

JUNE 2022

PCC MONTH IN REVIEW

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PCC Members -

Well, we are still without a budget here in Pennsylvania. The parties have failed to reach an agreement on the amount of spending. The House was in session today and is expected to complete their calendar. Both the House and Senate will both be adjourned to a 24 hour call of the Chair and are expected back early next week. We will continue to monitor the budget process for items relevant to cannabis and report any pertinent developments including those related to the issuance of new permits through a code vehicle and movement on 280e.

As I am writing this update the House has just passed SAFE Banking Legislation via HB 331 which will go to the Governor's desk for signature. I am proud that PCC was able to work with many of the banking associations in Pennsylvania to get this across the finish line - now to get it done in Washington. Please consider reaching out to Senators DiSanto & Street to thank them for their work on this bill.

We have now had two monthly meetings with the Pennsylvania Department of Health. We are working hard to redefine the relationship between regulated and regulator as one focused on the mutual goal of improving the medical marijuana program in the best interest of patients. We were able to address several of our concerns related to the final regulations. DOH is not able to change the package as submitted but our meeting did provide an opportunity to address areas where further guidance is necessary if the regulations are approved by IRRC.

We are cancelling both the Dispensary & Grower/Processor calls for the month of July. - attendance has been waning during the summer months.

Additionally, we are considering holding our Third Quarter Meeting in person, in Harrisburg. Please keep an eye on your email for updates!

Happy 4th of July to you and yours!



Meredith Buettner, Executive Director

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FINAL PROGRAM REGULATIONS

The Final Program Regulations #10-219 “Medical Marijuana” will be considered by The Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) at its July 21st public meeting. The meeting will be held at IRRC’s office at 333 Market Street, 14th floor, in Harrisburg. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and is open to the public.

If you plan to speak at or attend the meeting, email Scott Schalles, Regulatory Analyst at IRRC at sschalles@irrc.state.pa.us so your name can be provided to security in the lobby of the building. If you can’t attend the meeting, you can stream it from IRRC’s website.

Under the Regulatory Review Act, the designated standing committees can take action on this rulemaking at any time up to 24-hours before the start of IRRC’s meeting. Please contact the members of the House Health Committee and Senate Health & Human Services Committee prior to July 19, 2022 to share your objections to the regulations.

When submitting comments please identify the specific section of the rulemaking you find problematic and why it is problematic and remember that IRRC is required to evaluate regulations for criteria specified in the Regulatory Review Act (71 P.S. § 745.5b) are the foundation of the Commission's review of regulations. The criteria include:

- Whether the agency has statutory authority to implement the regulation
- Whether the regulation is consistent with the legislative intent
- Economic and fiscal impact on the public and private sector
- Protection of the public health, safety and welfare
- Clarity, feasibility and reasonableness of the regulation
- Whether acceptable data is the basis of the regulation
- Whether a less costly or less intrusive method of achieving the goals has been considered for a regulation impacting small business
- Whether the regulation represents a policy decision requiring legislative review
- Comments, objections or recommendations of a Committee
- Compliance with the Regulatory Review Act and the Commission's regulations

At this stage of the regulatory review process, a rulemaking can only be approved in its entirety or disapproved in its entirety. If a rulemaking is disapproved by IRRC, the agency would then have an opportunity to amend the rulemaking and submit it for a second consideration.

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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

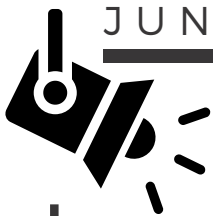
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[CLICK HERE TO VISIT MMAB WEBSITE](#)

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



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

PHARMACANN



PharmaCann is one of the country's largest vertically integrated cannabis companies, providing safe, reliable, top-quality cannabis products.

By investing in people, practices and infrastructure, PharmaCann is shaping a new, vital, wellness-focused industry and advancing access to cannabis through effective, affordable and trusted products and services.

PharmaCann's create a robust assortment of cannabis brands using the safest practices and state-of-the-art techniques. From microdoses to dabs (and everything in between) they pride themselves on quality, price, and selection that are second to none.

