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Good afternoon.

I would like to expand upon my answer regarding a Medical Marijuana Advisory Commission and the current Marijuana Advisory Commission. The VLA is in receipt of our documents dated 05/16/2021 in which the various advocacy groups call for a medical marijuana advisory commission.

Whether these bodies were two separate entities or one would depend upon the duties assigned to the commission. We're the commission to remain as is, it does not really matter who is appointed -- currently the commission has no assigned duties and by no fault of it's members, does nothing. It is simply a note on ones resume. Were the Commission given some duties to report to the VLA on a more regular basis, perhaps they could be an effective source of education and knowledge for the VLA. The Commission could do the research and homework as assigned by the VLA and perhaps save the VLA a lot of research time and mis-information. So, if the Commission were to have assignments and duties, it would probably be best to have two sub commission bodies. While there may be some overlap, some of our citizens do not want to spend a day hole lot of time "in" adult use, and some conversely, do not care much about the medical program. The two could perhaps come together annually for reporting.

Thank you for your consideration.