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Re: Friendly Advice

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To: Ryan Vandrey <rvandrey@jhmi.edu>

Sun, Apr 16, 2017 at 12:02 PM

Ryan,

Thanks for the reply

We are not going to agree at all on the phone call issue. I can assure you, I personally called, other veteran testimonials state they called both the numbers listed on the advertisement and yours personally. In fact, I am in receipt of audio recordings of veterans leaving messages on multiple lines at Johns Hopkins to include yours. However as you state, we are just going to disagree on this issue obviously and honestly, it isn't the issue I care to push.

I would love to learn more about your PTSD treatment study with Marcel, a scientist we are very familiar with. Can you point me in a direction where I can read more about this study.

I am also very familiar with the Realm of Caring Foundation started by the Stanley Brothers. Can you point me in the direction of more information. I have read about Stanford's involvement with the Realm of Caring but as of yet, didn't know JHU was involved.

Also, can you explain to me how the above studies are similar and different to MAPS study using full plant cannabis with FDA, DEA, and the myriad of approvals gained?

Regarding MAPS continuation of that study, it is my understanding the study almost failed due to Johns Hopkins withdraw. If not for the heroic work of many individuals involved, MAPS study would be DOA. Would you agree or disagree with that characterization and was that risk discussed before withdrawing.

Once again, I appreciate the conversation and I hope you can understand, the intentions of your withdraw are completely unknown to most of the world. I think it would be wonderful if Hopkins publicly responded on why they withdrew in much greater detail then to state it was simply over a disagreement and that was after your media relations department accused the NIDA supply of cannabis as the sole reason. Of course, only to change their story later.

I also hope you can understand why the veteran demographic isn't the most trusting of promises, pledges or carefully crafted responses by media relations that seem more intended to deflect then to honestly address the problem at hand.

I look forward to your responses.

Best,

On Sun, Apr 16, 2017 at 11:08 AM, Ryan Vandrey <rvandrey@jhmi.edu> wrote:

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