Verilife dispensaries provide access to a diverse selection of quality cannabis products. Verilife's highly trained, compassionate, and engaged team members use a consultative approach. By providing thoughtful advice, they help patients and customers feel better, get more enjoyment out of life, and become comfortable through the safe, informed use of quality cannabis.

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



Harrisburg Area Community College has partnered with national cannabis education provider, Green Flower, to offer a high-quality, self-paced series of classes.

As the cannabis industry expands, the demand for skilled and credible professionals expands with it. Becoming an expert in this field means learning from the pioneers who are taking the industry into the mainstream.

These programs were developed in partnership with Green Flower, the leader in cannabis education, to help you develop role-specific skills for a career in cannabis.

HACC offers three 8 week courses:

- Advanced Manufacturing Agent Certificate
- Advanced Dispensary Associate Certificate
- Advanced Cultivation Certificate

For program information contact
workforce@hacc.edu



PCC Affiliate Members

Please consider using PCC Affiliate Members when you are choosing service vendors.
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IMPORTANT DATES*

Dispensary Call: First Tuesday of the Month

CANCELED FOR JULY

Grower/Processor Call: Second Tuesday of the Month

CANCELED FOR JULY

Legislative Input Call: Third Thursday of the Month

Thursday, June 16 @ 1pm 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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**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



U.S. SENATE RACE

JOHN FETTERMAN (D)



A Pennsylvania native, John was born to teenage parents just starting out on their own. At the time, his father worked nights to put himself through college. John grew up in York, PA, and followed in his father's footsteps to Albright College, where he played offensive tackle for the Lions.

At 23, John joined up with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and his life has never been the same. John threw himself into the program, mentoring his 'little' – an 8-year-old boy who had recently lost his father to AIDS and whose mother was also battling the disease. Before she passed away, John promised that he would continue to look out for her son and make sure that he graduated college. Fifteen years later, John and his 'little' had both held up their ends of the bargain, with his little's graduation from Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, PA.

But John wanted to do more. He joined AmeriCorps and served in Pittsburgh's historic Hill District, where he helped set up the first computer labs in the neighborhood and taught GED classes to young mothers and fathers.

He went on to earn a Masters in Public Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

John returned to Pennsylvania to start a GED program in the town of Braddock, one of the poorest and most challenged communities in the commonwealth. In 2005, encouraged by his students, John ran for mayor. He managed to win the crowded primary by a single vote. In his 13 years as mayor, John worked to rebuild his community, creating jobs, getting youth engaged, and bringing creative urban policy solutions to Braddock. The town now has a community center, urban gardens, and a free store run by John's wife, Gisele.



DR. MEHMET OZ (R)

Dr. Oz is the host of the Emmy award-winning "The Dr. Oz Show" and is an Attending Physician at NY Presbyterian-Columbia Medical Center. He has performed thousands of heart operations and has practiced medicine simultaneously with his TV show. He lives in Bryn Athyn, with his wife Lisa of 36 years. Together they've raised four children, Daphne, Arabella, Zoe and Oliver and have four grandchildren Philomena, John, Domenica, and Giovanna.

Dr. Oz has never shied away from telling his patients and audience that you are the key to solving many of your problems. He's taking his message of empowerment, personal responsibility, and freedom with him to campaign for the U.S. Senate to represent the people of Pennsylvania. Dr. Oz has seen first hand the goal of the liberal elites and establishment – to make your life decisions for you – and cancel you if you disagree.

Pennsylvania has seen the consequences of this failed leadership. Policies out of Washington take away your ability to earn a living, walk safely down the street at night, and leave the future of your family less certain than it ever has been before. Feckless leadership in Congress means we have representatives who are more afraid of being "cancelled" and more interested in winning reelection than bravely challenging orthodoxy. That's exactly why Dr. Oz is running – to return power to you.

Dr. Oz has authored over 350 original publications, written eight New York Times bestsellers, and received numerous patents for developing medical devices that have saved countless lives. In addition to the number #1 health show on TV for a dozen years, Dr. Oz was a featured health expert on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" for six seasons, spanning over 60 episodes. Dr. Oz graduated from Harvard University and obtained a joint MD and MBA from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Wharton Business School.