

2020:

A Year in Review

Providing Texans with Cannabis Knowledge





Jax Finkel

Executive Director

- Founded Informed Texas in 2016
- 15 years of experience in marijuana policy
- 5 years experience in managing non-profits
- Close ties with many cannabis allies

Meet the Board



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Askew, MD**

Medical Director



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Meet our Advisers



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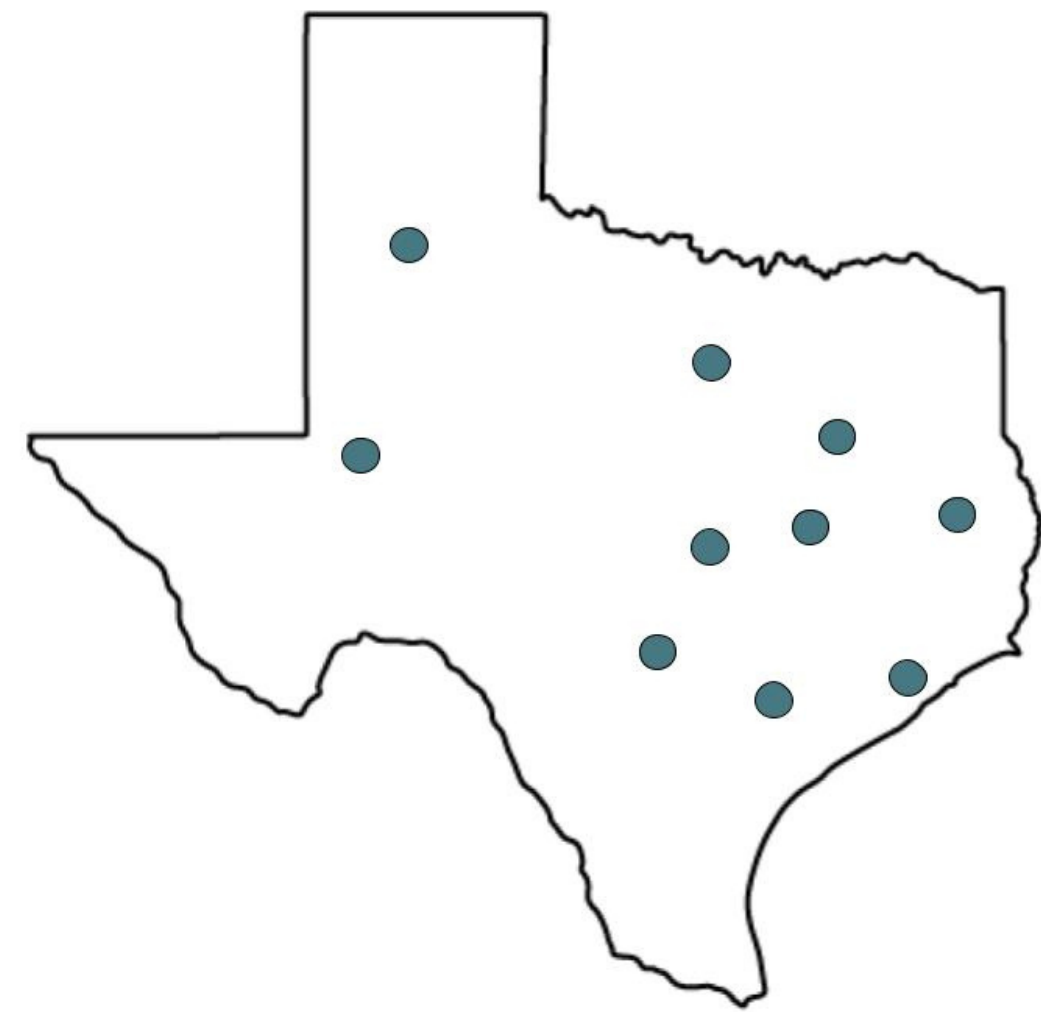
Cheryl
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Accomplishments

10 City Workshop Tour

In January, Informed Texas visited ten cities across Texas to host workshops focused on medical cannabis, hemp, the electoral and legislative processes, and more!



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Veteran Seminars

Informed Texas planned several veteran seminars but were only able to host one in person event in Haltom City before the pandemic restrictions took effect.



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Ask the Doctors

Informed Texas planned an in-person seminar at the University of Texas during SXSW but had to transition to a virtual event due to the pandemic restrictions. Preeminent cannabis researchers discussed medical cannabis, research findings, upcoming research projects and took questions from participants.



Dr. Ethan Russo



Dr. Sue Sisley

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Texas Patient Study on Medical Cannabis

Informed Texas launched a study on Texas patients and medical cannabis with the goal of collecting data on medical cannabis, patient needs, why they use cannabis, the conditions that cannabis helps, the effects of cannabis on these conditions, and other important information. We will be publishing the results with the Rice University's Baker Institute and will share this important data with Legislators to empower them to make educated and compassionate decisions regarding medical cannabis access in Texas.

Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy

DRUG POLICY



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A Historic Day at a Texas Hemp Garden

Texas philanthropist Laura Berry hosted a group of agricultural experts and other area officials for an industry roundtable and educational day at her hemp garden located on her south Texas ranch. Berry graciously welcomed more than two dozen participants including Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller; Texas Department of Agriculture's Industrial Hemp Council Chairmen, Tom Pickens and Eloise Frischkorn; Lieutenant General (Ret) Leroy Sisco of Military Warriors Support Foundation; Dr. David Baltensperger, Head of the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences with Texas A&M's Agrilife; and Jax Finkel, Executive Director for the Foundation for an Informed Texas. The goal was to allow participants an opportunity to share information and facilitate a dialog on best practices efforts, with an emphasis on Texas farmers' needs in order to make hemp a thriving novel crop in the Lone Star State.



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TEXAS VETERAN CANNABIS CONFERENCE

Informed Texas hosted our first large, online conference on behalf of veterans, patients and caregivers. We were joined by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Miller, Jordan Tishler, MD, Bryon Adinoff, MD, Wendy Askew, MD, Darina Douchi, Pharm(D) as well as two panels of veterans that will focused on Pain, PTSD and Cannabis as well as Veteran Engagement.



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Best Practices for Hemp in Texas

As Texas progresses through the inaugural hemp season, education on the burgeoning market is imperative. Our guests presenters covered:

- The State of Hemp in Texas
- Sustainable Cultivation and Cultivar Selection
- Harvesting Testing and Development
- Application and Reporting Process
- Current Research from
 - Texas A&M Agrilife Extension
 - Fluence



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How to Become a T.CUP Patient

Informed Texas hosted a tutorial with T.CUP physician, Allison Kendrick, MD, to learn about how a patient qualifies and enrolls in T.CUP, the telemedicine process and the types of medications/uptake methods that are available.



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Cannabis and Sexual Health

Cannabis consumers often find that cannabis has a distinctly positive effect on their sexual health and experiences. Our Medical Director, Wendy Askew, MD, Mark Worster, RN will discussed cannabis' role as an aphrodisiac, a vasodilator, a disinhibitor, an analgesic and more with moderator Nishi Whiteley. Viridiana Edwards discussed some of the data regarding sexual health from the Texas Patient study.



2020 Digital Updates and Expert Blogs

- [Racial Disparity and Social Justice in Texas \(1/18/21\)](#)
- [#GivingTuesday](#)
- [Cannabis and Sexual Health \(12/10/20\)](#)
- [Tutorial: How to Become a T.CUP Patient \(11/18/20\)](#)
- [Seminar: Best Practices for Hemp in Texas \(11/5/20\)](#)
- [Press Release: A HISTORIC DAY at a Texas Hemp Garden](#)
- [Texas Marijuana Policy Virtual Workshop \(9/28/20\)](#)
- [Texas' Smokable Hemp Ban: Temporary Restraining Order Granted Against the State](#)
- [Community Conversation: Texas Patient Study \(8-18-20 at 6pm\)](#)
- [How do Texans apply for a hemp manufacturing license?](#)
- [Introducing Informed Texas' Newest Director: Corinne Wilder](#)
- [Texas Hemp Seed Certification Standards](#)
- [Texas Farmers Can Apply to Grow Hemp Starting Monday!](#)
- [USDA removes DEA Testing and Disposal Requirement for Hemp Farmers](#)
- [Texas Hemp Update with Lisa Pittman, Esq](#)
- [Tarrant County Veteran Seminar 02-22-20](#)
- [Texas Veteran Cannabis Conference \(10-17-20\)](#)
- [Recap: Hearing for Texas Hemp Program](#)

2020 Digital Updates and Expert Blogs

- Texas Medical Cannabis Symposium — A CME and Policy Day (1/9/21)
- Shop with Purpose on Black Friday and Cyber Monday
- Texas Marijuana Policy Conference (Nov 20&21)
- Report: Fiscal Benefits of a Taxed and Regulated Cannabis Market in Texas
- Video: Texas Marijuana Policy Workshop
- Smokable Hemp Lawsuit: Temporary Injunction Hearing
- Texas Hemp Program: Statutes & Regulations
- Texas Patient Study: Medical Cannabis
- Announcing: Texas Veteran Cannabis Conference (10/17/20)
- Final Rules: Manufacturing Texas Consumable Hemp Products
- Introducing Informed Texas' New Medical Director: Wendy Askew, MD
- Texas Consumable Hemp Product Rules Open for Formal Comment
- TDA Adopts Revised Rules for Texas Hemp Program
- DPS Announces THC Methodology for Marijuana Testing
- Ask the Doctors 03-19-2020
- Results: Survey of Regional Advocacy Workshop Attendees
- Texas Hemp Program Plan Approved by USDA!
- Public Hearing for State Hemp Program to Be Hosted in Waco

Thank you!

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