

CANNABIS LAW REFORM IN MICHIGAN, PLANNING FOR 2015/2016

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AGENDA (begin with introductions and welcome)

1) Local initiatives

a) in 2014 (With Tim as main contact) - Oakland County (Oak Park, Hazel Park, Berkley, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge), Saginaw, Port Huron, Lapeer, Montrose, Gross Pointe Park.

(With Chuck as main contact) – E. Lansing, Mount Pleasant, Utica, Clare, Harrison, Frankfort, Onaway, Portage, Keego Harbor

b) in 2015 – Montrose, East Lansing, Gross Pointe Park, Portage, Keego Harbor, Utica, Gaylord, Traverse City

2) State legislative goals

- a) **Getting workable bills from the legislature on dispensaries, and on edibles & concentrates?** (bills 4271 and 5104). How and when?
- b) Should we be ready to write the rules on medical marijuana in Michigan with a statewide medical initiative in 2016?
- c) **HB 4623 (marijuana decriminalization in Michigan)** Is there any possibility for it now- or anything we should do?

3) Progress toward full legalization for adult use in Michigan

- a) ***Relevant polling***, - would Michigan be ready to vote yes in the big turnout election of 2016? (Michigan NORML has new data available – to be presented by Matt Abel)
- b) **Funding prospects** for 2016 legalization (or whatever)(which would have to begin immediately). Where will that first million come from, in the real world? Dems and Rand Paul Libertarians?
- c) **Creating a single data base** of all Michigan supporters – (always recommended by professionals)

3) Reports

- a) State Representative **Jeff Irwin** will be here and will be given time to speak as he wishes
- b) A word from **Steve Sharpe** on Michigan legislative success with **industrial hemp**
- c) Report from Charmie G. on **fighting Michigan drug task forces**