

# 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](#)

## OPEN FORUM MEETING:

**May 7, 2024**

## NEXT SCIENTIFIC REVIEW COUNCIL MEETING:

**May 14, 2024**

## 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 third newsletter from the Cannabis Research and Policy Project. Since our last newsletter, our team continues to update the review of research studies. We are currently examining 6,000 new publications from this past year and studies that meet our inclusion criteria from the initial review will be added to the [interactive evidence map](#). We are also conducting a detailed review on studies addressing high-concentration cannabis products and mental health. We will publish the findings later this year. Our next detailed review will be on studies addressing high-concentration cannabis and respiratory health outcomes.

The team is hosting an open forum on Tuesday, May 7th from 3:00 - 4:15 PM. The team will provide background on the project and answer questions from the attendees. This virtual forum will be open to the public and include a Q&A session. [Please register in advance.](#)

In the initial review of scientific studies, serious limitations of the literature were identified. Consequently, in June we are convening key researchers to develop recommendations to improve the standardization, generalizability, and quality of research on cannabis. We will publish material developed at the workshop later this year.

We have organized a continuing medical education meeting for [Pediatric & OB-GYN providers to take place this May](#). We also plan a similar event for mental health providers later this year.

Finally, we have scheduled the next Scientific Review Council (SRC) meeting for May 14, 2024 to provide an update on the ongoing reviews and activities of the educational campaign team. Information about joining the meeting is available on the [project website](#).

ACTIVITY	DETAILS	STATUS
Continuing Professional Education	<a href="#">Current Cannabis Marketplace for Pediatricians</a>	May 15, 2024
	<a href="#">Mental Health Effects of High-Concentration Cannabis Use</a>	In Progress
Evidence Reviews	<a href="#">Effects on Mental Health</a>	In Progress
	<a href="#">Effects on Respiratory Health</a>	In Progress
	<a href="#">Modern Modalities in Behavioral Interventions</a>	In Progress
	<a href="#">Mass-Media Behavioral Interventions</a>	In Progress
Workshop to Improve Research	<a href="#">Improving Methods for Cannabis Research</a>	June 24-25, 2024

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

## Educational Campaign Updates:

The educational campaign team has made progress across our five core project components in April.

**1. Community Engagement:** We scheduled a series of meetings with our community advisors and the content creators at Initium Health to receive feedback on the project name, logo, brand, and messaging. We also planned trainings for community members on motivational interviewing and have refined the curriculum for those sessions. These trainings will equip community members with the tools to have difficult conversations about the health impacts of high-concentration cannabis (HCC) with youth or pregnant people in their lives.

**2. Partnerships:** The University of Northern Colorado partner team held a two-day retreat on mindfulness as an alternative to cannabis use. They also planned events across the remainder of the school year to educate students about the health effects of HCC. The Colorado State University partner team conducted a series of focus groups with college-enrolled and non-college enrolled youth to understand their perceptions of cannabis and high-concentration cannabis. The focus groups will inform educational materials that the team will make and distribute in Larimer and Weld counties. The Clinic Chat, LLC partner team is close to completing the content that will serve as the foundation for the chatbot program offered on the HB1317 website. This involves identifying questions that people can ask of the artificial intelligence chatbot, relying on our pre-approved HCC educational toolkits for the appropriate answers. Last, the CU Department of Psychiatry team is developing two medical education events for both mental health providers and educators on the health impacts of HCC use among youth.

**3. Initium Health:** Initium Health made progress on the web-based curriculum, which will offer user-friendly education for youth, parents, and pregnant and parenting individuals on the project website. Initium Health also began their videography process and made progress on the project website. Lastly, they have created branding and websites for the project's two art exhibitions.

**4. Art Exhibition:** The artists continue to develop their pieces for both the adult and youth exhibitions – “Hear|Say” and Grow Up,” which will occur on June 14 and June 7, respectively. The art exhibition team worked with Initium Health to develop a marketing strategy to raise awareness of each exhibition and are developing content for the exhibition display panels and catalog; these will be available to provide additional context to the topic of HCC throughout the exhibition space.

**5. Evaluation:** The program evaluation team, which will look close at how well these activities work, sought feedback on the assessment measures from a variety of stakeholders including members of the Scientific Review Council, internal subject matter experts, communities, and project partners. The team will address and incorporate feedback to prepare the final survey by the end of May.

## EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

Start Date: November 2022

Tentative Dissemination  
Date: June 2024

ACTIVITY	DETAILS	STATUS
Toolkit Content Creation	Drafted Toolkits 1-3	Completed
	Address Edits from SRC Review	Completed
	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	In Progress
Art Exhibition	Secured Venue for Exhibition	Completed
	Recruited Artists	Completed
	Artist Education Session	Completed
	Host Art Exhibition	In Progress
Dissemination	Community Events Registration	In Progress
	Community Trainings	In Progress
	Social Media Content	In Progress
	Community Events	In Progress
Evaluation	Logic Model Creation	Completed
	Evaluation Planning	In Progress
	Instrument Development	In Progress