

CAREGIVER-PATIENT CONNECTION
MRN283231

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Caregiver-Patient Connection
d/b/a Local Roots
365 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566

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

Retail

The application was reopened two (2) times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Type	Status	Location
Cultivation, Tier 2/Indoor (5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)	Commence Operations	Barre
Cultivation, Tier 3/Indoor (10,001 – 20,000 sq. ft.)	Provisional License	Framingham
Cultivation, Tier 2/Outdoor (5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)	Commence Operations	Barre
Product Manufacturing	Provisional License	Framingham
Retail	Commence Operations	Fitchburg

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

Individual	Role
Dean Iandoli	Owner / Partner
Catherine Trifilo	Owner / Partner
Michael Staiti	Owner / Partner



Richard Olstein	Owner / Partner
Anthony Brach	COO
Kelsey Brach	Director of Cultivation
Ronald L'Ecyer	Director of Security

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

Entity	Role
CPC Equity, LLC	Capital Contributor

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on March 2, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on August 29, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on August 17, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit a company-wide workforce comprised of a minimum of 50% Fitchburg residents for its hiring initiatives.
2	Provide opportunities for Fitchburg artists to display artwork in the CPC/Local Roots retail establishment on a quarterly basis.
3	Contribute \$5,000, annually, to the United Way of Fitchburg and the Twin Cities Rail Trail Association.
4	Conduct a food/clothing drive annually in November.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
12. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW



13. The applicant states that it can be operational within four (4) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 p.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 goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Hold a job fair within 60 days upon receiving final licensure from the Commission, that will be advertised in the local newspaper.
2	Distribute internal workplace newsletters and memos that encourage current employees to recommend qualified women for employment, twice annually.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not applicable.
18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

Not applicable.
19. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

Caregiver-Patient Connection plans to obtain marijuana from its affiliated licenses.

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. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications;
4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
5. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.



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.

