



Cannabis Science Task Force

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Brief Background

- House Bill 2052 (2019)
 - Established a Cannabis Science Task Force to recommend lab quality standards.
 - Transferred the authority to set accreditation requirements from Liquor and Cannabis Board to Ecology in July 2024.



Ecology Accreditation

**Personnel,
Equipment
and Supplies**

**Sample and
Data
Management**

**Methods
and QA/QC
Protocols**

**Proficiency
Testing**

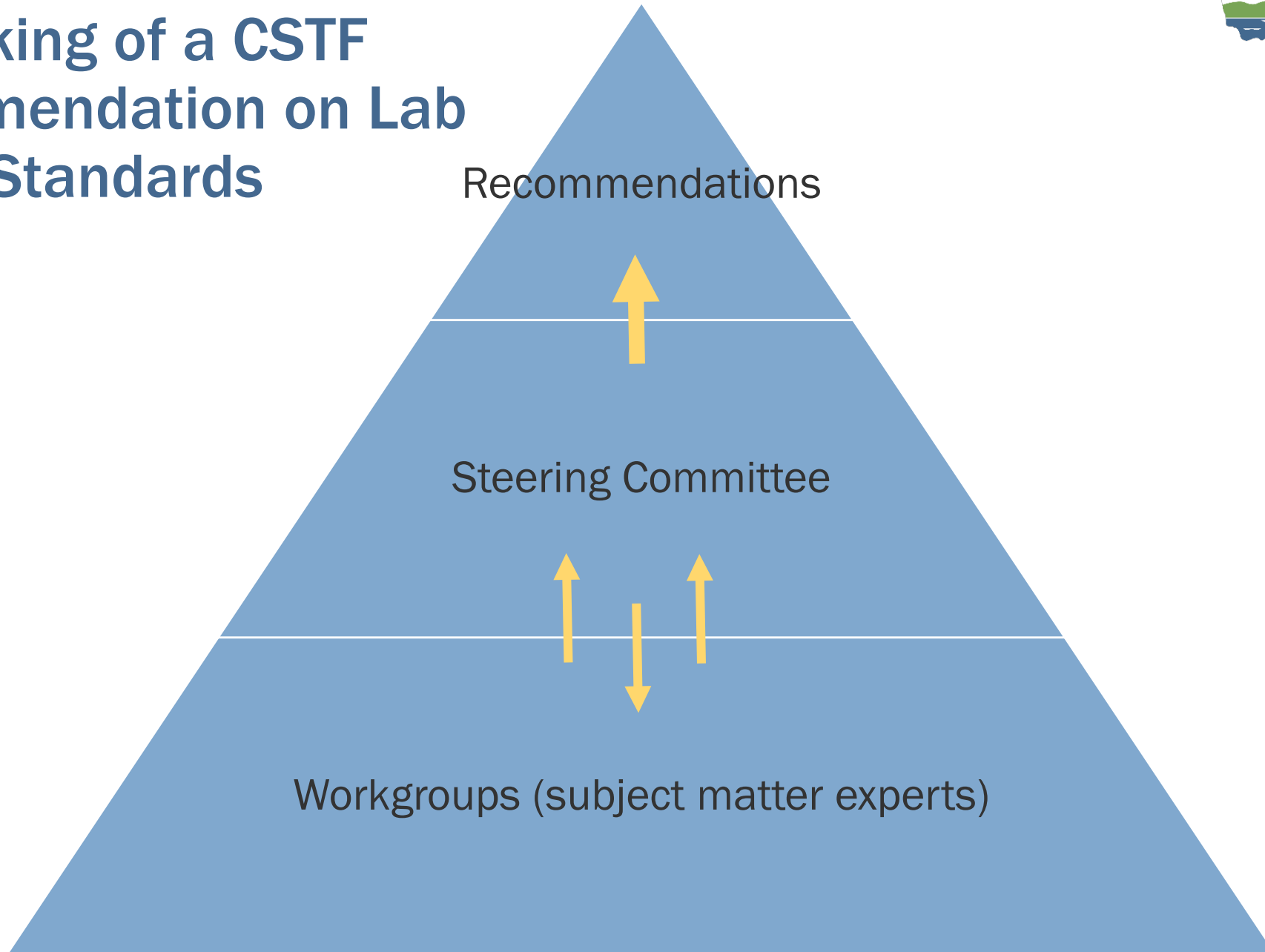
Cannabis Science Task Force

Active Members

Agencies	
Department of Agriculture	5
Department of Ecology	6 (+4 admin)
Department of Health	6
Liquor and Cannabis Board	2

