**Summarized Meeting Minutes | February 26, 2024**

**HB 21-1317 Fourteenth Meeting of the Scientific Review Council**

**Overview Progress from the Cannabis Research & Policy Project (CRPP) Since Last SRC Meeting:**

* The CRPP has a slate of activities under development to ensure that the appropriated HB 1317 funds are spent as the end of the fiscal year is looming.
* CRPP has developed a team newsletter and project timeline that is available on the project [website](https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/research-and-practice/practice/cannabis-research/resources) to provide the public with updates on the project’s progress.
* (Working) Methods Workshop – Spring 2024
  + **Goal:** Develop a report that addresses the concern about the quality of studies and the consistency issues in the methods that are used in cannabis research. Also, disseminate the workshop product through multiple channels including the CRPP website and a peer-reviewed journal.
* Continuing Medical Education Event with Children’s Hospital of Colorado – May 15, 2024
  + **Audience:** Pediatric and OBGYN providers.
  + **Goal:** Educate providers on the background on cannabis pharmacology, current market, landscape risk, communication and the current state of the evidence from the scoping review.
  + **Where:** Nighthorse Campbell building on the Anschutz Medical Campus. Registration is [available here](https://ce.childrenscolorado.org/content/cannabis-update-2024#group-tabs-node-course-default1).
* CRPP is also partnering with the Department of Psychiatry to produce provider education and communication materials and provide more community activities.
* CRPP has multiple reports that are under development; see edited meeting transcript.

**Reviews in Progress:**

* 1. Updating the overall scoping review
  + The primary scoping review is intended to be updated annually.
  + Most recent literature search conducted in October 2023, identified almost 10,000 new records to screen. [Tableau Dashboard](https://viz-public.cu.edu/t/Anschutz/views/EvidenceMap/Home?%3Adisplay_count=n&%3Aembed=y&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&%3Aorigin=viz_share_link&%3AshowAppBanner=false&%3AshowVizHome=n) will be updated afterwards.
* 2. High-concentration cannabis products and mental health outcome review
  + Data extraction, screening, and consensus is in progress.
  + **Goal:** Draft report developed by the end of March 2024.
* 3. Mass media behavioral intervention review
  + Conclusions from the findings of the 12 studies are still in progress.
* 4. Modern modalities in behavioral interventions review.
  + The methodologists have completed data extraction and are writing the manuscript.

**Paper on Cannabis Policy Options:**

* CRPP provided a broad outline and detailed the premise for the policy paper, largely due to the limited set of findings from the scoping review. Per the language of HB 1317, CRPP can offer recommendations regarding appropriate regulatory measures -- that might reduce any adverse consequences of having higher concentration products in the marketplace.
* Given the uncertainty of the evidence, we advised taking a precautionary policy approach particularly around the fetus, children, youth, and young adult populations.
* SRC members can provide comments, but approval is not required. The SRC can make their own recommendations and the CRPP’s intent is to post this paper on the CRPP website to complement the previously published report.
* *Suggestions provided by the SRC in the detailed meeting minutes.*

**Terminology Discussion:**

* CRPP provided an overview of the discussions that the team has had regarding how to describe the marketplace and what concentration threshold would be used to describe high-concentration cannabis products. CRPP presented a concept figure to illustrate messaging we want to pass onto the educational campaign to use, highlighting that it is not just the product we must be concerned about. Consideration needs to be directed at factors like frequency, age of initial use, duration of use, and more can all contribute to the harmfulness nature of cannabis use.
* *Suggestions provided by the SRC in the detailed meeting minutes.*

**Educational Campaign Update Following an Evidence-Based Strategy:**

* Vendor Selected – Initium Health will assist with the media campaign. Events will begin taking place in May & June 2024.
* New Partnerships Established With – Colorado State University, University of Northern Colorado, and mHealth lab in the Department of Community & Behavioral Health and faculty experts in motivational interviewing at the Colorado School of Public Health.
* Community Engagement:
  + The CRPP continues to engage and involve our community advisory groups from Denver, Pueblo, and San Luis Valley in the development of the educational campaign.
* Feedback on Dissemination Material:
  + Work groups of 10 individuals were formed to provide immediate feedback on materials proposed by Initium Health and other partners in addition to the comments received from the SRC.
* Art Exhibition:
  + The art exhibit will take place at BRDG gallery in June 2024 where different community events will also be taking place to deliver public lectures and information about high-concentration cannabis.
* Toolkits:
  + Educational toolkit deliverables to include videos, written products, three online educational modules that will be available via AI chatbot to support drug-free coping and provide information on cannabis, and motivational interview trainings at different levels.
* Evaluation of Campaign Efforts and How to Adjust Future Activities:
  + Evaluation survey tool is under development.
* AI Chat bot and Initium Health will also conduct additional evaluations of the campaign.
* *Suggestions provided by the SRC in the detailed meeting minutes.*

**For more information, please review the** [**meeting recording and edited transcript**](https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/research-and-practice/practice/cannabis-research/resources)**.**