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RESOLUTION 2021-18 APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSARY PERMIT ENDORSEMENTS PURSUANT TO THE 2019 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS PROCESS

WHEREAS, P.L.2019, c.153, "Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act," ("the Act") authorizes a process for receipt of applications and issuance of permits to operate Alternative Treatment Centers ("ATCs") in the state of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the authority to regulate and enforce activities related to medicinal cannabis previously was vested in the New Jersey Department of Health ("the Department"), and now vests in the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("the Commission") pursuant to P.L. 2019, c.153; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2019, the Department posted a Request for Applications ("RFA" or "2019 RFA") to select entities to operate up to twenty-four (24) ATCs; and

WHEREAS, of those twenty-four (24) ATCs, up to eight (8) such centers would be located within the Northern and Central regions of the state, up to seven (7) such centers would be located in the Southern region of the state, and one (1) ATC would be located in a region determined at the time of the award based on patient need; and

WHEREAS, the RFA allowed for the issuance of endorsements and permits for up to fifteen (15) dispensaries, five (5) cultivation sites, and four (4) vertically integrated ATCs (which would grant the holder the ability to cultivate, manufacture, and dispense medicinal cannabis and medicinal cannabis products under a single permit); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the RFA, dispensary permit endorsement applications were due to the Department no later than August 22, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 18, 2019, and pursuant to the RFA, the Department conducted a completeness review and determined that certain applications were disqualified due to submission of incomplete or otherwise deficient applications; and

WHEREAS, consistent with N.J.A.C. 8:64-6.2 and 6.4 (now N.J.A.C. 17:30A-6.2 and 6.4), disqualified applicants were given 45 calendar days to appeal their Final Agency Decisions in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division (the "Court"); and

WHEREAS, seventeen (17) disqualified applicants appealed their Final Agency Decisions and several applicants filed motions for a stay; and

- WHEREAS, on December 23, 2019, the Court issued a stay of all proceedings related to the July 2019 RFA and on January 14, 2020, clarified the scope of the stay to include all administrative proceedings regarding the RFA, including scoring of applications; and
- WHEREAS, on February 18, 2021, the Court issued a decision in the appeals and affirmed the Department's Final Agency Decisions in all but one case and dissolved the stays in place, allowing the RFA to proceed; and
- WHEREAS, following the Court's decision, scoring resumed under the oversight of the Department after a refresher training was held for the scoring committee on February 23, 2021; and
- WHEREAS, on April 12, 2021, the Commission enacted Resolution 2021-2, thereby assuming regulatory oversight authority from the Department for all medicinal cannabis activities, including the July 2019 RFA; and
- WHEREAS, the Commission is statutorily charged with ensuring that a sufficient number of ATCs are operational to meet the needs of patients enrolled in New Jersey's medicinal cannabis program; and
- WHEREAS, patient enrollment has continued to expand in the two years since the 2019 RFA was posted and is projected to expand in the future; and
- WHEREAS, the Commission anticipates a limitation on the availability of medicinal cannabis and medicinal cannabis products with the launch of adult personal-use cannabis sales in the future; and
- WHEREAS, the Commission has a considerable number of qualified applicants that have waited two (2) years to help serve New Jersey's medicinal market; and
- WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that increasing the number of awards for dispensary permit endorsements from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) would increase supply of medicinal cannabis and medicinal cannabis products and would help meet some of the needs of the increased patient enrollment; and
- WHEREAS, the full scores for dispensary applications have been compiled, reviewed, and audited by Commission staff; and
- WHEREAS, the following list of dispensary permit endorsement applicants have provided a complete application and, based on criteria established by the Commission consistent with the language of the 2019 RFA, are the thirty (30) highest scoring, eligible applicants:

Control#	Applicant Name	Region	Total Score
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19-0016	Middle Valley Partners LLC	Central	273.33
19-0009	Community Wellness Center of NJ	North	267.33
19-0013	The Law Offices of Juliana Diaz LLC	South	266.33
19-0076	Monmouth Wellness and Healing LLC	Central	265.33
19-0064	GR Vending NJ LLC	North	265.00
19-0003	McGraw Holdings New Jersey, Inc.	Central	257.67
19-0073	Eastern Green Inc. d/b/a Starbuds	South	257.33
19-0111	Design 710	South	257.33
19-0061	NJ Kindness	South	257.00
19-0011	Restore NJ LLC	South	252.33
19-0037	Yuma Way NJ LLC	North	251.67
19-0083	Montverde NJ LLC	Central	251.33
19-0067	Terrapin	North	250.00
19-0092	Organic Remedies NJLLC	South	248.67
19-0112	Oceanfront Holdings LLC	North	248.33
19-0086	11th Colony Cannabis	North	247.67

