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To Interested Parties:

On behalf of the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the final report and recommendations from the Marijuana Ad-hoc Committee; *Marijuana in Wisconsin: Research-Based Review and Recommendations for Reducing the Public Health Impact of Marijuana*.

In the past, the SCAODA Prevention Committee has previously published recommendation reports on emerging topics such as, alcohol culture and environment, prescription drug abuse, and the heroin epidemic. Throughout the research processes of past reports, the consistent theme heard from individuals diagnosed with substance use disorders and professionals who treat them, was that they did not start with heroin or prescription drugs. The answer was more times than not marijuana and/or alcohol. Members of the SCAODA Prevention Committee readily acknowledged the need for a Marijuana Ad-hoc Committee. Heightening this need is the nationwide marijuana movement, in which some States have decriminalized marijuana possession, legalized marijuana for medicinal use, as well as legalized marijuana for recreational use. The Marijuana Ad-hoc Committee not only focused on prevention efforts by reducing the initiation of marijuana use, but also how marijuana use affects individuals, families, and larger systems within the general public.

This report will be a valuable tool for those around the state who are interested in promoting the health, safety and well-being of Wisconsin residents. If you have any questions about the *Marijuana in Wisconsin: Research-Based Review and Recommendations for Reducing the Public Health Impact of Marijuana*, please contact Chris Wardlow at: chriswardlowmac@gmail.com. If you or anyone you know would like additional copies of this report, it is available online at: www.scaoda.state.wi.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duncan M. Shrout".

Duncan M. Shrout

cc: Governor Scott Walker
Interim Secretary Thomas Engels