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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Marijuana Control Board DATE: August 19, 2020

FROM: Carrie Craig, Records and Licensing RE: Licensing Report

Supervisor

#### **Staff Changes**

The vacant Occupational Licensing Examiner position was offered to Nathan Hall and his first day with AMCO was July 22nd. Nathan comes from Department of Public Assistance and he has a great deal of experience working with statutes and regulations requirements. He also has a lot of experience processing and reviewing applications for accuracy and working within deadlines and stressful situations.

I want to specifically give a special shout out to Jane Sawyer, our Regulation Specialist. She offered her time and expertise to the Marijuana Licensing team by assisting with processing the renewal applications and responding to the majority of their email correspondence. Jane has been an invaluable asset to the licensing team during these crazy times.

Additionally, I want to recognize the Licensing staff for their hard work and dedication - especially during the last few months. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

## **Marijuana License Renewal Applications**

There are approximately 360 renewal applications that have been submitted. Roughly 150 of those have been reviewed and deemed complete and there are about 180 in the queue waiting for review by an Examiner.

As a reminder to marijuana licensees, if you fail to to submit a complete renewal application and payment of all fees, before midnight August 31, 2020 ,the license will expire. Any holder of an expired license who wishes to operate in the future must file a new license application under 3 AAC 306.020 and 3 AAC 306.025 with all required fees.

#### **Applications**

At this time the "to be reviewed" queue for Marijuana establishment applications has approximately 35 various applications waiting for review, all of which were received from mid-June to the end of July. All counts are approximate and will change by the time this report is read into the record.

AMCO staff as always is working 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 renewal season as well as the Covid-19 pandemic.