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Re: Friendly Advice

1 message

Ryan Vandrey <rvandrey@jhmi.edu>
To: "skiernan@wfwproject.org" <skiernan@wfwproject.org>

Sun, Apr 16, 2017 at 11:08 AM

Sean,

If you called the number listed on advertisements for the study, the voicemail indicating that we are no longer participating in the study is what you would have gotten. I am listed on all study ads as the person in charge of the project. My contact info is very easy to obtain with an internet search. I don't have a secretary, I answer all calls and e-mails that come to my attention and I certainly did not get one from you. So I disagree with your assertion that you reached out to me and many others at JHU prior to the open letter to the president.

All that aside, I can share with you that I am involved with an observational study of PTSD treatment with my colleague Marcel Bonn-Miller. This is currently under way in Colorado, and was funded by the state of Colorado. We are also collecting longitudinal data from patients using cannabis for a variety of health conditions, including PTSD, through a research collaboration with the Realm of Caring Foundation. I am in the process of trying to launch a similar project in the state of MD that will coincide with the start of the Maryland Medical Cannabis program this summer/fall. In addition, my colleagues here at JHU and I have another grant in to NIH to study the effects of cannabis in PTSD that is similar to the MAPS study, but will be focused on mechanisms of effect and will include evaluating cannabis effects during periods of functional brain imaging. Dr. Bonn-Miller and I are also looking for funding to conduct clinical trials with a novel CBD product that the company he works for is currently developing.

MAPS will continue to run their study, they will just run all the participants at Sue Sisley's site. We will do our work separately from them. There were too many points of disagreement with MAPS/Sue and myself to be able to work together on their project. We tried to leave it at that and just quietly part ways as we mutually agreed that doing so might detract from the study. That was why there was no grand announcement about our withdrawal from the study.

I hope you now understand why things occurred as they did and that our mission is exactly what we have previously stated. My colleagues and I at JHU are looking to use sound science to improve treatment options for individuals with PTSD, including military veterans who bravely served our country and are suffering consequences upon return from duty.

-Ryan

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On Apr 15, 2017, at 5:09 PM, skiernan@wfwproject.org wrote:

Ryan,

Thank you for reaching out.

Let me be clear, we did reach out multiple times to you and to many others at Hopkins with little result. The voicemail is about the only response we received.

I don't think we presented a "conspiracy plan" in the letter addressed to President Daniels but maybe you can highlight exactly what it is you believe is the "conspiracy plan" we are talking about.