

APRIL 2022

PCC MONTH IN REVIEW

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PCC Members -

April was quite the whirlwind here at PCC. Movement of SAFE Banking and 280e coupled with the excitement of the 4/20 holiday made for a lot of activity.

The Pennsylvania Primary Election is May 17th. With the entire House of Representatives and half of the Senate on the ballot May will be rather quiet in Harrisburg. If you visit the Member Resources Page on pcanna.org you can learn more about the primary election and how the districts your facilities in are impacted by reapportionment.

Our team is taking the "down time" to refocus on adult use in anticipation of Senator Regan releasing language late in the month. We are engaging with our member's contract lobbyists to organize our approach and ensure we are maximizing our resources. If your lobbying team is not yet engaged with PCC please give me a call and we can coordinate.

Please note the schedule for our 2022 Quarterly meetings is included on page five of the newsletter. Please make sure to add these dates to your calendars.

Lastly, I am again asking you all to engage with your teams and consider making a contribution to PCC 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.

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ADULT USE UPDATES

- The Senate Law & Justice Committee chaired by Senator Mike Regan (R - PA 31) and Minority Chair Jim Brewster (D - PA 45) concluded it's series of three hearings on Adult Use Cannabis.
- Senator Judy Ward (R- PA 30) Chair of the Senate Aging & Youth Committee held a hearing which featured opponents of legalization. Read more about the hearing by clicking here.
- Representative 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

DOH/PROGRAM UPDATES FROM MARCH MMAB MEETING

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS MARCH 22, 2022 POWERPOINT PRESENTATION](#)

Program Data

- 740,757 Patients and Caregivers Registered to date
- 406,454 Active Patient Certifications
- 1,779 Approved Practitioners
- 20.0 Million Patients Dispensing Events
- 56.8 Million Products Dispensed
- \$4.8 Billion in Total Sales
 - \$1.9 Billion by GPs to Dispensaries
 - \$2.9 Billion by Dispensaries

Act 44 Implementation Status

- NO UPDATE OFFERED

Medical Marijuana Assistance

- Implemented:
 - Elimination of the annual card fee for eligible participants
 - Eliminating all background check fees for eligible caregivers
- Not Yet Implemented:
 - Direct patient assistance - monthly value for patients

Subcommittee Updates of Note

- *Medical Research*
 - Discussion of adding edibles to program
 - Law Enforcement & Medical professionals expressed objections despite a robust & thoughtful presentation by patient advocate - Luke Schultz
- *Patient and Caregiver Subcommittee*
 - Findings and Recommendations about Affordable Access to Medical Marijuana
 - *Six Recommendations:* 1) No Price Caps, 2) Expand Competition by Adding New Permits, 3) Reduce Burdensome Regulations, 4) Expansion of Assistance Programs, 5) Allowing Two-Year Certifications for those with Chronic or Terminal Conditions, 6) Homegrow for Patients & Caregivers
 - MMAB Voted AGAINST accepting the recommendations

PENN STATE DEVELOPS WEB APPLICATION THAT SHOWS HOW THC, CBD COULD INTERACT WITH PRESCRIBED MEDS



Penn State researchers have developed an online resource to improve patient safety and help health care providers reduce the number of unintended interactions between marijuana and prescribed medications.

Called the CANNabinoid Drug Interaction Review (CANN-DIR), the free resource at www.cann-dir.psu.edu/#/ was developed at the Penn State College of Medicine, an approved medical marijuana academic clinical research center.

The web application assesses cannabinoid products such as THC, CBD — or combination — against a database of prescription and over-the-counter medications.

“The adverse effects are not just limited to drowsiness,” Paul Kocis, a clinical pharmacist at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, said of the interactions with cannabinoids.

The application is not intended to be diagnostic.

Users can select the cannabinoid product and other medications a patient is taking, then CANN-DIR provides information on whether the THC or CBD could affect the way prescribed drugs are metabolized.

Take Warfarin, for example.

Warfarin is an anticoagulant used to treat and prevent blood clots. Cannabinoid products could impact how the body metabolizes Warfarin. A small difference in the active ingredient could reduce its effectiveness or lead to an adverse event, such as bleeding.

