



Monitoring Report – NJ Cannabis Regulatory Commission

Facility: Verano/Zenleaf

Location: 3256 Brunswick Pike, Lawrence, NJ 08648

Monitoring Date(s): April 27, 2022

Report date: April 27, 2022

Monitors: [REDACTED]

The New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC), acting under the authority of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Enforcement Assistance and Marketplace Modernization Act, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-31, et seq. (Personal Act) and the Personal Use Cannabis Rules, N.J.A.C. 17:30, et seq. (Personal Rules) and the authority of the Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-1, et seq. (Jake Honig Act) and the CRC Rules, N.J.A.C. 17:30A, et seq. (Jake Honig Rules), conducted an onsite inspection of the Verano/Zenleaf dispensary facility located in Lawrence, NJ. The following is a summary of the findings:

On Wednesday April 27, 2022, Investigator 1, [REDACTED], and I conducted an onsite inspection of the Verano/Zenleaf dispensary at 3256 Brunswick Pike, Lawrence, NJ.

Upon arrival we met with Dispensary Manager Adam Lordi in the lobby of the dispensary. Mr. Lordi was shown our credentials and advised that we were on site to conduct a dispensary inspection.

Upon entry into the dispensary, I observed what appeared to be two Verano employees attempting to assist customers/patients as they entered the facility. I further observed that one employee, later identified as Mollye Solan, Finksburg, MD, did not have a visible NJ CRC ATC Employee Card as required by regulation. Upon questioning it was learned that Ms. Solan was at the facility to assist with customer/patient intake and was not a NJ CRC background approved employee - a violation of N.J.A.C. 17:30-8.1. I advised Mr. Lordi that Ms. Solan had to be escorted by an approved Verano employee while in the facility. I then proceeded to the entrance to the back counter area to observe patient and adult use customer sales. At this time, I observed Ms. Solan walk past me, unescorted, and proceed to walk into the dispensary vault - a violation

of N.J.A.C. 17:30-12.7. Ms. Solan was able to walk into the vault because the vault door was propped open which allowed anyone to proceed into the restricted area, this is a violation of N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.12. Mr. Lordi was alerted to all these violations.

While behind the dispensary counter area we were introduced to James Vahlsing, Verano Regional Dispensary Manager. Mr. Vahlsing advised he was at the facility to observe the progress of the daily sales.

At this point I questioned Mr. Lordi about the dispensary menu for patients and customers. Mr. Lordi proceed to open the Zenleaf website on a sales computer to show me the Adult Use and Medicinal menus of available products. It was observed that the Medicinal Menu had less available cannabis products to patients then the Adult Use Menu for customers - a violation of the Final Agency Decision issued to Verano NJ on 4/12/2022.

While still stationed behind the Verano/Zenleaf counter I observed a Verano/Zenleaf sales employee process Adult Use customers at the dedicated point of sale station for Medicinal Patients. At one point a Medicinal patient had to wait while an adult use customer was processed - a violation of the Final Agency Decision issued to Verano NJ on 4/12/2022.

At this time, I asked and was granted access to the dispensary vault. Inv. [REDACTED] and I proceeded into the vault to observe stock and movement of products. While entering the vault Inv. [REDACTED] observed a female Verano/Zenleaf employee that did not have a visible NJ CRC ATC Employee card. I questioned the employee, later identified as Sophia Septien, about her NJ CRC ATC Employee card. Ms. Septien advised that she had a "provisional card" and that she was "good" to be in the vault. I further questioned her as to who issued the "provisional card" and where is said card. Ms. Septien responded by showing me an email on her phone that she received from Verano employee, Hannah Peterson. I further questioned Ms. Septien as to the whereabouts of her "provisional card". She advised that she did not have an actual card but was told she was "good" to work by Verano management. I advised Mr. Lordi, Mr. Vahsling and Ms. Septien that this was a violation of N.J.A.C. 17:30-8.1.

While in the vault I observed packaged cannabis products that had not been previously approved for sale by the NJ CRC. The products are Jet-Lag (2.5g) and Super Glue (2.5g), both pre-rolled products. I questioned both Mr. Lordi and Mr. Vahsling about the sales of these products and if Verano had received approval from the NJ CRC. After a brief phone call Mr. Vahsling stated that the Verano Compliance department advised that approval was not needed for the sale of these products. At this time the products were set aside until a further investigation could be conducted.

At this time Inv. [REDACTED], Mr. Lordi, Mr. Vahsling and I proceed to the check in area at the front entrance to the dispensary. Inv. [REDACTED] and I watched as several Adult Use and Medicinal patients were scanned and granted access to the dispensary. No discrepancies were noted.

At this point our onsite inspection of the Verano/Zenleaf Lawrence dispensary concluded and we departed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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