

# PCC MONTH IN REVIEW

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PCC Members -

In many other industries the summer is slow but not in cannabis. Our team continues to engage with legislators and other stakeholders to ensure we can make the best use of the limited legislative session days in the fall.

The Department of Health's withdrawal of the Final Regulations has provided an opportunity to engage directly with the Department to provide additional feedback. While we can't be sure that all our concerns will be addressed, I am confident that our concerns have been heard and will be considered.

If your team prepared comments regarding the final regulations for submission to IRRC, I would encourage you to submit them despite the withdraw. The Department has indicated they are still reviewing the comments despite the comment period no longer being "official". Once the regulations are re-submitted there will be an additional official comment period. The Department intends to re-submit the final regulations for IRRC's consideration before the end of the year.

A couple of housekeeping items - we are resuming committee calls this week and please save the date for our Third Quarter Membership Meeting>

Dispensary Call: 8/2 @ 1pm

Grower/Processor Call: 8/9 @ 1pm

Legislative Input Committee Call 8/18 @ 1pm

Third Quarter Membership Meeting 9/9 @ 12 noon

If you or a member of your team would like to be added to a call please shoot me at email at Meredith@pcanna.org.

Meredith Buettner, Executive Director

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## FINAL PROGRAM REGULATIONS

The Department of Health withdrew the Final Program Regulations #10-219 “Medical Marijuana” from consideration by The Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) at its July public meeting. The Department has indicated they intend to make several technical updates prior to resubmission later this year.

PCC has met with Executive Deputy Secretary Pete Blank and others from DOH to discuss our concerns with the Final Program Regulations. While it is unlikely that all concerns will be addressed we are encouraged by the Department's engagement. If you and your team were drafting comments for submission to IRRC we encourage you to please submit them despite the withdrawal.

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## DOH/PROGRAM UPDATES FROM MARCH MMAB MEETING

### Program Data

- 773,307 Patients and Caregivers Registered to date
- 414,446 Active Patient Certifications
- 1,830 Approved Practitioners
- 23.3 Million Patients Dispensing Events
- 66.3 Million Products Dispensed
- \$5.7 Billion in Total Sales
  - \$2.3 Billion by GPs to Dispensaries
  - \$3.4 Billion by Dispensaries

**[JULY 28,2022 POWERPOINT PRESENTATION \(LINK TO PDF\)](#)**

**[ORGANIC REMEDIES/PCOM REMEDIATION PRESENTATION \(PDF\)](#)**

**[CLICK HERE TO VISIT MMAB WEBSITE](#)**

PCC WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING MMAB'S AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE INCLUDING MEETING CANCELLATIONS

**[CLICK HERE TO SEND COMMENTS TO THE MMAB](#)**

CHOOSE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ADVISORY BOARD FROM THE DROP DOWN MENU

## RESEARCH INITIATIVE UPDATE



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During the July, 28, 2022 Medical Marijuana Advisory Board Meeting (MMAB), PCC Member Organic Remedies and their ACRC Partner Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) presented the findings of the research initiative they conducted regarding the antimicrobial effects of applying a solvent-based extraction method. A copy of the presentation is linked below. The research initiative was the result of an Act 44 provision negotiated in part by PCC to allow operators to remediate plant material in an effort to deliver more medicine to patients at a better price.

The Medical Research Subcommittee of the MMAB will now consider the research and make a recommendation to the board. PCC will be compiling supplemental information to submit to the subcommittee in support of the addition of remediation to the program. More information will be sent via email about how your teams can support this effort.

### **ORGANIC REMEDIES/PCOM REMEDIATION PRESENTATION (PDF)**

Statutory information from Act 44

Section 2003.1. Research initiative.

(a) Authority.--An academic clinical research center, in coordination with its contracted clinical registrant, may conduct a research initiative on the antimicrobial effects of applying solvent-based extraction methods and processes to microbial contamination of immature medical marijuana plants, medical marijuana plants, medical marijuana or medical marijuana products.

