



**CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES**  
**OFFICE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS**  
**TEAM KENTUCKY MEDICAL CANNABIS WORKGROUP**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2026 REGULAR MEETING**

- I. The regular meeting of the Team Kentucky Medical Cannabis Workgroup was called to order by Cannon Armstrong, Executive Director of the Office of Medical Cannabis, on January 21, 2026, at 3:00 P.M. The members met virtually via Zoom.

Workgroup Members Present:

Cannon Armstrong, Proxy for Steven J. Stack  
Jamie Link  
Danielle Milburn, Proxy for Jeff Noel  
Phillip Burnett  
Marni Gibson  
Tom Miller  
Michael Mueller  
Dorsey Ridley  
Julie Cantwell  
Jonathan Hatton

Workgroup Members not Present:

Ashton McKenzie  
Ashley Smith

Additional Attendees:

Cannon Armstrong, Executive Director, Office of Medical Cannabis  
Shelby Lewis, Executive Policy Advisor, Office of Medical Cannabis  
Kaysha Stoner, Program Coordinator, Office of Medical Cannabis  
Members of the Public

**II. OLD BUISNESS**

The Workgroup voted on the approval of the July 23, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Link made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Milburn seconded. The motion carried 8-0 (two members of the Workgroup joined following this motion).



### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Report from the Executive Director**

Mr. Armstrong provided an update on the Office of Medical Cannabis, focusing on cannabis business licensees. Natural State GreenGrass CannaCo (DBA: Dark Horse Cannabis), a tier III cultivation located in Madison County, was approved to begin operations and have approximately 8,000-10,000 plants within their facility. Bison Infused Kentucky, LLC (DBA: Toro Cannabis) was approved to begin operations, becoming the first approved processor in the Commonwealth. KYLX Acquisition Company, LLC (DBA: Speakeasy Dispensary – Lexington), a dispensary located in Fayette County, was approved to begin operations and are opened on January 15, 2026, reporting to serve approximately 1,600 patients and \$100,000 in sales.

Additionally, Tree Soft LLC (DBA: The Post Dispensary) in Ohio County, who initially opened on December 13, 2025, had reopened on January 15, 2026, and is still open with product. Seven additional dispensaries are planning to open in the coming weeks, including Bluegrass CannaCare, located in Boone County.

#### **b. Presentation on Office Updates**

Ms. Lewis gave a presentation with various updates from the Office, beginning with medical cannabis practitioners. As of January 16, 2026, there are 433 total authorized and active medical cannabis practitioners in the Commonwealth who have issued a total of 27,041 written certifications.

As of January 20, 2026, a total of 18,935 qualified patient applications has been submitted. As of January 12, 2026, a total of 17,815 patient applications has been approved, compared to 14,900 approved as of October 13, 2025, reflecting continued program growth. Additionally, the Office has received a total of 915 qualified patient renewal applications as of January 20, 2026, whose application fees are automatically waived.

Lastly, Ms. Lewis provided additional information on the new first approved processor, Bison Infused Kentucky LLC. They were approved to begin operations on January 8, 2026 and will be making medical cannabis products, such as edibles, oils, tinctures, vaporization products, and topicals.

#### **c. Other Business**

Mr. Armstrong noted that the Legislative Session has recently begun, and mentioned several topics that have been discussed, including expanding the qualifying medical conditions for the use of medical cannabis.

### **IV. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Cantwell raised a question about patients renewing their cards since renewals are approaching. Mr. Armstrong outlined the renewal process and reiterated that the renewal fee is waived for these applicants.

Ms. Cantwell asked for clarification on is patients would need to see the same practitioner they have seen previously. Mr. Armstrong explained that patients do not have to see the same practitioner but can only see a practitioner via telehealth after they have seen the practitioner in person.

Mr. Link made a general comment about the progress of the Program and thanked the Office for their continued work.

Ms. Cantwell brought up the upcoming opening of Bluegrass CannaCare and is concerned about the price of medical cannabis products due to is being so closely located to Ohio. Mr. Armstrong explained that the cost of medical cannabis products will continue to come down as more businesses open.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Ridley moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Canwell seconded, and the motion carried 10-0 (approximately 3:34 P.M.).



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Cannon Armstrong  
Executive Director  
Office of Medical Cannabis