Conference of Local Health Officials
Monthly Meeting
Introduction to Oregon Psilocybin Services

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What do psilocybin producing mushrooms look like?

What is Psilocybin?

Psilocybin is a naturally occurring psychedelic compound produced by more than 200 species of fungi.

Psilocybin producing mushrooms can be found growing naturally in the Pacific Northwest, as well as many regions throughout the world.

Psilocybin has been used for centuries by various indigenous and tribal communities for spiritual, ceremonial, and other purposes.

Psilocybin was studied for many decades before it was made illegal by the United States as a Schedule 1 Substance under the Controlled Substances Act. While still federally illegal, academic institutions and private companies have recently begun researching psilocybin again.

Studies at medical research institutions show that **psilocybin** can be effective in treating depression, anxiety, trauma and addiction.

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Ballot Measure 109: The Oregon Psilocybin Services Act

In November of 2020, Ballot Measure 109, the Oregon Psilocybin Services Act was passed by voters in Oregon.

M109:

- Creates a license and regulatory framework for production of psilocybin and facilitation of psilocybin services for adults 21 years of age and older.

M109 does NOT:

- Create a consumer market for psilocybin.
- Allow for export or import of psilocybin.
- Alllow licensees to interact with unregulated markets.

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Oregon Psilocybin Services Section

Oregon Psilocybin Services is a new section housed within the Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division's Center for Health Protection.

We are currently in the process of building our team, which will focus on three program areas:

- Policy and Engagement
- Licensing
- Compliance

Each program will center on equity, including outreach to communities and working to ensure equitable access to services.

Licensure Types

Manufacturer License

Manufacturer: Cultivates fungi containing psylocibin and produces psylocibin products

Facilitator License

Facilitates client preparation, administration and integration sessions.

Service Center License

Provides psilocybin products to clients during administration session

Lab Testing License

Tests psilocybin products

Oregon Psilocybin Services will be a fee-based program and must cover the costs associated with the work. We are working with the Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board on recommendations to find ways to ensure affordability.

What are Psilocybin Services?

Psilocybin will only be administered in licensed settings under the supervision of trained facilitators for persons 21 years or older.

Psilocybin Services may include:

Preparation Session

Administration Session

Integration Session

The Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board will submit recommendations to OHA for draft rules. OHA will go through the rulemaking process, including opening for a public comment period, then finalize rules.

Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board

OPAB shall make recommendations to Oregon Health Authority on:

• Administration of the measure

• Available research

• Requirements and guidelines for providing services to clients

• Public health and safety standards

• Code of professional conduct for facilitators

• Education and training for facilitators

• Facilitator examinations

• Public health and safety standards for administration sessions

The OPAB subcommittees include **Training, Research, Products, Licensing, and Equity Subcommittees.**

Board Membership

Public Health state employee
Public Health Director designee
Psilocybin harm reduction
Psychopharmacology
Palliative Care & Quality of Life Advisory Panel
Department of Justice
Mycology
Addictions and Mental Health Planning Advisory Council
Ch 675 Psychologist
Expert in public health in academia
Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission
Local Health Officer
Ch 677 Physician
Chief Petitioner
State Health Officer designee
Oregon Health Policy Board designee
Provides public health services directly to the public
Tribal Member
Prof research in psilocybin clinical therapy
Ethnobotany
Member at Large
Member at Large

Development and Benchmarks

- Development Period: January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022
- OHA published Rapid Evidence Review: July 31, 2021
- OPAB shall submit findings and recommendations: June 30, 2022
  - Some findings and recommendations may be requested as early as 2021
- OHA shall adopt rules necessary for implementation: December 31, 2022
  - Some rulemaking may begin as early as 2021.
- OHA shall begin receiving license applications, January 2, 2023

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Local Government Issues

Local Government Opt-Out:

- Local governments (cities and counties) may adopt ordinances that prohibit Manufacturers and Service Centers

- OHA may not issue licenses if the local government has adopted such an ordinance

- Ordinances must be referred to voters at the next general election

Local Government Time Place and Manner Regulations

- Local governments may adopt reasonable regulations on hours, location, and operation of licenses

- For example, a city may adopt a regulation that requires Service Centers to be located at least 1000 feet apart from one another

- Local taxes and fees are prohibited

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Local Government Issues (cont'd)

Land Use Compatibility Statements (LUCS)

- Applicants for Service Center and Manufacturer licenses are required to request a LUCS from their local government before submitting a license application.

- OHA may not issue a license if the proposed land use is prohibited.

Partnership

- Open seat for seat that provides public health services directly to the public on Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board

- Participation in RAC (Rulemaking Advisory Committees)

- OHA Listening Sessions

- Opportunities to listen to advisory board and subcommittee meetings (public meetings) and make public comments during public comment period

- Sign up on Oregon Psilocybin Services website for distribution list

- Job recruitment for Oregon Psilocybin Services team

Thank You

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