

Medical Cannabis Legislative Oversight Working Group
Act 230, HB 2707, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016

Department of Health Report
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1. Registry Update:

See DOH Website at:

<http://health.hawaii.gov/medicalcannabisregistry/submenu/program-statistics/>

- a. 18,004 registered patients as of July 31, 2017.
- b. 413 patient increase from June 30 (average 3% increase).
- c. The Registry receives an average of 1,700 applications per month.
- d. The turnaround time for issuing 329 cards is 4 business days.
- e. There has been no perceptible spike in applications since the 2 dispensaries opened; however, it is too soon to tell whether there will be an increase as more retail locations open.

2. Dispensary Status:

- a. Maui Grown Therapies and Aloha Green opened their retail dispensary locations on August 8 and August 9, respectively. Maui Grown Therapies chose to use a soft opening approach by opening for limited hours and seeing patients on an appointment basis only. Aloha Green opened for business on August 9 for all patients on a first come, first served basis.
- b. As of 9:30 a.m. today, 3,632 patients or caregivers purchased 4,087 items of cannabis flower products. A total of 12,105 grams were purchased which is roughly equivalent to 26 pounds and 11 ounces.
- c. Cure Oahu was provided a Notice to Proceed to Acquire and Cultivate on July 28, 2017. A second inspection of their initial retail location is anticipated to be scheduled in September upon their request.
- d. Manoa Botanicals' first retail location is scheduled for a pre-retail inspection in September, 2017. Assuming everything is in compliance and the products are approved by a lab, a pre-opening retail inspection will be scheduled upon their request.
- e. Production center and retail center inspections continue upon request of the dispensary, as well as on an unannounced basis.
- f. Summary description of inspection phases are attached (inspections 1, 2, and 3).
- g. Ongoing meetings with the dispensaries continues. Next meeting is Friday, August 25th to discuss the interim Administrative Rules and operational issues.

3. **Laboratory Certification Status - Please refer to Summary provided by DOH State Labs Division.**

- a. Steep Hill Labs received provisional certification on July 31, 2017 to test flower products.
- b. Certification to test derivative products is pending.
- c. Submission and review of validation studies for the remaining labs continue.
- d. At the end of July, a Colorado dispensary recalled products due to pesticides being found in the products. *Please see attached article.*

4. **Computer Software Tracking System**

a. **Registry integration:**

- i. Integration of the computer software tracking system provided by BioTrackTHC integrated successfully with the Registry System and the application interface provided by Hawaii Information Consortium.
- ii. Any glitches or programming issues were addressed via coordination and monitoring by the Dispensary Program. Telephone contact took place with Maui Grown Therapies and Aloha Green personnel throughout the go-live and retail opening process.
- iii. Post opening inspections and consultations have occurred on a formal and informal basis to resolve the following issues:
 1. Entry into retail locations by patients/caregivers under the age of 21 years old.
 2. Registry cards renewal: Overlap of current and newly issued card when the card was renewed within the last 60 days.

b. **Laboratories**

- i. Steep Hill credentialed and entering results. Batches that are tested and pass are released for transport to the retail dispensing location.
- ii. Other labs are set-up in software tracking system in test environment.

5. **Protocol for Inter-Island Transport for Lab Testing**

- a. Protocol developed. Currently reviewing based upon feedback from licensees, labs, and stakeholders prior to publication and general distribution.

6. **Medical Cannabis Update Newsletter: published August 23, 2017.**