

**Resolution - Motion to establish a task force to review criminal justice reform with regards to marginalization and stigmatization of persons who use substances**

**WHEREAS;** the CFMS understands that incarceration and having a criminal record are detrimental social determinants of health;

**WHEREAS;** Organizations (Global Commission on Drug Policy, the World Health Organization and both the Canadian and American public health associations) in Canada and abroad, support the decriminalization of possessing small quantities of currently illegal psychoactive substances;

**WHEREAS;** the CFMS now has an official position about the opioid crisis, which does not address the issue of those who were penalized for non-violent crimes under current legislation (or other issues surrounding decriminalization);

**WHEREAS;** the CFMS now has an official position about recreational cannabis legalization, which does not address amnesty for those who were penalized for non-violent crimes under the current legislation;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** a CFMS task force, consisting of CFMS members-at-large, officers, and/or executive members, works on a position paper in favor of criminal justice reform in order not to further marginalize and stigmatize persons who use opioids, cannabis, and other controlled substances; including, but not limited to, amnesty for people who have been penalized under the current legislation because of non-violent crimes.

**Financial Cost:** \$0

**Level of Effort:** 10h

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