

PCC MONTH IN REVIEW

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PCC Members -

Thank you all for attending our Annual Meeting in January. While voting on the budget and increasing dues is not fun, I am grateful for your participation and feedback in the process. It has been a personal goal of mine to increase communication and transparency at PCC and I hope that you will continue to engage in our meetings to build on our successes.

In an effort to increase involvement in legislative matters at PCC we are reinvigorating the Legislative Input Committee to dig into all cannabis related matters in front of the PA Legislature. We are going to temporarily collapse the Adult Use Committee and consider all legislative matters through the Legislative Input Committee. More information later in the newsletter.

I am very excited to share that the Senate Law & Justice Committee, under the leadership of Senator Mike Regan, will hold a hearing on Adult Use Marijuana on Monday, February 7, 2022. See page two for more details.

Lastly, I am asking you all to engage with your teams and consider making a contribution to PC PAC. We have big legislative goals this year - getting adult use through the legislature will require a lot of resources. Our PAC dollars allow us to engage and educate legislators. Please advise if scheduling a meeting with your leadership teams would be helpful to educate them about the importance of association PAC contributions.



Meredith Buettner, Executive Director

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ADULT USE UPDATE

The Senate Law & Justice Committee chaired by Senator Mike Regan (R - PA 31) and Minority Chair Jim Brewster (D - PA 45) will hold a public Hearing on Adult Use Marijuana on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 10:00 AM the hearing will be held in the North Office Building in Hearing Room 1. The hearing will also be live Streamed. [To view the Livestream click here.](#)

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Senate Law & Justice Committee Adult Use Marijuana Hearing

Monday, February 7, 2022

PA Capitol North Office Building
Hearing Room 1



Senator Mike Regan

OTHER ADULT USE UPDATES

- Representatives Jake Wheatley and Dan Frankel's bill has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee. [Click here for HB2050](#)
- Senator Dan Laughlin and Senator Sharif Street's bill has been released. [Click here for SB473](#)
- Senator Mike Regan circulated a Co-Sponsorship Memo for Adult Use Legislation. [Click here for Co-Sponsorship Memo](#)
- State Representative Amen Brown circulated a Co-Sponsor Memo for Adult Use Legislation. [Click here for Co-Sponsorship Memo](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR CURRENT LEGISLATIVE TRACKING DOCUMENT](#)

2022 MMAB MEETING SCHEDULE

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD VIA ZOOM

MARCH 22 @ 10 AM

MAY 26 @ 10 AM

JULY 28 @ 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 27 @ 10 AM

NOVEMBER 22 @ 10 AM

DOH/PROGRAM UPDATES*

*DATA FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2021 MMAB VIRTUAL MEETING

Serious Medical Condition Applications

- Applications
 - Chronic Hepatitis - Approved

Program Data

- 681,504 Patients and Caregivers Registered
- 384,254 Active Patient Certifications
- 1,678 Approved Practitioners
- 16.5 Million Patients Dispensing Events
- 47.0 Million Products Dispensed
- \$4.0 Billion in Total Sales
 - \$1.6 Billion by GPs to Dispensaries
 - \$2.4 Billion by Dispensaries

Act 44 Implementation Status

- 33 Total Projects
 - 2 Major Projects/Programs (In Progress)
 - 7 Grower/Processors and Labs (4 In Progress/3 Implemented)
 - 5 Background Checks (1 In Progress/4 Implemented)
 - 2 Permitting (1 In Progress/1 Implemented)
 - 5 Dispensaries - Complete
 - 5 Governance/Regulations - Complete
 - 3 Practitioners/Caregivers - Complete
 - 4 Research - Complete

Medical Marijuana Assistance

- *Eliminating* the annual card fee for eligible participants (Q1 2022)
- *Eliminating all* federal background check fees for eligible caregivers (Timing TBD)
- Assisting patients with the purchase of medical marijuana via a to-be-determined benefit *amount per funding period per eligible patient* (Timing TBD)

Court rules pot smell alone can't justify warrantless search

The court said a state police search of a vehicle in Allentown three years ago was conducted only because the troopers smelled marijuana.

The Associated Press, Dec 29, 2021
HARRISBURG, Pa.

The smell of marijuana can be a factor police use to justify a search without a warrant but can't be the sole basis for it, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

The court said a state police search of a vehicle in Allentown three years ago was conducted only because the troopers smelled marijuana.

