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MEMORANDUM

TO: Marijuana Control Board

DATE: March 22, 2021

FROM: Carrie Craig, Records and Licensing
Supervisor

RE: Licensing Report

Staff Changes

I am happy to announce that on February 22, 2021 Kristina Serezhenkov started her new position as an Occupational Licensing Examiner. She comes to us from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, as an OLE for the Nursing Board. Kristina immediately picked up on the various and sometimes complicated nuances of the alcohol license renewal process and is making quite a dent in the alcohol backlog.

Randi Baker, has transitioned from alcohol to marijuana application review and is working closely with Jacqlene Drulis, our seasoned marijuana licensing examiner. Olivia Frank and Nate Hall continue to work hard processing all forms of alcohol license applications.

Jennifer Dufresne continues to be our AMCO's backbone. We simply would not be able to do what we do without her.

Applications Statistics

Since January 1, 2021, AMCO has received and placed approximately 72 various marijuana applications in the queue and 20 of those have been deemed complete to date.

During the same timeframe in 2020 there were a total of 51 marijuana applications that were submitted and placed in the queue.

Current Applications

At this time, the "to be reviewed" queue has approximately 64 various marijuana applications waiting for processing by an Examiner, all of which were received from mid-December to present. All counts are approximate and will change by the time this report is read into the record. My January's report stated there were 86 pending applications dated as far back as late August.

Marijuana License Renewal Applications

All licenses in Active-Operating status on or before June 30, 2021 must renew their license no later than July 1, 2021. The renewal notices required by 3 AAC 306.035(a) will be sent out on or before May 1, 2021.

Reminders

AMCO staff continues to work diligently to keep wait times as short as possible, but please keep in mind that applicants may experience a longer waiting period due to the current backlog.

Licensing questions/concerns/applications may be submitted via email to marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov, except for fingerprints and payments, or you may call 907-269-0350 and follow the necessary prompts.