

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Meeting

April 26, 2019

11:30AM

Massachusetts State House
24 Beacon Street
Hearing Room A-2
Boston MA, 02133

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Chairman's Comments and Updates
- 3) Minutes from April 4, 2019
- 4) Executive Director's Report
 - a) Job Descriptions
 - b) License and Registration Application Data
 - c) Updates
 - i. Social Equity Program RFR
 - ii. Temporary Patient Registration
- 5) Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses
 - a) CommCan, Inc. (# MC281642), Cultivation – Tier 5 / Indoor
 - b) CommCan, Inc. (# MP281508), Product Manufacturing
 - c) Garden Remedies, Inc. (# MR281942), Retail
 - d) Rise Holdings, Inc. (# MR281254), Retail

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- 6) Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses
 - a) Emerald Grove, Inc., Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center/RMD
 - b) Green Meadows Farm, LLC., Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center/RMD
 - c) Health Circle, Inc. (# MCN281787), Cultivation – Tier 3 / Indoor
 - d) Health Circle, Inc. (# MPN281533), Product Manufacturing
 - e) Health Circle, Inc. (# MRN281426), Retail
 - f) Mass Yield Cultivation, LLC. (# MCN281392), Cultivation – Tier 2 / Indoor
 - g) Nature’s Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc. (# MRN281553), Retail
 - h) Nature’s Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc. (# MRN282049), Retail
- 7) Staff Recommendations on Change of Ownership Applications
 - a) Alternative Therapies Group, Inc.
 - b) Caregiver-Patient Connection
 - c) East Coast Organics, LLC

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- 8) Commission Discussion and Votes
 - a) Guidance Document: Renewals
 - b) Software Contract Amendment
 - c) Regulatory Policy Discussion
- 9) New Business that the Chairman did not anticipate at time of posting
- 10) Next Meeting Date

5 Hardship Cultivation:

Decision Points:

1. Adopt staff recommendations for implementation of hardship cultivation.
2. Adopt a cap of ____ plants for implementation of hardship cultivation.

If a cap is adopted:

3. Allow/Do not allow for application of waiver from the cap.

6 Operational Issues: Cash Handling Considerations for Commission Discussion

Include regulations at 935 CMR. 500.110 Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments regarding Cash Handling and Transportation Requirements, and in other sections of the regulations as needed for clarity. Suggested requirements include:

- a. Required use of an armored transport provider to bring cash from Marijuana Establishment to financial institutions, that is licensed pursuant to G.L. c. 147, §25 (watch, guard or patrol agency), and that has been approved by the financial institution OR the option to request an alternative security provision, provided the alternative satisfies specific security requirements
- b. In the event an applicant or licensee desires not to contract with a licensed armored transport provider, alternative security provisions must include the following to be considered sufficient by the Commission
 - Use of a locked bag form transportation of cash;
 - Unmarked vehicles for cash transportation;
 - Two-person rule for cash transportation;
 - Real-time GPS tracking during cash transport;
 - Access to 2-way communications between transport vehicle and Marijuana Establishment;
 - Prohibition on transportation of any marijuana or marijuana products at the same time cash is being transported to a financial institution; and
 - Approval of the alternative safeguards by the financial institution where deposit occurring.

6 Operational Issues: Cash Handling

Suggested requirements continued:

- c. At the Marijuana Establishment, maintain a vault or safe exclusively for cash;
- d. At the Marijuana Establishment, use of video cameras where cash is handled; and
- e. Upon application and thereafter, maintenance of a written process for securing cash and ensuring safe transport consistent with the requirements of the financial institution.

Decision Point:

Adopt recommendations as proposed for cash handling.

6 Operational Issues: Transaction and Potency Staff Recommendations for Commission Discussion

- Change limitation on sales provision from a "per transaction" limit to a "per day" limit
- Clarify definitions to define the equivalent of one ounce of cannabis for edibles and concentrates
 - 1oz flower = 5g active THC
 - 1oz flower = 800mg active THC in edible MIP
- Limit retail sales to no more than 5g of tincture, as it is considered a concentrate
- Update regulations to allow Commission to set potency limits via guidance
- Implement disclosure and notification requirements on retailers with regard to transaction limits
- Add enforcement mechanism that would allow for licensing action for violations of disclosure/notification requirements

6 Operational Issues: Transaction and Potency

Decision Point:

Adopt staff recommendations on transaction and potency limits.

6 Operational Issues: Energy & Environment
Topics for Commission Discussion

Waste Disposal

Air Pollution

Lighting Power
Density
Standard

Compliance
Documentation

Renewable
Exemption

Grandfathering

Application to
Medical Use

Operational and Other Issues Topics for Commission Discussion

Adding a fourth eligibility criteria to the Social Equity Program based solely on Veteran status and residency in Massachusetts.

Allowing veterans to qualify for the medical cannabis program through documentation of a condition or a disability.

Raising the number of patients that a caregiver can care for from 1 patient to 5 patients.

Upcoming Public Meetings

Cannabis Control Commission Public Meeting

April 26, 2019 (if necessary)
11:30AM
Department of Transportation
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

May 16, 2019
10:00AM
Health Policy Commission
50 Milk Street, 8th Fl.,
Boston, MA 02109

Cannabis Advisory Board Public Meeting

May 23, 2019
2:00PM
Department of Transportation
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116