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Re: HIGH TIMES CANNABIS CUP - MARCH 4-5, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) has become aware of the High Times Cannabis Cup, a marijuana themed event, that will take place on March 4 and 5, 2017 on tribal lands north of Las Vegas. The event includes a cannabis competition where marijuana products from Nevada dispensaries will be evaluated by a panel of judges prior to the event. Each judge will be a registered medical marijuana patient. The event information available on-line implies that use of marijuana at the event will be allowed. DPBH offers the following comments on the event:

- As the event is to be held on tribal land, DPBH will defer to the applicable law enforcement agencies to address the legality of the use of marijuana in a public setting.
- A registered medical marijuana establishment (MME) providing marijuana for use or distribution at the event in violation of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) or Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) will result in disciplinary action to possibly include suspension or revocation of their operating certificate.
- A registered MME providing marijuana to a patient for the purpose of distribution at the event will be considered an attempt to circumvent NRS and NAC and will result in disciplinary action to possibly include suspension or revocation of their operating certificate.
- The sale or distribution of non-marijuana items (souvenirs, paraphernalia, literature...etc.) providing advertising of an MME is acceptable.

In summary, DPBH is required to ensure the delivery of marijuana from a registered MME is done in accordance with all applicable NRS and NAC. Provisions to allow the distribution of medical marijuana at a Cannabis festival or similarly themed event do not currently exist. DPBH looks forward to working with industry to develop regulations specific to cannabis themed events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Pollock".

Joe Pollock, REHS
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