Balancing Science and Politics: The Challenges of Implementing Medical Marijuana Laws

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8:30-9 Registration and Continental Breakfast (Atrium and Krongard Room)

9-9:15 Introduction - Diane Hoffmann, JD, MS (Professor of Law and Director, Law & Health Care Program, UM Carey Law)

9:15-9:45 Plenary Session: “National Trends – State Medical Marijuana Decriminalization Efforts” (Karen O’Keefe, JD, Director of State Policies for Marijuana Policy Project)

9:45-10:30 Panel Discussion – “The Science of Medical Marijuana – the Risks and the Benefits”
- Dr. Todd Handel (Rhode Island)
- Linda Simoni-Wastila, BSPharm, PhD (Professor and Vice Chair of Research, UM School of Pharmacy)

10:30 – 11 Plenary Session – “Preemption Issues in State Decriminalization Efforts” (Robert A. Mikos, JD (Professor of Law, Director, Program in Law and Government, Vanderbilt University Law School)

11-11:15 Break

11:15-12:15 Panel Discussion – Dispensaries/Diversion/Safety
- Diane Hoffmann, JD, MS (Professor of Law and Director, Law & Health Care Program, UM Carey Law)
- Steve DeAngelo (Executive Director, Harborside Health Center)
- Matt D. Cook, BS (President, Cook Consulting LLC, former Senior Director of Enforcement, Colorado Department of Revenue)

12:15-1:15 Lunch Speaker – Delegate Dan K. Morhaim, Maryland General Assembly, “Update on Maryland Medical Marijuana Legislation”
1:15-1:45 Panel Discussion – Public Health Issues
- Kathleen Hoke Dachille, JD (Associate Professor, Director, Network for Public Health Law-Eastern Region, UM Carey Law)
- Cory Silkman, RN-BC (UM Carey Law ’12)

1:45-2:45 Panel Discussion – Health Care System Issues
- Monitoring, Frank Palumbo, JD, PhD (Professor and Director, Center on Drugs and Public Policy, UMD School of Pharmacy and Adjunct Professor, UM Carey Law)
- Hospitals, Steven W. Gray, PharmD, JD (California Pharmacy Regulatory Compliance and Professional Affairs Leader)
- Hospice, Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, BCPS, CPE (Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, UMD School of Pharmacy)

2:45-3 Break

3:00-4 Elements of a Model State Law
- Clifford M. Rees, JD (Practice Director, Western Region, Network for Public Health Law, Santa Fe, New Mexico)
- Phillip L. Husband, JD (Deputy General Counsel for the Department of Health and Freedom of Information Act Officer for the Department of Health, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia) (pending)
- Bruce McIntyre, JD (Legal Counsel, Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline)

4-4:30 Interactive Panel: Elements of a Model Law (Moderator – Diane Hoffmann)