“Turns out a lot can happen,” said Kent Vrana, project leader and professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacology.

Vrana added, “It’ll tell you if there’s a potential problem.”

Officials believe that this web application could be an important resource to those using marijuana for recreational or medicinal purposes.

Pennsylvania legalized medical marijuana in 2016, which became available to patients two years later for more than a dozen ailments. More than 740,000 patients and caregivers are registered in the state’s Medical Marijuana Program, according to information presented at the March 22 Medical Marijuana Advisory Board meeting.

“I don’t know that there is any similar app on the market,” said Hyuntae Na, an assistant professor at the School of Science, Engineering and Technology, who oversaw the Penn State seniors that worked on the project last spring.

Another group of computer science students are working on an updated version intended to be more user friendly for patients and caregivers.

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COALITION CORNER

Highlighting our Industry Partners



Global Go provides sophisticated consulting services to the global cannabis and hemp industry. In tandem with strategic allies around the world, Global Go serves clients throughout the world from offices in Austin, Bogota, Chicago, Cyprus, Denver, Johannesburg, London, Los Angeles, Mexico City, New York, Palm Springs, Phoenix, Quito, São Paulo, Silicon Valley, Toronto, and Zurich. Powered by a team of cannabis industry pioneers and world-class consultants, Global Go helps leading cannabis funds and companies assess and enter new markets; acquire assets; raise capital; launch new product lines; improve SOPs; comply with regulations; implement technology and security systems; find talent; diagnose and execute solutions to growth obstacles; and apply for cannabis licenses (with a 99% success rate on over 200 cannabis license applications domestically and internationally). To find out more about Global Go visit: globalgo.consulting.

IMPORTANT DATES*

Dispensary Call: First Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday, May 3 @ 1pm Via Zoom

Grower/Processor Call: Second Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday, May 10 @ 1pm Via Zoom

Legislative Input Call: Third Thursday of the Month

Thursday, May 19 @ 1pm Via Zoom

MMAB May Meeting

Thursday, May 26th @ 10am Via Zoom

PCC Second Quarter Membership Meeting

Friday, June 3rd @ 12noon Via Zoom

MMAB July Meeting

Thursday, July 28th @ 10am 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*



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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

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by mailing personal or LLC check to :**

**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
P.C. PAC	\$ 14,207.00	\$ 4,865.00

Senator Pat Browne (R)

16th District, Lehigh County

Committee Assignments
Appropriations, Chair
Finance, Vice Chair
Aging & Youth
Law & Justice
Local Government



Senator Pat Browne was again elected by his colleagues in the Senate Republican Caucus to serve as Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman for the 2021-22 Legislative Session. The committee, one of the most powerful of the Senate's standing committees, reviews all legislation for its fiscal impact and plays a crucial role in developing the state budget. Browne has served in this role since 2014.

Before being elected Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman, Senator Browne served as Senate Majority Whip from 2011-14. Senator Browne is Co-Chair of the bi-partisan, bi-cameral Early Childhood Education Caucus and the Legislative Arts and Culture Caucus. He previously Co-Chaired the Basic Education Funding Commission, the Special Education Funding Commission and the PA Public School Building Construction and Reconstruction Advisory Committee (PlanCon).

He also serves as a member of the board of the Public-School Employees' Retirement System, the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Legislative Audit Advisory Committee.

Senator Browne was re-elected in November 2018 to his fourth full term as state Senator for the 16th District, representing constituents in parts of Lehigh County. He was first elected to the Senate following a special election in April of 2005 and was re-elected in the fall of 2006, 2010 and 2014. Prior to joining the Senate, Senator Browne represented the 131st District for 10 years as a member of the state House of Representatives.

Senator Browne received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame and a law degree from Temple University. Prior to his legislative service, he was employed with the accounting firms of Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse as a tax manager and senior tax associate, respectively. In addition to being a CPA, he is also a member of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Born and raised in Allentown, Senator Browne attended Allentown Central Catholic High School. He resides in Allentown with his wife, Heather, and son, Alex.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Curaleaf

Vertically Integrated Multi State Operator

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