

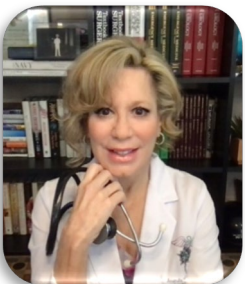


GHC Monthly Meeting June 2022

Insights Into the Cannabis Industry in Maryland

Our June GHC Monthly Meeting featured a panel discussion on ***“Insights into the Cannabis Industry in Maryland”***. Some [17 states](#) have now legalized the possession and personal use of small amounts of marijuana, including D.C. and Virginia, and Maryland will likely approve the legalization of marijuana this year.

During this past legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill #1 that will place the question of legalizing recreational cannabis use on the ballot for the voters of Maryland to decide. By all accounts, this vote is expected to pass which sets the groundwork for Maryland to legalize the use of recreational marijuana beginning July 2023 (polling suggests 2:1 in favor). What the General Assembly didn’t do is create the system for the retail sales of marijuana which will be worked on during the next session if supported. It will be important for our community and your businesses to be prepared as it will affect everything from your workforce to your insurance policies.

Our speakers this month featured top experts on the cannabis industry who are often called to the national and international stage to speak. They included:

- [Dr. Leigh Vinocur](#) – Board certified emergency physician, prominent medical advisor in the corporate and healthcare sectors, and national spokesperson for the American College of Emergency Physicians. “Dr. Leigh” is known as one of the go-to medical analysts on TV including regular appearances on the popular syndicated *Dr. Oz Show*, *The TODAY Show*, *the Fox News Channel*, *CNN’s House Calls* and the *Nancy Grace Show*, *HLN Prime News*, *Inside Edition*, as well as *ABC News* and the *CBS Early Show*. She is also the National spokesperson and Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians / Cannabis Industry and Physician Advisor with emphasis on medical cannabis education and management. 
- [Jacquie Cohen Roth](#) - Founder & CEO of [CannabizMD](#) whose mission is to educate, build and engage the ecosystem that supports Maryland’s cannabis industry - with a long game on supporting emerging global medical cannabis markets. Jacquie also founded a social enterprise company called [Tea Pad](#) which works on DEI issues related to the cannabis industry and strives to break down barriers to entry and advancement. Jacquie has more than 25 years of expertise in conventional healthcare and public policy. She earned a double B.A. in Economics and Policy Studies and received a Master of Science (MS) in the historic first graduate program in medical cannabis - Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics at University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP, 2021). Jacquie is regularly recognized for her cannabis industry leadership and expertise and is considered a leader in Maryland’s medical cannabis market. She has been invited to speak at several world summits on cannabis and serves as an adjunct professor for “State and Federal Cannabis Laws and Policies” at UMSOP in the Master of Science in Medical Cannabis program. 
- Tereance Moore, GHC’s 2nd vice chair and President of TM Consulting, facilitated our panel discussion. Tereance was recently appointed by the Governor to the [Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission](#) who oversee the framework and licensing of the cannabis industry in Maryland. 

Meeting Materials:

- PowerPoint Slides from panelists: [CLICK HERE](#)
- MD Cannabis Commission 2021 Annual Report: [CLICK HERE](#)