19-0048	Honeygrove Corp.	South	245.67
19-0035	New Jersey PharmaCanna LLC	North	242.67
19-0069	1st Choice Health and Wellness	North	241.67
19-0005	Silver Leaf Wellness LLC	Central	240.33
19-0042	Garden State Botanicals	Central	240.00
19-0012	GLCPC LLC	Central	239.67
19-0101	Sanctuary Medicinals	Central	239.00
19-0032	Theory Wellness of NJ LLC	Central	236.33
19-0017	Nature's Touch Med NJ LLC	North	235.00
19-0084	Woah Flow	Central	233.33
19-0055	NJ Patients Care LLC	North	229.33
19-0051	Circe Therapeutics LLC	South	226.67
19-0104	Life Compassion Center Dispensary LLC	South	222.00
19-0102	Holistic Solutions LLC	South	205.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission pursuant to the terms of the 2019 RFA and following the dispensary award methodology outlined by Executive Director Jeff Brown in the attached Recommendation Memorandum, and contingent on compliance with the Post-Award Accountability Standards in the Recommendation Memorandum, the following applications for an ATC dispensary permit endorsement are hereby APPROVED:

1. The first round of awardees are:

Control#	Applicant Name	Region	Total Score
19-0016	Middle Valley Partners LLC	Central	273.33
19-0009	Community Wellness Center of NJ	North	267.33
19-0013	The Law Offices of Juliana Diaz LLC	South	266.33

2. The second round of awardees are:

Control#	Applicant Name	Region	Total Score
19-007.6	Monmouth Wellness and Healing LLC	Central	265.33
19-0064	GR Vending NJ LLC	North	265.00
19-0073	Eastern Green Inc. d/b/a Starbuds	South	257.33

3. The third round of awardees are:

Control#	Applicant Name	Region	Total Score
19-0003	McGraw Holdings New Jersey, Inc.	Central	257.67
19-0037	Yuma Way NJ LLC	North	251.67
19-0111	Design 710	South	257.33

4. The fourth round of awardees are:

Control#	Applicant Name	Region	Total Score
19-0083	Montverde NJ LLC	Central	251.33
19-0067	Terrapin	North	250.00
19-0061	NJ Kindness	South	257.00

5. The fifth round of awardees are:

Control #	Applicant Name	Region	Total Score
19-0005	Silver Leaf Wellness LLC	Central	240.33
19-0112	Oceanfront Holdings LLC	North	248.33
19-0011	Restore NJ LLC	South	252.33

6. The sixth round of awardees are:

Control#	Applicant Name	Region	Total Score
19-0042	Garden State Botanicals	Central	240.00
19-0086	11 th Colony Cannabis	North	247.67
19-0092	Organic Remedies NJ LLC	South	248.67

7. The seventh round of awardees are:

Control#	Applicant Name	Region	Total Score
19-0012	GLCPC LLC	Central	239.67
19-0035	New Jersey PharmaCanna LLC	North	242.67
19-0048	Honeygrove Corp.	South	245.67

8. The eighth round of awardees are:

Control#	Applicant Name	Region	Total Score
19-0101	Sanctuary Medicinals	Central	239.00
19-0069	1st Choice Health and Wellness	North	241.67
19-0051	Circe Therapeutics LLC	South	226.67

9. The ninth round of awardees are:

Control#	Applicant Name	Region	Total Score
19-0032	Theory Wellness of NJ LLC	Central	236.33
19-0017	Nature's Touch Med NJ LLC	North	235.00
19-0104	Life Compassion Center Dispensary LLC	South	222.00

10. The tenth round of awardees are:

Control#	Applicant Name	Region	Total Score
19-0084	Woah Flow	Central	233.33
19-0055	NJ Patients Care LLC	North	229.33
19-0102	Holistic Solutions LLC	South	205.00

All other submitted applications for a dispensary endorsement that are not otherwise disqualified are hereby **DENIED**. Executive Director Jeff Brown is hereby delegated the authority to act on all applications that have been disqualified from the 2019 RFA process.

Any applicant with questions regarding the 2019 RFA process and methodology, and any unsuccessful applicant that wishes to file a grievance with the Commission, may do so by submitting their question or grievance in writing to crc.nj.gov by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, December 13, 2021. Multiple questions/grievances can be submitted together but must be numbered. Responses to submissions deemed relevant to the 2019 RFA process and methodology will be provided within 30 calendar days – by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. The question and grievance period should only be used for the purpose of addressing questions and complaints related to the 2019 RFA process and methodology. All other questions should be submitted through the Commission website and will be answered in the regular course of business.

Submitted by;

Dianna Houenou, Chair

CERTIFICATION

Erin Hogan, Executive Assistant

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Barker					<u> </u>	
Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso			X			
Commissioner Delgado		X	X			
Chairwoman Houenou		•	X			
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