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AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

April 17, 2025

Director Sam Flynn
Office of Medical Cannabis
Cabinet for Health and Family Services
275 East Main Street, 5W-A
Frankfort, KY 40621

Dear Director Flynn:

The Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) has received numerous complaints about the Office of Medical Cannabis's (OMC) execution of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program. The APA takes no position on the legitimacy or validity of these concerns at this time. However, to determine the validity of the concerns presented to our office, we will be conducting preliminary assessment procedures. At our discretion, the APA may expand its review to include other areas identified as high risk.

To assist in beginning this work, we would like to make an initial request for information and documentation. Should a change have been made to a particular document since its creation or receipt, we would like to receive both the old and new versions of the document, along with the effective date for each change. Our initial request includes:

- All applications submitted for all types of medical cannabis business licenses.
- All documentation regarding OMC's approval of medical cannabis business license sales.
- All policies and procedures governing the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program and the programs--including but not limited to the lottery process--that OMC has executed, currently executes, and has determined it will execute in the future.
- All material used, presented, or otherwise relevant to OMC's orientation programs, including but not limited to the orientation program conducted on January 15, 2025.
- All internal and external communications, including but not limited to emails, text messages, and Microsoft Teams messages, to and from OMC's executive staff.
- OMC's organizational chart.

We would like to receive all requested information by May 1, 2025. If certain items are not readily available, please submit the information as it becomes available and provide us with an estimate as to when the remaining documents will be available. When possible, an electronic version of the documents should be submitted instead of paper copies to expedite the process.



Electronic documents may take the form of Microsoft Word documents, Microsoft Excel spreadsheets, Microsoft PowerPoint slides, images, or Adobe documents (pdfs). These electronic files should be submitted to our agency via the email address from which this letter is received. Larger files may need to be transferred via other means. If you have difficulty submitting larger files, please advise our office as soon as possible and we will arrange a document sharing option to allow the transfer of files.

If there are any findings and/or recommendations from our work, there will be a charge for our services. Charges for services will be based on actual hours worked. We will keep you apprised if it is determined that charges are necessary.

We greatly appreciate your time and attention to this matter and sincerely appreciate any assistance you and your staff will provide during the course of our work. If you have any questions, please contact Alexander Magera, Executive Director of the Office of Special Examinations, at alexander.magera@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawna L. Crouse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shawna Crouse
Deputy State Auditor