



## **(C)ANSWERS Screening and Discussion: The Intersection of Health Disparities, Racial Equity and the Regulation of Medical Cannabis**

Please join us for a virtual screening of (C)ANSWERS, a thought-provoking documentary that challenges deeply entrenched stigma attached to medical cannabis and questions why it continues to be regulated as a Schedule I substance. The film brilliantly exposes the hypocrisy in accepting experimental off-label drug regimens to treat cancer, while simultaneously rejecting Real World Evidence (RWE) that demonstrates the therapeutic benefit of medical cannabis for some patients. This 90-minute film will be streamed during a virtual watch event, **October 5, 2021 at 7:30pm (Central)**, one week before the panel discussion at the ASBH conference.

**Registration is required for the free screening of the documentary. [Register here.](#)**

A virtual panel discussion with Q&A session will take place at the ASBH 2021 Annual Conference during the Health & Science Policy Affinity Group meeting on October 12, 2021, at 3:30-4:30 PM (Central).

The (C)ANSWERS panel will address the current regulatory framework for medical cannabis, including how it impacts social equity, medical research and healthcare decision-making in communities of color. Speakers/Panel:



**Moderator:** Dr. Aaliyah K. Eaves is a life sciences attorney, certified clinical ethics consultant, and former policy advisor at the FDA. She is a Partner with the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP and serves on the American Board of Medical Specialties Ethics and Professionalism Committee. Aaliyah is the Chair of the ASBH, Health and Science Policy Affinity Group. She teaches Public Health Law and Ethics at the University of Louisville, School of Public Health and Information Sciences. She received a JD from the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law and a PhD in Healthcare Ethics from Saint Louis University.



**Film Producer:** Ms. Kali Patrice has 25 years of experience as a consultant, advisor, marketer and entrepreneur. She launched a successful personal brand and image communication firm in 2000 out of a commitment to helping others understand, define and share their own messages. She paired an engineering background with experience in R&D, marketing and sales for boutique and Fortune 10 companies alike, to build a business that teaches people how to share their stories. She received her BS in Chemical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University.



**Film Director:** Mr. Breht Gardner is a Peabody Award-winning filmmaker. His works have been showcased on PBS, CNN and at numerous film festivals, including Sundance and Cannes. Most recently, he served as a producer and shooter on the award-winning PBS series "180 Days." He graduated from Howard University with a BA in film and has also completed the University of Southern California's film program and Maine Media Workshops' documentary masterclass.



**Medical Cannabis Physician:** Dr. Rachel Knox trained in family and integrative medicine before pursuing additional study in the areas of functional medicine, cannabinology, and endocannabinology. She is a policy and regulatory consultant on cannabis and her commitment to reform extends into addressing the Minority Health Disparity Gap, and the broader way in which Cannabis can impact the total wellbeing of communities of color. She received her MD and MBA degrees from Tufts School of Medicine.



**Ohio State Cannabis Regulator:** Ms. LaTawnda Moore spent more than a decade as an attorney for the Ohio General Attorney's Office building relationships in government prior to joining Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP. She defended Ohio medical cannabis rules and helped craft the standards by which disappointed bidders could challenge failed applications. She defended Ohio's *Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity (EDGE)* law, which required that a certain number of dispensaries would be held for African Americans. She will share lessons learned from the Ohio court decision to invalidate the rule. She received her JD from Capital University School of Law.



**Substance Use Disorder Policy Advocate:** Dr. Kelly K. Dineen is the director of the health law program at Creighton University School of Law and an Associate Professor of Law. Her research is highly interdisciplinary and focuses on the impact of decision making by law makers, policy makers, and providers on health care quality. She is working on issues around opioid and drug policy as well as the impact of decision making on patients with highly stigmatized conditions; especially pain, substance use disorder (addiction), and serious mental illness. She holds a PhD, in health care ethics, and JD, with a concentration in health care law from Saint Louis University.



**Drug Policy Reform Advocate:** Ms. Tamar Todd is the Legal Director at New Approach PAC, which supports progressive ballot initiatives nationwide, with a focus on cannabis and criminal justice policy reform. She has a particular expertise in marijuana decriminalization and regulation. She co-authored several state and local ballot initiatives and statutes, including in California, Colorado, Oregon, South Dakota, Montana, and Mississippi, and she has testified in numerous legislative and government bodies in the United States and abroad on the issue of drug policy and the intersection of state and federal law. She received her J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center.