"The odor of marijuana alone does not amount to probable cause to conduct a warrantless search of the vehicle but, rather, may be considered as a factor in examining the totality of the circumstances," wrote Chief Justice Max Baer for the majority.

Troopers pulled over the vehicle after it had failed to stop at a solid white line before an overpass, and smelled burned marijuana through a window, Baer recounted.

Police found a plastic bag with less than 1 gram of marijuana next to the front center console, with no markings that would have indicated it was purchased from a dispensary. They also recovered a loaded handgun from beneath the driver's seat.

The defendant, Timothy Oliver Barr II, and the driver, his wife, produced medical marijuana cards.

The trial court ruled the search unconstitutional and said the evidence it produced was not able to be used in court, and dismissed the charge of possession of a small amount of marijuana.

The Lehigh County district attorney's office had argued that the drug remains illegal for most in the state even though medical marijuana cardholders can legally possess it. In a brief, prosecutors argued the odor of marijuana "has not lost its 'incriminating' smell by virtue of its legality for some," because it's illegal for most.

The Supreme Court majority said there was sufficient grounds to support the trial judge's determination that the troopers searched the vehicle based solely on the smell. The majority reinstated the order suppressing the evidence.

In a separate opinion, Justice Kevin Dougherty noted the marijuana recovered in the search was not in packaging provided by a licensed dispensary.

"Where an officer who smells marijuana also observes its packaging (or lack thereof) and there is no barcode or other identifying information that typically appears on the original packaging from a dispensary, that could be enough to establish probable cause," Dougherty wrote.

**SPOTLIGHT ON:
PCC GROWER/PROCESSOR MEMBERS & MEDICAL MARIJUANA REGIONS**

Calypso Enterprises, Northwest

gLeaf, South Central

Cresco, Northwest

Grassroots (Curaleaf), South Central

Holistic Industries, Northwest

Pennsylvania Medical Solutions (Jushi), Northeast

Justice Grown, Northeast

Maitri, Southwest

Penn Health Group, Southwest

PharmaCann, Northeast

Terrapin, Northcentral

liera (TerrAscend), South Central

Standard Farms (Tilt Holdings), Northeast

Franklin Labs (Trulieve), Southeast

AGRiMED (Trulieve), Southwest

PurePenn (Trulieve), Southwest

AgriKind (Verano), Southeast

Pennsylvania House Republican Leadership

Rep. Bryan Cutler, Speaker of the House
100th District, Lancaster County

Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, Majority Leader
171st District, Centre & Mifflin Counties

Rep. Donna Oberlander, Majority Whip
63rd District, armstrong, Clarion & Forest Counties

Rep. Stan Saylor, Appropriations Chairman
94th District, York County

Rep. George Dunbar, Caucus Chairman
56th District, Westmoreland County

Rep. Kurt Masser, Caucus Administrator
107th District, Columbia, Montour and Northumberland Counties

Rep. Martina White, Caucus Secretary
170th District, Philadelphia County

Rep. Martin Causer, Policy Committee Chair
67th District, Cameron, McKean and Potter Counties



COMMITTEE/CALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

In an effort to streamline meetings and be more inclusive in decision making regarding legislative priorities we will be temporarily collapsing the Adult Use Committee into the Legislative Input Committee until there is an active piece of Adult Use Legislation to consider.

The Legislative Input Committee will be shifting to the THIRD Thursday of the month at 1pm so that it is situated between our internal lobbying calls and legislative issues can be better communicated.



IMPORTANT DATES*

**Dispensary Call: First Tuesday of the Month
Tuesday, February 1 @ 1pm Via Zoom**

**Grower/Processor Call: Second Tuesday of the Month
Tuesday, February 8 @ 1pm Via Zoom**

**Legislative Input Call: Third Thursday of the Month
Thursday, January 27th @ 1pm Via Zoom**

**All times are EST*

EMAIL MEREDITH@PCANNA.ORG TO BE ADDED TO A COMMITTEE CALL TODAY

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Jeremy Unruh, PharmaCann: Vice-Chair
John Sullivan, Cresco Labs: Treasurer
Sara Payne, Jushi: Secretary
Gabe Perlow, Pure Penn: At-Large

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[Global Go Consulting](#) - Business Consulting

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