



MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND YOUR CITY: FACTS, FICTION AND MOVING FORWARD

Wednesday, August 16, 2017 • 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. • Orlando World Center Marriott

In 2016, Florida’s voters approved a constitutional amendment legalizing the production, distribution and use of medical marijuana. The implementation of this amendment will require legislation, administrative rules and the development of complex processes for growers, doctors and patients – and dispelling myths and misinformation. Permitting, zoning, code enforcement, intergovernmental relations, law enforcement and emergency response, as well as other departments, will be affected.

The Center for Municipal Research & Innovation will host this symposium supporting Florida League of Cities President Susan Haynie’s “Safe Cities, Safe Florida” initiative. Plan now to join with policy and industry experts for an action-oriented session designed to help our cities determine their next steps.

The symposium is a **free event** for League members and research partners, but pre-registration is required. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The registration deadline is **Wednesday, August 9**. If you register but do not attend, you will be invoiced a \$45 no-show fee. Cancellations must be received by Thursday, August 10, to avoid the no-show fee. Registration transfers are acceptable. Click [here](#) for the registration form. Return completed forms to Liane Schrader at lschrader@flcities.com or fax to 850-222-3806. For more information, contact Liane at 850-222-9684.



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.Implementing Amendment 2 – Current Legal State of the State

Speakers: **Brian J. Sherman**, Associate, Goren Cherof Doody & Ezrol, PA, and **Brett J. Schneider**, Esq., Member, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, PL

Topic: Overview of Senate Bill 8A; number of licensees; location and number of dispensaries; authority of local government; federal law and legal implications on Florida employers.

9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.Medical Marijuana 101

Speaker: **Ken Brummel-Smith**, MD, Medical Director, Trulieve; Professor, Florida State University College of Medicine

Topic: Overview of what medical marijuana is and what it is not; pharmacology and the different extraction processes used to create the allowable forms and packaging of medical marijuana in Florida.

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.Municipal Impact – Panel Discussion

Panelists: **Michael Beedie**, City Manager, City of Fort Walton Beach; **Argatha Gilmore**, Police Chief, City of Lake City; **Kyle Shephard**, Chief Assistant City Attorney, City of Orlando; **Jake Bergmann**, CEO & Founder, Surterra Holdings, Inc.; **Victoria Walker**, Community Relations Manager, Trulieve; **Nikki Fried**, Consultant, Green Solutions

Topic: Differences between some of the dispensing organizations operating in the state and their relationships with municipalities; cities impacted by dispensing facilities, specifically issues of safety, zoning and commerce.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.Luncheon & Keynote Address: What’s Next in Research?

Speaker: **Nagi B. Kumar**, PhD, RD, FADA, Professor/Director, Cancer Chemoprevention, Moffitt Cancer Center, University of South Florida

Topic: Research and education priorities of the newly created Coalition for Medicinal Cannabis Research and Education, funded by the Florida Legislature, operating at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa.