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RESOLUTION 2021-60 OF THE NEW JERSEY CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION
CONCERNING:

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 24:6I-24 TO
ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH ON BEHALF OF THE CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION
CONCERNING STAFF, TECHNOLOGY, AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE
COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Regulatory Commission (hereinafter "Commission") was established in, but not of, the Department of the Treasury, and the Commission, upon organization, assumed the powers, duties, and responsibilities with regard to the regulation and oversight of activities related to medical cannabis authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-1 et al. from the Department of Health (hereinafter "DOH"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the "State Agency Transfer Act," P.L. 1971, c.375, on April 12, 2021, DOH transferred all powers, duties, and responsibilities with regard to the regulation and oversight of medical cannabis activities to the Commission in connection with Resolution 2021-2.

WHEREAS, the Commission is charged with continuing to expand, reform and improve New Jersey's medical cannabis regulatory system while also launching a new legalized market for personal use cannabis items pursuant to P.L. 2021, c. 16;

WHEREAS, the DOH and the Commission agree that a seamless and efficient transfer of the regulation and oversight of activities authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-1 et seq is critical for the uninterrupted service of patients, caregivers, and health care practitioners;


WHEREAS, the Commission deems it necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") with the DOH to carry out the full responsibilities of PL.2009, c.307 on a temporary basis while staff and other resources are in the process of transferring to the Commission;

WHEREAS, the Commission requires, on a temporary basis, support by DOH staff for information technology services, criminal background checks, legal services, human resources, fiscal matters, and staff support to uphold the Commission's full responsibilities according to PL.2009, c.307, including, but not limited to the following support and services:

- (a) Technology: to provide or facilitate technology support to the Commission for six (6) months, or until such time as the services are fully transitioned;
- (b) Financial: to support in processing of accounting transactions insofar as needed to ensure continuity of services;
- (c) Facilities/Maintenance: to continue to print identification cards for Commission members and employees to provide access to the Commission's parking and office facilities;
- (d) Background Checks: to continue to perform background check functions for the Commission, with appropriate reimbursement from the Commission, until such time as this function is fully transitioned to the Commission.
- (e) Ethics: to complete and transfer to the Commission any and all active Equal Employment Opportunity ("EEO") and Human Resources ("HR") matters involving Commission staff to the Commission;
- (f) Legal: to continue to provide legal support for any ongoing litigation and assistance in the defense of any proceedings or Final Agency Decisions conducted and/or issued by the Division of Medicinal Marijuana.
- (g) Additional Services: to continue any other services currently provided by DOH, or by DOH employees on behalf of the Commission, that effect business continuity throughout the period of the agency transfer.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission that the Executive Director is authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Health on behalf of the Commission in connection with the support and services hereinabove mentioned.

Submitted by:



Dianna Houenou, Chair

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at its meeting held on the 22 day of April, 2021.



Jeff Brown, Executive Director

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Barker			X			
Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso			X			
Commissioner Delgado			X			
Chairwoman Houenou			X			
Commissioner Nash			X			