



Municipal Cannabis Regulators Network

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Spring 2023 Newsletter

Dear Fellow MCRN Members,

We launched the Municipal Cannabis Regulators Network (MCRN) after one of the key findings of the 2022 Michigan Local Government Marijuana Review Process Survey (MRPS) revealed that local government cannabis regulations officials expressed more training and professional development opportunities need to be made available to municipal cannabis regulators. The MRPS gathers the opinions and perspectives of local government cannabis regulators on a variety of important cannabis related issues facing their municipalities.

MCRN is working to build a positive and supportive community among local government marijuana administrators in Michigan. MCRN focuses primarily on its member’s professional development, competency-based education, sharing of best practices and networking.

Since we launched MCRN earlier this year:

1. We had regulators join from 31 different municipalities across the state. The cities of Battle Creek, Bay City, Big Rapids, Center Line, Clare, Coldwater, Coleman, Crystal Falls, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Hartford, Hazel Park, Highland Park, Madison Heights, Manistee, Marshall, Mount Pleasant, Pontiac, Reading, Roseville, Sturgis, Swartz Creek & White Cloud. The townships of Arlington, Emmett, Lawrence and Vassar. The villages of Barryton, Constantine, Leonard and Quincy.
2. Designed and launched a website for the professional development and sharing of best practices for municipal cannabis regulators <https://municannabis.org/>.
3. Established a partnership with the Cannabis Center for Municipalities. The Cannabis Center is a technical assistance resource center for cities, townships and villages that regulate medical and/or recreational marijuana. The Center conducts, administers and/or sponsors research that focuses on municipal cannabis regulations, policies, leadership and economic benefits. The Center promotes best practices for local government cannabis regulators.
4. Developed a membership survey to ensure we are meeting the needs of our members.

We encourage you to tell your fellow local government marijuana administrators about MCRN and see if they would like to join our growing network.

Sincerely,

Garland Doyle

ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Garland Doyle, Chairperson

City Clerk, Pontiac

Dennis Champine

City Manager, Center Line

Douglas De Leo

Township Clerk, Arlington Twp

Kim James, Esq.

Director of Marijuana Ventures, Detroit

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City Attorney & Municipal Cannabis Director,
Hazel Park

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Cannabis Manager, Grand Rapids

MCRN Advisory Board held its first meeting on February 27, 2023. The advisory board provides guidance on network programs and membership services. Some of the goals of the advisory board are to:

1. Host a meet and greet for the network
2. Develop a Regulators Network Guide on various marijuana related topics
3. Establish Sub-Committees
4. Develop a Professional Development Calendar of Events

The advisory board plans to have quarterly meetings.

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MCRN announces partnership with the Cannabis Center for Municipalities

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The Cannabis Center offers membership opportunities to municipalities. When a city, township, or village joins the Center, everyone involved in marijuana regulations in the municipality from policy makers to staff are given access to center resources, such as research reports, policy briefs and discounted technical assistance services.

MCRN is excited about this partnership because it gives the network access to a research and technical assistance center partner. As a part of the partnership, MCRN members were given a one-time complementary membership that expires on December 31, 2023. Until the end of the year, MCRN members will have free access to the Cannabis Center research reports and policy briefs. Also, the Center will offer discounted technical assistance services to MCRN members. In addition, Cannabis Center municipality members were given a complementary membership in MCRN for their municipality primary cannabis regulators.

In order to continue taking advantage of the Cannabis Center resources starting in 2024, the municipality that MCRN members represent will have to become a member of the Center.

What makes this a great partnership is MCRN focuses on the professional development, competency-based education and the sharing of best practices for local government cannabis regulators. On the other hand, the Cannabis Center focuses on being a research and technical assistance resource center for cities, townships and villages. The Cannabis Center priority is being a resource to the municipality while MCRN priority is the professional development of the primary cannabis regulator in a community.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

Email all submissions to info@ municannabis.org

Please submit only items that you want to share with your local government marijuana administrator colleagues. We are accepting items under the following categories: Best Practices, Events and News

Best Practices (You can submit items under this category about policies and procedures as well as professional journal articles that may be beneficial to your fellow municipal cannabis regulators. Please include any links or relevant attachments.)

Cannabis Events (You can submit items under this category about workshops, conferences or other professional development opportunities. Please include any links or relevant attachments.)