Cannabis Testing Labs	
Medicine Creek Analytics	5
Confidence Analytics	4
Capitol Analysis Group	2
Testing Technologies	1
Dragon Analytical Laboratory	1
Praxis	2
Integrity Labs	1
Treeline Analytics	1
Pacific Botanicals	2

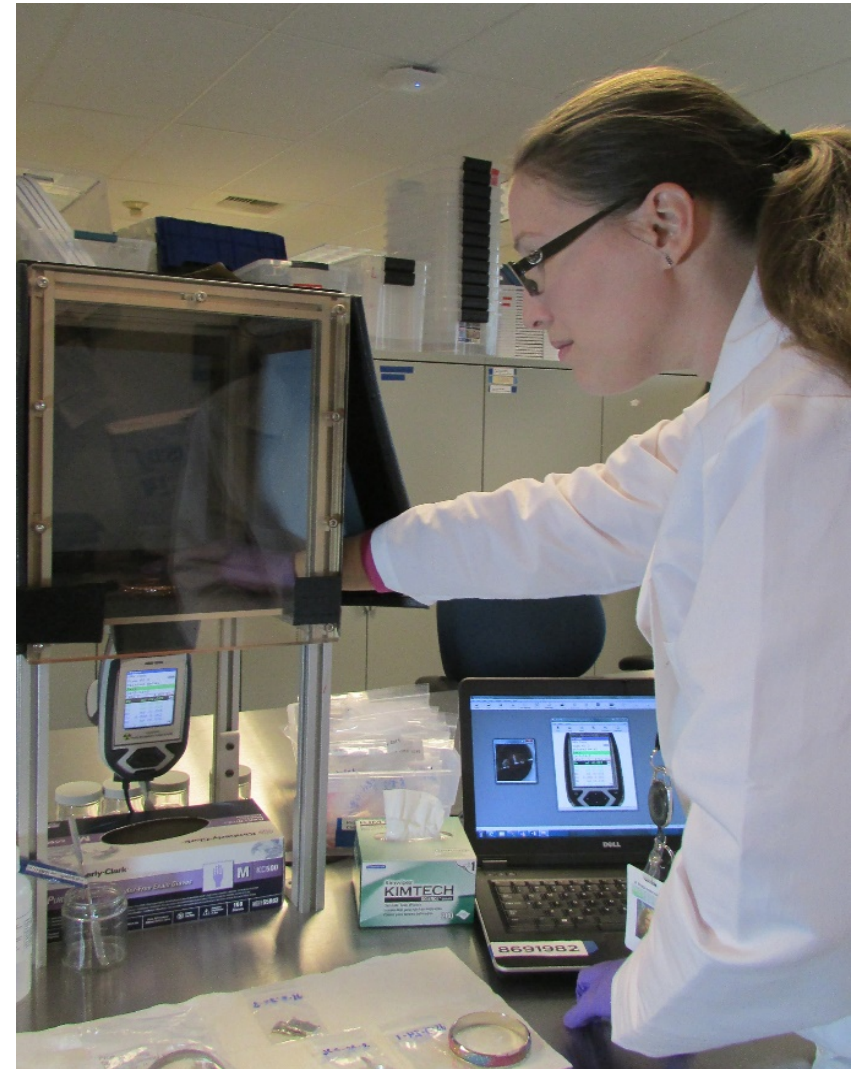
The Making of a CSTF Recommendation on Lab Quality Standards



2020 Cannabis Science Task Force Report

- Science for pesticides testing
- Need for oversight to manage flexibility

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/2003005.pdf>



2021 Cannabis Science Task Force Report

- Science for other fields of testing
- Unforeseen needs to implement new science
- Available December 2021



Next Steps

- Continue work on other fields of testing through January 2022 and deliver a memo containing remaining recommendations to WSLCB
 - Microbial
 - Mycotoxins
 - Water activity/moisture
- Proposal for joint agency request legislation to form oversight body
 - Provide guidance/validation needed to implement flexibility
 - Assist with coordination among agencies with different jurisdictions
 - Coordinate an in-state Cannabis-Matrix Proficiency Testing Program

Timeline





Thank you

Questions?

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