(b) Procedure.--An academic clinical research center shall submit to the department for approval a completed written research protocol of the planned research initiative. The department shall grant approval or denial of the protocol within 15 days of its submissions. The following apply:

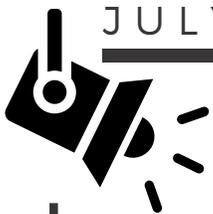
(1) The research initiative shall commence no later than 30 days from the date the department issues approval and shall be completed no later than six months from the start date of the research initiative.

(2) Research initiative findings shall be provided to the department by the academic clinical research center within 15 days of the research initiative's conclusion.

(3) An academic clinical research center and its contracted clinical registrant shall present research initiative findings to the advisory board and the board's research subcommittee for the board's review and consideration under sections 1201 and 1202. The board shall issue a written report, with recommendations and findings regarding the use of solvent-based extraction methods and processes on microbial contamination by a clinical registrant or grower/processor. The secretary may approve the board's recommendation in accordance with section 1202.

(4) Prior to implementing a recommendation of the board under paragraph (3), as approved by the secretary, a clinical registrant or grower/processor shall seek approval from the department for a change in its grower/processor extraction process. The department shall inspect the site and facility equipment. Upon approval, the department shall issue a notice of final approval to implement the process.

(2003.1 added June 30, 2021, P.L.210, No.44)



## LIBERTY

# H HOLISTIC INDUSTRIES

Holistic Industries is among the largest private vertically-integrated multi-state operators in the cannabis industry. With an industry-recognized reputation for deeply caring about the people who work and shop with us and for consistently delivering significant growth since its inception, Holistic is considered the Best Place to Work, Shop and Invest in Cannabis. Led by Founder and CEO Josh Genderson, Holistic will continue to win licenses, grow its substantial footprint and broad capabilities, and be responsible stewards of capital.

Scaling from a seed of inspiration in 2011, Holistic Industries is now one of the largest and fastest growing private MSOs (Multi-State Operators) in the country. Holistic delivers consistent value to employees, patients, and investors because of the values that drive their work. Their seasoned team is focused on building a budding "Greenhouse of Brands" and a meaningful model of doing well by doing good.

Holistic's team includes the nation's most knowledgeable experts in cultivation and medical dispensing, along with professionals who are top of their fields in medical professions, security, agriculture, real estate, and the legal distribution of other highly controlled substances.

## EDUCATION PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Lackawanna College (Scranton, Pa.) offers an intensive 15-week, 17 course Cannabis Professional certificate program with the goal of preparing individuals to enter the cannabis industry. The program has graduated nearly two dozen students and the program currently has several dozen applicants for the fall.

The college is in need of adjunct instructors in the areas of compliance, extraction and introduction to/history of cannabis. Several courses can be taught remotely in either twice week 90 minute or once weekly three hour sessions. Interested adjunct candidates should call (570) 961-7815 or email Bill Schoen at [SchoenW@lackawanna.edu](mailto:SchoenW@lackawanna.edu) to inquire.

The Cannabis Professional Certificate Program prepares students for the cannabis industry with an understanding of propagation, cultivation and extraction, combining theory with hands-on experience. Upon completion cannabis course, students receive a Cannabis Professional certificate making them more prepared for the industry than most other applicants. The 2022 fall semester begins on the last Monday of August and continues through the middle of December.



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[Principle Abstract & Settlement Services, LLC](#) - Title Insurance

