

UPDATES OF ACTIVITIES UNDER HB 21-1317

EVIDENCE REVIEW REPORT

- [Report of Scoping Review Available Here](#)
- [American Journal of Public Health Publication](#)
- [Interactive Evidence Map](#)
- [Policy Approaches to High-Concentration Cannabis and THC Concentrates](#)

NEXT SCIENTIFIC REVIEW COUNCIL MEETING:

TBD

REMINDER:

Note: We offer the reminder that our activities under HB 1317 are directed at high-concentration marijuana and THC concentrates and not at cannabis and THC generally. The scoping review available on our [project website](#) is subject to this specific focus. For those seeking information on marijuana and concentrates generally, there are general resources available, such as the CDC's [Marijuana and Public Health](#) page and NIDA's [Cannabis \(Marijuana\) DrugFacts](#) page. This report and the scope of our work under the charge of HB 1317 do not address cannabinoids other than THC.

Updates from the Administrative and Research Cores of the Cannabis Research and Policy Project

Welcome to the sixth newsletter from the Cannabis Research and Policy Project. Since the last newsletter, our team continues to update the scoping review of research studies. We assessed 6,000 new publications from this past year. Ninety-nine studies met our inclusion criteria from the initial review and they will be added to the [interactive evidence map](#). We plan to publish an updated report on the totality of the studies included in the evidence map. Our goal will be to identify if any topics have a sufficient number of studies to conduct additional systematic reviews. We also conducted a detailed, systematic review of studies addressing high-concentration cannabis products and mental health. Findings will be available later this year. We are considering that the next detailed review will be on studies addressing high-concentration cannabis and respiratory health outcomes.

In the initial scoping review of scientific studies, the scientific evidence for decision-making was gravely limited by methodological flaws. Consequently, in June, we gathered key researchers who made recommendations to improve the standardization of methods used for research and surveillance. We continue to summarize the rich discussions from the workshop and will report the findings later this year.

Finally, we held a [Scientific Review Council \(SRC\) meeting on August 8, 2024](#) to provide an update on the ongoing reviews and activities of the educational campaign team. Prior meeting minutes are available on our [website](#).

ACTIVITY

DETAILS

STATUS

Continuing Professional Education

Current Cannabis Marketplace for Pediatricians & OB-GYNs
Mental Health Effects of High-Concentration Cannabis Use

Completed
In Progress

Evidence Reviews

Effects on Mental Health
Effects on Respiratory Health
Modern Modalities in Behavioral Interventions
Mass-Media Behavioral Interventions

Completed
In Progress
In Progress
In Progress

Workshop to Improve Research

Improving Methods for Cannabis Research

Completed

SPECIFIC UPDATES RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES UNDER HB 21-1317

Educational Campaign Updates:

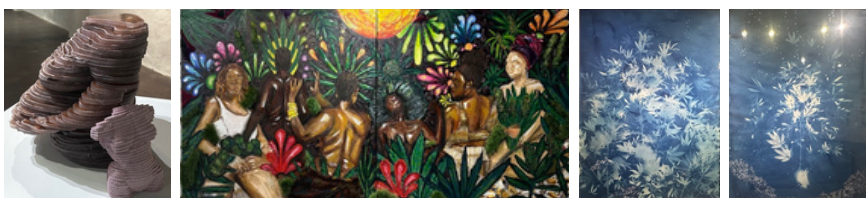
The educational campaign team has made progress across four core project components in July and August.

1. Community Engagement: A shortened version of motivational interviewing training (called “taste of MI”) was provided to community youth and adult advisors in different regions of Colorado. Community members then met with our team to provide valuable feedback about how to modify and change the training so that it was most applicable for the types of conversations they want to have with youth and community members about high-concentration cannabis. Over 100 community members completed surveys on their knowledge and behaviors related to high-concentration cannabis.

2. Partnerships: The Colorado State University partner team finalized their marketing materials on high-concentration cannabis for young adults aged 18-25 living in Larimer and Weld counties. The Clinic Chat, LLC partner team finalized their chatbot program, which will be offered on the “Tea On THC” website when it is launched. The Grow Up (Bell Projects, youth art show) and Hear/Say (BRDG Project Gallery, main art show) art exhibitions closed on July 7th and July 14th. Both galleries provided opening and closing receptions as well as artist and educator talks. A catalogue has been produced which includes all the artwork and educational materials exhibited in the BRDG Project Gallery. Each partnership has provided us with an end-of-year report, reviewing their progress, expenditures, deliverables, and ideas if funded in the future.

3. Initium Health: Initium Health made progress on their seven workstreams: brand identity, video production, campaign website, web-based curricula, social media and state-wide media, art exhibitions, and a podcast. Their videographers are finalizing films on high-concentration cannabis and healthy coping mechanisms. Initium staff finalized their social media strategy and continued to engage local influencers to promote campaign messages and events. They supported the launch and closing of the two art exhibitions and finalized edits of three podcast; these will share a variety of perspectives about and experiences with high-concentration cannabis — from scientists to athletes to behavioral health leaders. They have completed the creation of three webinars on high-concentration cannabis. All materials will be available when the website “The Tea on THC” goes live.

4. Evaluation: The program evaluation team is finalizing data analyses for each of the partnerships; these will be presented at a subsequent meeting. They worked with Initium and community members to collect data on 600 people across Colorado to understand knowledge and behaviors related to high-concentration THC cannabis products before the hard launch of the media campaign. These surveys will then be repeated approximately nine months after the media campaign has been launched.



Photos of Hear | Say Exhibit Pieces

EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

Start Date: November 2022

ACTIVITY	DETAILS	STATUS
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Toolkit Content Creation	Drafted Toolkits 1-3	Completed
	Address Edits from SRC	Completed
	Review Toolkits 1-3	Completed
	Send Toolkits 1-3 to Vendors to Disseminate	Completed

Content Creation	Selected Vendors & Sent Contracts	Completed
	Vendors Create Content	In Progress
	Content Review by SRC & Community Advisors	Ongoing

Art Exhibition	Secured Venue for Exhibition	Completed
	Recruited Artists	Completed
	Artist Education Session	Completed
	Host Art Exhibition	Completed

Dissemination	Community Events Registration	Completed
	Community Trainings	Completed
	Social Media Content	In Progress
	Community Events	Completed

Evaluation	Logic Model Creation	Completed
	Evaluation Planning	Completed
	Instrument Development	Completed