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2019 Howard L. Bost Memorial Health Policy Forum
9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday, September 23, 2019
Griffin Gate Marriott Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky

Medical Marijuana Fact and Fiction: Practical Public Health Policy Considerations for Kentucky

DETAILED AGENDA

The 2019 Howard L. Bost Memorial Health Policy Forum will elevate the public health voice in medical cannabis policymaking discussions in Kentucky. Medical marijuana is legal in 34 states and the District of Columbia, and public support is growing, yet most policy makers have relatively little experience with cannabis. There also remain gaps in research about the health impacts of marijuana and hemp products. The one-day forum will bring together a broad array of experts, advocates and stakeholders to discuss how best to promote the health, wellbeing and safety of Kentuckians as lawmakers consider new policies around medical cannabis in the Commonwealth.

9 a.m. - Welcome

- **Mark Carter**, Chair, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky Board of Directors
- **LeChrista Finn**, Chair, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky Community Advisory Council
- **Ben Chandler**, President/CEO, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky,

9:15 a.m. -

9:25 a.m. - Healthy Kentucky Policy Champion Awards: Ben Chandler, Dr. Jeff Howard, Mark Carter, LeChrista Finn

- Recognition of 2018-2019 Champions
- Announcement of First Annual Gil Friedell Award

9:45 a.m. - General Morning Session (All Attendees)

9:45 a.m.: What is Cannabis? - Dr. **Shanna Babalonis**, Center on Drug and Alcohol Research, University of Kentucky

What cannabis is, how it has changed over time, the latest science about the effectiveness of cannabis derivatives for treating medical conditions and symptoms, and the public health impacts of cannabis use.

10:30 a.m.: The Evolution of Cannabis Regulation - **Brian Higgins**, Frost Brown Todd LLC
Overview of current state and federal laws and regulations regarding medical cannabis, the FDA drug-approval process, the impact of labeling cannabis as medicine.

11:15 a.m.: Keynote: The Colorado Experience - **Andrew Freedman**, Freedman and Koski, Inc.

Overview of Colorado's legal landscape, the impact of legalizing marijuana on a variety of public health factors, lessons learned for promoting public health, protecting youth and ensuring public safety.



12:15 - Networking Lunch

12:30 - Media Availability (for working media and selected speakers)

1:30-2:45, and 3-4:15 - Afternoon Breakout Sessions (Attendees will choose two of three)

1. Health Impacts on At-Risk and Underserved Populations Moderator: **Miranda Sloan**, Exec. Dir., Kentucky Psychiatric Medical Association and Kentucky Society of Addiction Medicine
 - a. *Infants/children/youth/pregnant women* - **Dr. Kathy Hager**, Kentucky Nurses Association
 - b. *Persons with mental health disorders* - **Dr. Shanna Babalonis**, University of Kentucky
 - c. *Accidents, poisonings and crime* - **Will Jones**, Smart Approaches to Marijuana
2. Revenues and Outlays Moderator: **Dr. Brent Wright**, Assoc. Dean for Rural Health Innovation, University of Louisville
 - a. *Who can grow and sell products, what kinds of products, and where?* **Evan Ogburn**, Pharm-CBD
 - b. *Expected state revenues and expenses* - **Beau Whitney**, New Frontier Data
 - c. *Testing and quality control* - **Lisa Gill**, Consumer Reports
3. Future of Cannabis Regulation Moderator: **Anthony Zipple**, ZB Consults
 - a. *Regulation Considerations for Kentucky* - **Jaime Montalvo**, Kentuckians for Medical Marijuana
 - b. *Prescriber, distributor and public education* - **Dr. Daneesh Mazloomdust**, Co-Founder, Wellward Regenerative Medicine
 - c. *Cannabis and the justice system* - **Ed Monahan**, Exec. Dir., NAPD Fund for Justice, Inc.

4:15 - Adjournment

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