight percent.

Some say that legalizing and taxing the drug will result in increased budget revenues for the state and New Jersey towns. However, in Colorado, tax revenue gained from marijuana was much smaller than promised and the Denver Post reported pot taxes wouldn't solve the state's budget problems. Additionally, the revenue argument doesn't take into account the long-term, well-documented costs of increased marijuana use on communities. A recent study showed the public health costs of legalization are at least 125% of all revenues collected. These expenses come from increased law enforcement, workplace accidents, stoned driving crashes, and hospital admissions.

As Executive Director of New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy (NJ-RAMP) -- a grassroots coalition of medical doctors, community groups, drug prevention professionals, business owners, law enforcement officers and parents -- I am working with municipalities to adopt common sense measures to protect their communities from the negative consequences of legalization.

In the next few months, it is critical for municipalities to take action to protect their communities by passing local zoning ordinances to prohibit pot shops and other related businesses. I am happy to work with you and your town officials in developing these policies and discussing the issues with your community.

I hope you will join me in protecting your town and stopping the marijuana industry from wreaking havoc on your community. New Jersey cannot afford another Big Tobacco industry profiting at the expense of our communities, families and children.

Sincerely,

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Program with Rutgers pharmacy school touched nearly 2,000 kids in past year

Saira A. Jan, director of pharmacy strategy and clinical integration at Horizon and a professor at Rutgers

When the goal is to help young people in the Garden State better understand and avoid drug abuse, everyone has some learning to do. For teens, there's the need to understand just how quickly a legally prescribed pill can take over your brain and body; for adults, it's helpful to know what kids are calling such drugs, and their effect — percs, xans, drex, lit, leans (translation: Percocet, Xanax, cough syrup, high, very high).

Those were just some of the lessons that emerged from a recent opioid-awareness workshop led by pharmacy experts at Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield, New Jersey's largest insurance network. It has teamed up with Rutgers Pharmacy School on a campaign designed to reduce growing drug use among young people.

The outreach, which dates back to April 2017, has involved middle and high schools, churches, and community groups across the state, from Camden to Montclair, and has touched nearly 2,000 students in the process. Last week, half a dozen youth leaders from [The Hubb](#), a community empowerment center in Newark, visited Horizon's corporate headquarters in their home city to learn how they can help spread this message in their own work with at-risk peers.

"Addiction manifests itself in so many forms and stages that it defies singular remedies, which is why we have funded educational programs and created outreach opportunities for doctors and

pharmacists to promote opioid management best practices across the spectrum,” explained Saira A. Jan, director of pharmacy strategy and clinical integration at Horizon and a professor at Rutgers, who led the charge to create the campaign, with help from her pharmacy students.

Community partnerships

“Horizon believes that community partnerships are a key solution to this problem,” Jan added.

“We must engage multiple stakeholders and address the whole continuum of care, starting from awareness of the problem to prevention and to treatment. Horizon is focused not on some, but all aspects of opioid addiction.”

Some 128,000 New Jersey residents were addicted to heroin or other opioids, including prescription painkillers, in 2015, and more than 315,000 sought treatment for this disease between 2010 and 2014, according to statistics Horizon compiled from federal and state sources. And 40 percent of the individuals that sought treatment were under age 26, the company said, underscoring the need to focus on the younger demographic.

The push to curb addiction also has practical impacts for Horizon, which insures some 3.8 million people in New Jersey, including a large portion of the state's Medicaid members. In 2015 and 2016 the company spent nearly \$309 million to treat substance-abuse issues; in 2016, that included \$54 million on opioid addiction alone, of which \$40 million went to cover the cost of inpatient care, Jan said. Nearly 2,000 Garden State residents died of drug-related conditions in 2016.

The youth-outreach campaign is just one aspect of Horizon's efforts to address the disease; in addition to their focus on prevention, the company is working to improve outcomes for those already in treatment and reduce the appetite for opiate-based drugs in the first place. Some research has shown as many as four out of five new heroin users became hooked on prescription drugs, but eventually switched to cheaper and stronger street options.

The framework for Horizon's work is outlined in an opioid-abuse toolkit the company developed with Rutgers in late 2016. The website boasts dozens of links to resources ranging from posters and stickers for school kids, to FAQs for individuals in treatment, to guidelines for physicians to help them safely dispense addictive painkillers and properly manage withdrawal, when necessary.

Steven Viera (aka-Steven Live) and Quaniyah Thomas

For the youth leaders from The Hubb, who head up group sessions on heavy topics like sexual harassment and inappropriate touching, Horizon's training session started with an HBO Films documentary, Heroin: Cape Cod, USA, and another video about the dangers of prescription drugs.

The Hubb founder and CEO, Al-Tariq W. Best, and chief operating officer Denisah Williamson, a trained social worker, joined the youngsters for the meeting.

Identifying types of drugs

When it came to the details, Alex Wiggall, a clinical pharmacist with Horizon, led them through a Powerpoint designed to help the youngsters identify different types of substances (uppers versus downers, naturals versus synthetics), to recognize drug use (agitation, droopy eyes, leaning), and respond to an overdose (stay and call 911; New Jersey's Good Samaritan Law will protect you from liability if something goes wrong).

Al Tariq Best (green shirt) and Denisah Williams (striped shirt) at an MTOL at the Hubb

One important point was that drug addicts come in all forms, a lesson the kids have clearly witnessed first hand. Quaniyah Thomas, 18, recalled seeing a woman who was "mad pretty and dressed real nice," but was slumped to one side, nearly on the floor of the local supermarket. "It could be someone up and running with a job and a family," she continued. "You can't tell who is on drugs. There's always a backstory."

Jan, Wiggall and The Hubb leaders also encouraged the youth to talk about how it felt for them to see friends and family suffer from addiction, and the frustration they may feel when they can't get them to stop. They chatted about peer pressure and how prom season, street festivals, and concerts are common opportunities for drug use.

"How does it feel when all my friends are smoking weed? How do I stand on this ledge alone," Williamson asked. Peer pressure is a struggle for youth leaders, not just followers, it appeared.

Mostly, the group strategized about how they would adopt the presentation to their own needs, tweaking the language (adding the word "weed" to the marijuana section; including "munchies" as a side effect) and plotting out how it would work back at The Hubb in a group session format dubbed MTOL, for My Thoughts Out Loud. The organization is also planning a session for parents later in the spring and will kick it off later this month with a block party.

"They really want to impact change," Williamson said, as Horizon wheeled in a cart full of pizza, salad and other snacks and the youth leaders got down to the important business of lunch.

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