

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Sen. Tom Davis:

Each day, Sen. Davis makes a point of personal interest on the Senate floor where he reads the story of a South Carolina resident who suffers from seizures or other conditions whose symptoms could be treated by using cannabis or its related products. Sen. Davis will continue to make these statements until his bill becomes a law. His bill was voted down in Medical Affairs.

DDSN:

Austin asked Inspector General Maley to look into a number of issues that have been raised with our office in recent weeks. His response came today:

“I have spoken to multiple complainants about DDSN who have the general same line of issues. I have scoped out the issues with other external constituents and met with DDSN executives. The issues have two components: 1) a business issue or question; and 2) lack of trust in DDSN management’s to accurately provide data to address the issues.

In an environment with no trust, every issue has to higher potential to get magnified and vilified. Trust seems to be at issue with some board and external advocates against the DDSN execs, while other board members seem to have the full faith and confidence with DDSN execs. I do think some IG assurance work on key choke points of contention or risk can help lower stakeholders stress and maybe help restore trust a bit to get back to evidence based management.

I am not opening a case. I do have the outstanding offer to do some assurance work if DDSN & the Board think it would help bring stakeholders together. If you think some assurance work may help, feel free to let me know or even better weigh in with Dr. Buscemi who is now considering my offer.”

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