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Gaetano Lardieri	7/18/2024	<p>CRC Comments 17 Jun 2024</p> <p>Gaetano Lardieri, M4MM State Director</p> <p>Good afternoon, Chair Houenou and esteemed commissioners. I am very honored to be invited to speak before you today on a subject that is close to me both professionally and in my role as the New Jersey State co-Director for Minorities for Medical Marijuana. That subject is Research! My name is Gaetano Lardieri, co-director for Minorities for Medical Marijuana (M4MM) for the state of New Jersey. I serve in this role alongside my colleague and friend Nichelle Santos. I am also a board member of The JUSTUS Foundation, CMMNJ and UPENNS Affiliate Scholars. All of which are supporters of safe/efficacious/robust cannabis research. Nichelle and I have served in this role for several years now, proudly advocating for social equity in the cannabis industry and now strongly advocating for the same when it comes to building out a cannabis research program.</p> <p>I have spent over 40 years in the medical field, including 26 years in cancer research. I have led teams to significant achievements, such as an FDA approval for a breast cancer drug. For the past 11 years, my focus has shifted to alleviating the stigma around cannabis and psychedelics and advocating for research. I commend the CRC for your outstanding work in fostering social equity within New Jersey's cannabis industry. Now, it's time to elevate our efforts to the next level by supporting and building a robust research program.</p> <p>New Jersey has a unique opportunity to lead in cannabis research by leveraging our state's exceptional talent and the strong foundation and framework already established by the CRC for social equity. I propose creating a dedicated division within the CRC for cannabis research. This should be a separate chair led by an expert specifically with experience in cannabis clinical trial research to ensure complexity and safety are managed effectively. This division would include high-level professionals and advisors to guarantee patient safety and regulatory compliance.</p> <p>The vision should encompass building a state-of-the-art research program that not only advances the scientific understanding of cannabis but also reinforces the principles of social equity that the CRC has championed. By incorporating scientific advisors, policy experts, and minority &amp; indigenous representatives at all levels of research and clinical trial participation, we can ensure that such programs are inclusive and representative of the fabric of all New Jerseyans. Our medical community and schools must be incentivized to participate, helping to educate and eradicate stigma. This</p>

		<p>starts by implementing a robust curriculum in our medical schools to include curriculum on the Endocannabinoid System. This also extends to developing a vigorous campaign to educate and bring awareness to the general public of the ECS. Implementing these two criteria as soon as possible is crucial in building a strong foundation for research, development, and an educational system for cannabis.</p> <p>Imagine New Jersey as a beacon of innovation in cannabis research, setting standards that other states aspire to follow. We have the talent and the resources to make this vision a reality. Our research should address and guarantee safety, efficacy, and accessibility for all. Establishing a well-developed and comprehensive Clinical Registrant Application License and guidelines with inclusivity in-mind at all levels will formalize this process, allowing physicians and other healthcare professionals to study cannabis for various conditions and lead to many questions being asked and answered. We must also develop protocols for patients using cannabis during hospitalization and explore its potential as a breakthrough therapy for our veterans and those who need end-of-life care.</p> <p>To gauge public opinion and healthcare provider perspectives, conducting surveys will be beneficial. Additionally, research can and should explore the question of impairment, home grow options, and</p>
Gaetano Lardieri	7/18/2024	<p>To gauge public opinion and healthcare provider perspectives, conducting surveys will be beneficial. Additionally, research can and should explore the question of impairment, home grow options, and help create standards. Well-designed clinical trials can provide answers to these and other critical questions.</p> <p>Research must also focus on social equity progress, ensuring transparency and communication about ongoing studies and results. We must implement systems that can measure progress and report that progress to the general public.</p> <p>Data is the new gold!</p> <p>As we say in research ~ "In God we Trust all others bring data!"</p> <p>By addressing legal and stigma-related barriers, New Jersey can create a state-of-the-art cannabis research program that sets national standards.</p> <p>In conclusion, let's embrace this opportunity to advance cannabis research in New Jersey, ensuring it is conducted fairly, inclusively, and transparently. Together, we can reveal the plant's full potential to the benefit all New Jerseyans and beyond.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
David Nicolas	7/18/2024	<p>Hello Everyone,</p> <p>I am writing to see if the CRC would be able to expedite my retail application #7582. According to my cure letter, I need my updated tax returns on which I submitted. The reason I am requesting this application expedited for conditional use is due to the municipal approval process in the town that I am going to applying for Retail in. Waiting until september will push back times lines by over 45 days. Lastly, my application has been reviewed and the cure letter on the application only requested my last 2 years of taxes.</p>

Bilal Naji	7/18/2024	name change
Bila Naji	7/18/2024	<p>Hello and thank you. We was surprise of not been in the agenda for today because we request the name change back on April. Is ok for us to pay a fee but it will very difficult for us to wait until to September. We are a micro and we are paying rent and bills without open for business. We passed final inspection on May 22, 2024 and as of now we do not have the final approval. Please help us in this matter if possible. Thank you very much.</p>
Bilal Naji	7/18/2024	<p>We requested a name amendment on April 9, 2024, for City Leaf—License number RE000248—Class 5—Retail. It was our understanding that we would be on the agenda this coming Thursday, June 18. However, we did not see any name change on the agenda today. I am very concerned about the delay if we are not on this week's agenda.</p> <p>We also completed our final inspection with our investigator on May 22, 2024. We don't have the final approval to open the door as of today. We are a micro business. I don't know if you need anything to expedite the process. Maintaining all the expenses and overhead is creating a hardship.</p> <p>Please let me know the easiest way to finalize the process.</p> <p>Thank you, Bilal Naji 407-538-8698</p>