## WELCOME! We Will begin shortly!!

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**Full Coalition Meeting** 

July 18, 2024

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#### **GOAL & AGENDA**

**GOAL:** Present Cannabis Updates from the Legal Resource Center and Maryland Cannabis Administration and Workgroup activities in support of the Healthy Beginnings, Healthy Living and Healthy Minds priorities.

#### **AGENDA:**

- A. Welcome & Introductions
- B. Cannabis Updates
- D. HCLHIC Workgroup Updates & Discussion
- E. Member Announcements, Resource Sharing & Networking
- F. Next Steps and Wrap-up

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#### **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

### Welcome

**New Members and Guests** 

#### **Opening Remarks:**

Howard County Health Department & Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center

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#### **CANNABIS UPDATES**

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# Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy-Cannabis

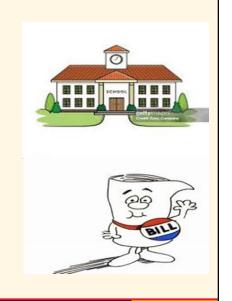
2024 Cannabis Updates

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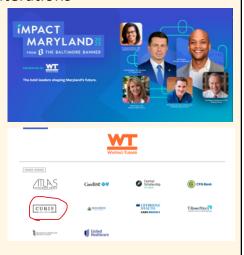
#### **LRC-Cannabis Services**

- ☐ Cannabis community needs assessment
- □ Legal technical assistance
  - ➤ Cannot provide legal advice
  - > Research and educate
  - ➤ Ex. Does Maryland permit medical cannabis in schools? If so, what are the rules surrounding the administration of the medical cannabis?
- ☐ Educational resources
  - > Fact sheets and issue briefs
  - ➤ Webinars
  - ➤ Meetings and presentations
  - ➤ Maryland public health cannabis conference in 2025
- ☐ Legislative tracking
- ☐ Legislative and regulatory advocacy



### 2024 Legislative Developments: HB 253-Cannabis Reform Act-Alterations

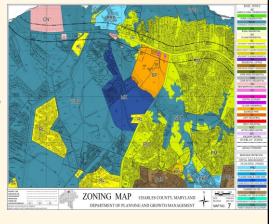
- ☐ Clarifies roles of Maryland Cannabis Administration and Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission.
- ☐ Creates a new category of cannabis licensenursery license.
- ☐ A cannabis business cannot sponsor an event unless at least 85% of audience are adults.
- ☐ Restricts the content of signs placed on outside of cannabis business.
  - ➤ Can only be used to identify the business to the public.



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### 2024 Legislative Developments: HB805/SB537-Local Zoning Authority and Community Protest

- ☐ State standard: dispensary cannot be within 500 feet of a school, playground, public park, or place of worship
- □ Local government cannot set a zoning requirement more restrictive than this state standard (e.g., 1000 feet) but can reduce exclusionary zone (e.g., 300 feet)
- ☐ Local government can require that dispensaries are located up
  - > One-half mile away from each other &
  - > 100 feet away from residential areas
- ☐ Provides residents and businesses within 1,000 feet of a cannabis business the ability to protest the renewal of the business's license



#### On-Site Consumption Establishments

- Business licenses permitting customers to consume cannabis products on-site
- Not yet available in Maryland, likely will not be for several more months
- Initial round will only issue 15 licenses
- MCA has created a report on proposed business models



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#### MCA Report on Consumption Sites

- Summarizes existing state law pertaining to on-site consumption establishments and compares the approach to on-site consumption framework adopted in other jurisdictions
- Reviews different on-site consumption business types and highlights statutory changes that may be required in MD to adopt these models
- Considers various on-site consumption business models in the context of the study requirements
- Makes recommendations to the Maryland General Assembly for the further development of the on-site consumption license category

#### **Questions?**

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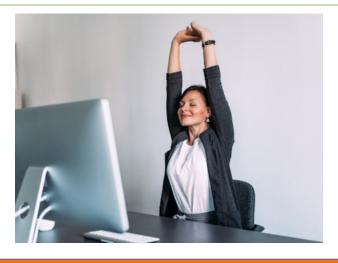
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### **Light Up Green in May**



George Howard Building



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- . Improving your strength and balance
- Decreasing falls in your home What to do after you fall

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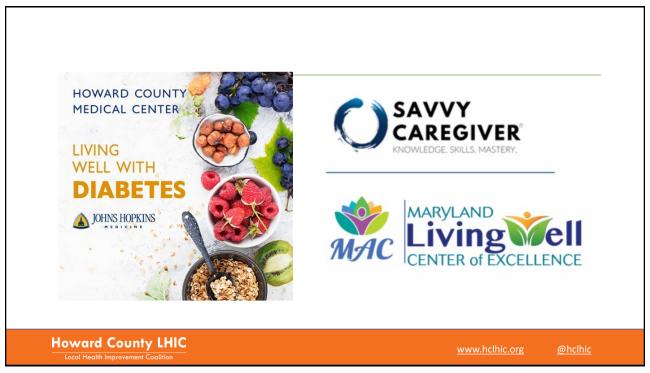




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#### **NEXT STEPS & WRAP UP**

#### 2024 Quarterly Hybrid Full Coalition Meetings:

Register

October 17, 2024 at 8:30 - 10:30am

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