

MINUTES

**UTAH
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

April 3, 2012

**Room 210, 2nd Floor – 3:00 P.M.
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 3:10 P.M.

ADJOURNED: 4:35 P.M.

**Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:**

Richard J. Oborn
Lee Avery

Committee Members Present:

David N. Sundwall, MD, Chairperson
Kristen Ries, MD
Major Jeff Carr
Jeffrey Wright, ND
Elizabeth Howell, MD
Glen R. Hanson, DDS
Blaine Winters, APRN
Todd C. Grey, MD

Committee Members Excused

Alexander B. Larsen, DDS
David C. Young, R. Ph
Darin M. Vercillo, MD
Scott Reed

Guests:

Representative Gage Froerer
Scott McDaniel, Dept. of Public Safety, Bureau of
Forensic Services
Sgt. Stanton VanWagoner, Unified Police Department

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Minutes:

The Committee reviewed the minutes dated November 29, 2011. Dr. Wright motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Ries. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Summary of H.B. 254 passed during 2012 General Legislative Session

Rep. Froerer met with the Committee and reviewed concerns regarding the growing industry of unending products that promote illegal use and addiction of

mind-altering substances. The Committee noted that there is no government oversight over how these products are produced. These products are a serious risk to the health of those who use them. They cause seizures, comas, and sometimes death.

The Committee discussed obtaining authority to add substances to the controlled substance list on a temporary basis, thus allowing law enforcement to take legal action sooner rather than later. The Advisory Committee noted that the Interim Committee would review the Advisory Committee's decisions and the decision to keep the substance on the controlled substance list, or remove it from the list, would require a legislation review and vote. Rep. Froerer stated this kind of a bill would require a careful review to ensure granting temporary authority to the Advisory Committee does not violate the Utah Constitution.

Dr. Sundwall thanked Rep. Froerer for meeting with the Board. Dr. Sundwall noted that the Advisory Committee members are willing to meet with the Legislative Interim Committee at any time.

2. Update from various parties regarding enforcement of current ban and substances of concern
 - a. Law enforcement
 - b. State crime lab
 - c. Health departments and hospitals
Utah Poison Control

a. Law enforcement:

Sgt. Van Wagoner advised the Committee that there was a convention in Las Vegas that advertised spice and bath salts products. He noted that thousands attended. The selling of spice and bath salt products have become an international business. Sgt. VanWagoner stated that much of the supply is coming from China. Major Carr stated that the next state-wide law enforcement task force will be held in May.

b. State crime lab:

Mr. McDaniel reviewed statistics from the State Crime Lab with the Committee. Mr. McDaniel noted that there are six emerging substances.

c. Health department and hospitals:

The Committee noted that heroin abuse has become more of a problem than prescription drug abuse. Health care providers, including those working with trauma, have noted the abuse of heroin is more

common. The increase is likely due to the low cost of Heroin.

d. Utah poison control:

Mr. Oborn reviewed statistics provided by the Utah Poison Control Center regarding Tramadol.

3. Consideration of additional substances to add to controlled substance list

- a. Tramadol
- b. Others

The Committee reviewed information regarding Tramadol noting that Tramadol is a controlled substance in two other states. The Committee also noted that Tramadol has been very helpful to patients under their health care professional's supervision. The Committee recommended Tramadol not be placed on the controlled substance list at this time.

4. Upcoming changes in Committee membership

Mr. Oborn advised the Committee that because Dr. Larsen's term on the Dental Board will end July 1, 2012, a new representative from the Dental Board would be appointed to the Committee.

5. Scheduling of next meeting

The Committee scheduled the next meeting for August 28, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn: 4:35 P.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

September 10, 2012
Date Approved

(ss) David N. Sundwall
David N. Sundwall, Chairperson,
Controlled Substances Advisory Committee

September 10, 2012
Date Approved

(ss) Debra Hobbins
Debra Hobbins, Bureau Manager, Division of
Occupational & Professional Licensing