Cannabis News (You can submit items under this category about your city, township, or village that may be beneficial to your fellow municipal cannabis regulators. Also cannabis information can be submitted that is happening at the state level, in another state or at the federal level. Please include any links or relevant attachments.)

Michigan Local Government
Marijuana Review Process Survey
December 2022

Cities, Townships and Villages'
Cannabis Regulations
*Application processes, license
types and administration*
By Garland Doyle, M.P.A. and Jonathan Starks

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Municipalities
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Assistance

Michigan Local Government
Marijuana Review Process Survey
December 2022

MRPS Policy Brief
Local Government Cannabis Administrators assess their workplace training needs
By Garland Doyle, M.P.A. and Jonathan Starks

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A Professional and Supportive Community for
Local Government Marijuana Administrators

MCRN participates in the National Cannabis Festival Policy Pavilion in Washington, D.C.

Garland Doyle, Advisory Board Chair, was a panelist for the “Community Benefits and Social Equity a Win-Win for Municipalities” panel at the 2023 Policy Pavilion held on April 22nd. He was joined by Kaliko Castille, President, Minority Cannabis Business Association and Amber Senter, Board Chair and Executive Director, Supernova Women. Toi Hutchinson, President and CEO of the Marijuana Policy Project served as the moderator. The panel focused on how social equity programs are a way of making the new legalized cannabis industry in states and municipalities more inclusive. These programs benefit individuals who have lived in communities which have been disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition and enforcement.

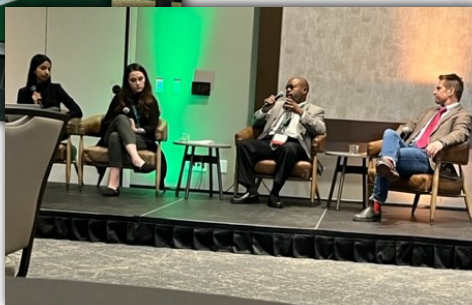
They discussed program designs, implementation and/or redesign phases. They share successes, failures and best practices emerging around the nation.

MCRN Advisory Board Chair serves as a panelist at the 2023 Great Lakes Cannabis Education Conference.

Garland Doyle participated on a panel entitled “The Social Impacts of Legalized State Cannabis Markets” with Dr. Lucas Richert, George Urdang, Chair in the History of Pharmacy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Apoorva Reddy, Ph.D. student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Jacie

Duranso, Director of Licensing and Compliance, The Fire Station Cannabis Co.

The Great Lakes Cannabis Education Conference was held at Northern Michigan University in Marquette on April 25, 2023.



Upcoming Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency Education Sessions

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Topic: CRA Education Session: Hazard Communication with MIOSHA
Time: 10:00 a.m. EST
Place: Zoom (Passcode: 734663)
Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89152553484?pwd=NmpTbG81bEJKWFlyUkJUvKRIWHdGUT09>
Telephone: 215-446-3656 (USA Toll) / 888-363-4734 (USA Toll Free)
Conference Code: 3392693

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Topic: CRA Education Session: Program Overview with the Social Equity Team
Time: 10:00 a.m. EST
Place: Zoom (Passcode: 920208)
Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86869405848?pwd=eVgzCHgzYjplIM4aVhYUzVsTHRTQT09>
Telephone: 215-446-3656 (USA Toll) / 888-363-4734 (USA Toll Free)
Conference Code: 3392693

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Topic: CRA Education Session featuring Brian Hanna, Executive Director of the Cannabis Regulatory Agency
Time: 10:00 a.m. EST
Place: Zoom (Passcode: 434698)
Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88491372790?pwd=c2VYcnVVBktvUmJHS1A0Q2drR3o3dz09>
Telephone: 215-446-3656 (USA Toll) / 888-363-4734 (USA Toll Free)
Conference Code: 3392693

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Topic: CRA Education Session: Federal Worker Protection Standard with MDARD
Time: 10:00 a.m. EST
Place: Zoom (Passcode: 792829)
Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82160016258?pwd=UzBBNIIYNDDraCtKVfVYVHFncUVldz09>
Telephone: 215-446-3656 (USA Toll) / 888-363-4734 (USA Toll Free)
Conference Code: 3392693

Michigan Regulator Members Map



**Here are where
your fellow
members are
located across
Michigan**

**We want to hear from you!
Don't forget to complete your
membership survey**

Over the next few weeks, MCRN members will be receiving an email survey. Please complete the survey. Let us know what you think about the network and how we can serve you better.



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