

MINUTES

**UTAH
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

July 21, 2011

**North Conference Room – 3:00 P.M.
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 3:04 P.M.

ADJOURNED: 4:03 P.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Richard J. Oborn
Lee Avery

Committee Members Present:

David N. Sundwall, MD, Chair
Kristen Ries, MD
Todd C. Grey, MD
Glen R. Hanson, MD
Major Jeff Carr
Jeffrey Wright, ND
Darin M. Vercillo, MD
Debra Hobbins, APRN

Committee Members Excused

Elizabeth Howell, MD
Scott Reed
David C. Young
Alexander B. Larsen, DDS

Guests:

Scott Van Wagoner, Unified Police Department
Jennifer McNair, Crime Lab

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Swearing of new Committee member, Debra Hobbins, APRN

Ms. Hobbins was sworn in as a new Committee member.

Minutes:

The Committee reviewed the minutes dated March 31, 2011. Dr. Ries motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Dr. Vercillo. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Report from law enforcement regarding:
 - a. enforcement of ban on substances in

Sgt. VanWagoner advised the Committee that the current trend with Spice is that the producers are

spice and bath salts abuse of products containing

b. substances not currently controlled

reformulating the product and distributing it as legal because it does not contain a substance that is specifically listed as a controlled substance. In reality, the product is still illegal because it is an analog. Individuals who do not understand the law are still selling Spice. Sgt. VanWagoner stated there are still a lot of warehouses in Utah making Spice and selling in Utah and other states. The products are just as available now as they were before the statute changed.

Dr. Sundwall reviewed the survey he sent to local health agencies regarding the ongoing use of Spice. Tooele County is the only agency to respond thus far. Dr. Sundwall noted that this survey was distributed less than a week ago.

Dr. Vercillo stated that the hospital where he works had a string of patients coming into the ER with a GHB overdose. There is no evidence to indicate that the law change has had an impact yet.

Ms. McNair advised the Committee that the State Lab is having difficulty in separating the compounds in 2-fluoromethcathinone, 3-fluoromethcathinone and 4-fluoromethcathinone. Ms. McNair stated it would be helpful if the statute could be reworded to read just "Fluoromethcathinone."

Ms. McNair noted that the bath salts are showing a mixture of substances. These cases have increased.

2. Additional cannabinoid substances to consider for placement on controlled substance list

Sgt. VanWagoner advised the Committee that Salvia Divinorum may be taking the place of Spice on the shelves. Kratom has hit Utah and is being used more often now.

Ms. McNair stated that she has a list of the chemicals of concern and would be willing to create a written report to share with the Committee members.

3. Discussion regarding designer drugs and other substances of concern

Mr. Oborn reviewed an e-mail from Colin Price. Mr. Price is a pharmacist and is requesting that the Committee consider adding Tramadol to the controlled substance list. The Committee noted that Tramadol is seen more as a secondary drug. It does not produce the high that other drugs produce. The Committee felt

there is a lack of evidence demonstrating that Tramadol having addictive properties. The Committee decided to continue studying Tramadol and to not recommend adding it to the controlled substance abuse list at this time.

4. Proposal for legislation that would grant Committee authority to approve temporary placement of substances on controlled substance list prior to legislature's permanent approval

Mr. Oborn shared a memorandum prepared by Scott Reed regarding a proposal for legislation that would grant the Committee authority to approve a temporary placement of a substance on the controlled substance list prior to legislature's permanent approval. It is Mr. Reed's opinion that it would be constitutional for the legislature to grant the Committee the authority to approve temporary placement of substances on the controlled substance list. Mr. Oborn stated that the details regarding the proposal need to be worked out. The Committee will consider the proposal further at the next meeting.

Not on the agenda:

Mr. Oborn advised the Committee that he contacted Ms. Barbara Crouch with the Utah Poison Control Center. She stated that there is nothing new to report.

5. Scheduling of future meetings

The Board decided meet again on September 13, 2011 at 3:00 P.M.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn: 4:03 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 20, 2011
Date Approved

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

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Date Approved

(ss) Richard J. Oborn
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing