

Strategic Meeting of Council- Legalization of Marijuana Education Session
Panel Discussion- Member Biographies

Dan Rowland- (Presenter and Panel Moderator)
Citywide Communications Advisor, City of Denver

Dan Rowland directs communications and marketing for the City of Denver's Office of Marijuana Policy and Department of Excise & Licenses. He is the spokesman and director of media relations and public affairs for the city's marijuana policy and business licensing efforts.

His work includes industry and constituent outreach, developing long-range and short-term strategic planning initiatives, managing marketing campaigns, facilitating communication among city agencies, and legislative planning and policy analysis.

Rowland has been with the city since 2012, previously working for Denver Arts & Venues before starting work with marijuana policy in November 2014. He has previously worked for the Boulder County (Colo.) Commissioners' Office, the Colorado Avalanche and Denver Nuggets, and The Denver Post.

Rowland has a Bachelor of Arts in journalism from Arizona State University and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Colorado Denver. He lives in Denver with his wife, Jacy.

Jeff Mooij
CEO/Operating Partner 420 Clinic

Founding partner of the 420 Clinic located in Inglewood. First medical cannabis resource center in Alberta legally operating under the initial rules and guidelines set forth by the federal government and Health Canada. The 420 Clinic not only operates as a liaison for qualified medical cannabis patients, but also consults to medical clinics/organizations, corporations, and various municipal governments.

Extensive experience in the cannabis industry, coupled with our relationship with reputable government-regulated Licensed Producers, gives the 420 Clinic the expertise to assist in navigation of the current cannabis laws and future legalization.

Dr. Rebecca Haines-Saah
Assistant Professor, Cummings School of Medicine, University of Calgary

Dr. Rebecca Haines-Saah is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary and the O'Brien Institute for Public Health, where she co-leads the Population Health and Prevention Interest Group. Her research focuses on adolescent mental health and substance use, in particular tobacco and cannabis use.

Rebecca is a core committee member of Alberta Health Services' Addiction and Mental Health Strategic Clinical Network and an Associate Faculty Member in the Mathison Centre for Mental Health Research and Education, Hotchkiss Brain Institute. Since joining the University of Calgary as Faculty in early 2016, she had focused her research program on the public health policy implications of cannabis legalization in Canada, working with partners in community and government at the municipal, provincial and federal levels.

Dr. Nick Etches
Medical Officer of Health, Alberta Health Services

Dr. Nick Etches obtained his medical degree from the University of Alberta followed by a residency in Public Health and Preventative Medicine from the University of Alberta. He has worked as a Medical Officer of Health with Alberta Health Services, Calgary Zone, since 2014, where his portfolio has centered on Harm Reduction and Quality Improvement in Public Health.

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Dr. Etches is a graduate of the Business Essentials Course at the Haskayne School of Business, the AHS Executive Education Program, and the University of Calgary's Certificate Course in Patient Safety and Quality Management. His team's work on the fentanyl crisis and the provincial take home naloxone program resulted in a nomination for the AHS President's Excellence Award in Innovation.

Dr. Etches also works clinically in Addictions Medicine at Metro City Medical clinic in Edmonton, with a focus on opioid-dependency treatment.

Martin Schiavetta

Staff Sargent, Community Support Section, Calgary Police Service

Staff Sergeant Martin Schiavetta has been a member of the Calgary Police Service for twenty years. The majority of his career has been focused on organized crime investigations, especially gang and drug activity.