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## IMPORTANT DATES\*

**Dispensary Call: First Tuesday of the Month**

Tuesday, August 2 @ 1pm via Zoom

**Grower/Processor Call: Second Tuesday of the Month**

Tuesday, August 9 @ 1pm via Zoom

**Legislative Input Call: Third Thursday of the Month**

Thursday, August 18 @ 1pm Via Zoom

**PCC Third Quarter Membership Meeting**

Friday, September 9th @ 12noon Via Zoom

**MMAB September Meeting**

Tuesday, September 27th @ 10am Via Zoom

**MMAB November Meeting**

Tuesday, November 22nd @ 10am Via Zoom

**PCC Fourth Quarter Membership Meeting**

Friday, December 2nd @ 12noon Via Zoom

*\*All times are EST*



# PCC PAC

## BIG GOALS REQUIRE BIG BUDGETS

### Who can contribute?

- Individuals
- PACs
- Certain LLCs

### How much can you contribute?

- Any amount helps
- There is no limit
- Average 2021 contribution was \$1,000

## REASONS TO GIVE TO PCC PAC

- We need to stand up for those who stand up for us
- We must continue to build a coalition of legislative support
  - PAC Dollars grab legislators attention and allow our lobbying team and staff more facetime with more legislators
- Other PACS WILL spend against us
- There is legislation being considered NOW that affects MMOs
  - State Safe Banking - INCLUDES 280e
  - Workplace Legislation

**Please consider contributing to PCC PAC  
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**PCC PAC  
P.O. Box 11501  
Harrisburg, PA 17108**

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## PAC SPENDING BY ACTIVE ASSOCIATIONS

Organization	2021 Spend	2020 Spend
PA Realtors	\$ 1,158,281.00	\$ 873,216.00
PA State Education Association	\$ 622,836.00	\$ 2,069,327.00
Operators for Skill	\$ 313,618.00	\$ 365,420.00
PA Trial Lawyers	\$ 228,459.00	\$ 857,093.00
PA Chamber PAC	\$ 209,669.00	\$ 137,750.00
PA State Police (State Lodge)	\$ 116,685.00	\$ 54,925.00
Horseman	\$ 109,536.00	\$ 74,406.00
PA Health Care Association	\$ 102,415.00	\$ 32,158.00
<b>P.C. PAC</b>	<b>\$ 14,207.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,865.00</b>



## **Senator Kim Ward - Majority Leader**

Senator Kim Ward currently serves as the Senate Majority Leader for the Senate of Pennsylvania. She is the first woman in the history of the Pennsylvania Legislature to serve as Majority Leader in either the Pennsylvania House or Senate.

In 2008, Senator Ward won the Pennsylvania 39th Senatorial District seat and was the first woman ever elected to that seat. She was re-elected in 2012 & 2016, and most recently in 2020.

During the 2019-2020 legislative session, she was appointed to the Majority Caucus Administrator position in the Senate. Prior to her election to the Senate, she served as a Westmoreland County Commissioner in 2008, and on the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors from 2002-2007 where she was Chairwoman of the Board for the final three years.

Senator Ward's legislative accomplishments include laws reducing spending on state subsidized methadone treatment transportation; implementing the federal E-Verify program to ensure workers on publicly funded construction projects were legally permitted to work; and re-authorizing the emergency services grant program. She led the effort to enact legislation reforming Pennsylvania's child abuse laws and providing greater protections for children against abuse. Her Ready to Succeed legislation created one of the most successful higher education grant programs that helps middle-income families. Senator Ward helped to extend benefits to the families of campus police officers who die in the line of duty, championed efforts to ensure continued access to quality eye care for patients, and added more crime victim representation within the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), so policy and funding priorities for crime victim assistance are being decided by a more diverse representation of Pennsylvanians affected by crime.

Most recently, Senator Ward has had several of bills she introduced to address the COVID-19 pandemic pass the General Assembly. Signed into law was her legislation requiring the Pennsylvania Department of Health to share the location of COVID-19 positive cases with emergency responders so they can better protect themselves and their communities. Senator Ward's amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution, prohibiting the Governor from extending an emergency declaration beyond 21 days without legislative approval, received the first of two legislative approvals needed before it can be placed on the ballot at the next election. The amendment, if approved by voters, will restore equity among of the three branches of state government - executive, legislative and judicial - during times of emergency.

Before entering politics, Kim worked as a Board-Certified Respiratory Therapist at Allegheny General Hospital, Vanderbilt University Hospital and Hershey Medical Center.

She and her husband, Dr. Thomas Ward, have three sons, Tom, Michael, and Matthew and three beautiful grandchildren, Josie Jane, Thomas and Roman.

