

MASS ALTERNATIVE CARE, INC.

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BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Mass Alternative Care, Inc.
1247 East Main Street, Chicopee, MA 01020

2. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

Cultivation /Tier 3 – Indoor (10,001 to 20,000 sq. ft)
Product Manufacturer
Retail

3. Applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment license(s):

Applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other Marijuana Establishment license.

4. List of all required individuals and their business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Kevin G. Collins – Executive / Officer
Kevin M. Collins – Executive/ Officer
Christopher Mayle – Executive / Officer
Vincent Cardillo – Executive / Officer
Ronald Campurciani – Executive / Officer
Dain Colandro – Executive / Officer
Ronald Paasch – Director
David Spannaus – Director
Heather Andresen – Director
Nicholas Tamborrino – Director
John Turgeon – Manager

5. List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

AGLMA, LLC – management company that provides operational support.

CAL Funding, LLC – owns 100% of Mass Alternative Care, Inc. Individuals associated with this entity are appropriately reflected in the application.

6. Applicant’s priority status and information pertaining to co-located operations:

RMD Priority (RPA201836). The adult-use operation will be co-located with the medical-use operation in Chicopee.

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on August 2, 2018.

8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on July 5, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.

9. The Commission received a municipal response (for all three license types) from the municipality on November 26, 2018 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances and bylaws.

10. The applicant proposed the following programs for its Positive Impact Plan:

- a. Engage with MassHire Career Centers in Amherst, Springfield, West Springfield, Monson and Holyoke to target individuals for employment opportunities;
- b. Utilize suppliers and contractors from disproportionately impacted areas close in proximity to the establishment;
- c. Make annual monetary and time donations to community service programs; and
- d. Donate 1% of gross revenues to the Social Equity Training and Technical Assistance Fund.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

12. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.

Christopher Mayle and Dain Colandro both disclosed an interest in a Connecticut marijuana cultivation and product manufacturing business (Advance Grow Labs, LLC). Nicholas Tamborrino disclosed an interest in medical marijuana dispensary in Connecticut (Bluepoint Apothecary, LLC).

None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational by March 2019.

14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

15. The applicant submitted all applicable and required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission’s regulations.
16. The applicant proposed the following programs for its Diversity Plan:
- a. Institute a “blind hiring” policy that anonymizes demographic-related information about a candidate from the recruiter or hiring manager that can lead to bias about the candidate;
 - b. Participate in job fairs that are specific to minorities interested in cannabis employment;
 - c. Engage with industry trade groups that promote diversity and inclusion; and
 - d. Provide training for hiring managers that address unconscious bias and cultural sensitivity.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

The applicant submitted a detailed cultivation plan that demonstrated the ability to comply with the Commission’s regulations.

18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

- a. Rosin;
- b. Hash;
- c. Vaporizer cartridges;
- d. Chocolate bars;
- e. Chocolate candies;
- f. Caramels;
- g. Peanut butter cups;
- h. Cookies; and
- i. Brownies.

19. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

The applicant is a vertically integrated RMD that has applied for adult-use cultivation, product manufacturing, and retail licenses. The applicant plans to provide its own marijuana products.

20. ISO 17025 Certifying Body and Certificate Number (if applicable):

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations;

2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
3. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff;
4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee; and
5. Final license is subject to the licensee providing Commission staff with an amended Positive Impact Plan clarifying the following:
 - a. Types of in-kind donations to community service partners;
 - b. Specific names and functions of those community service partners;
 - c. Clarification regarding actions that will be taken to achieve social justice leader status; and
 - d. Clarification on the percentage of women that licensee plans to employ.

The applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.