

**WELLNESS CONNECTION OF MA, INC.**  
MRN281971

**BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Wellness Connection of MA, Inc.  
D/B/A Hightail Cannabis  
44 Railroad Street, Revere, Massachusetts 02151

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 once (1) 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
MTC	Provisional License	Revere-Revere
MTC	Provisional License	Revere-Peabody

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

Individual	Role
Amato Bocchino	Director
Elena Vega	Director
Kathleen Donovan	Director
Matthew Philbin	Manager

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

Entity	Role
Massachusetts Wellness Service, LLC	Investor/Contributor



MWS Funding, LLC	Investor/Contributor
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6. Applicant’s priority status:

MTC Priority

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on July 8, 2019.

8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on July 9, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.

9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on November 2, 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	Comprise a workforce made up of 50% employees from the City of Revere, with focus on residents who have past drug convictions and Revere residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions.

**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 three (3) months of receiving the provisional license(s).

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

Monday – Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 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	Give hiring preference to minorities (50%), women (25%), veterans (25%), people with disabilities (10%) and people identifying as LGBTQ+ (10%).

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

Wellness Connection of MA, Inc. will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

### **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 providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Positive Impact Plan that includes a goal(s) other than just hiring;
4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Positive Impact Plan that includes any local community engagement other than just hiring individuals from Revere;
5. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
6. 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.

