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MEMORANDUM

TO: Marijuana Control Board
DATE: January 19, 2021
FROM: Glen Klinkhart, Director
RE: Director's Report

STAFF UPDATES/CHANGES:

Licensing Supervisor Carrie Craig will brief you on AMCO licensing's latest hire, however I mention it because this once again brings AMCO up to full staffing.

The holiday season and time off, including my own mandatory leave, slowed a few things down in the office, however many of us returned recharged and working hard to prepare for these multiple days of board meetings here in Juneau.

ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

We met with SOA procurement and the Office of Information Technology regarding moving forward with requests for feedback on options regarding a new enforcement report writing database. The process for this will be ongoing.

Earlier this month we worked to institute a modified swing shift project wherein every Friday one of the Anchorage AMCO enforcement officers will be working an evening swing shift. Unfortunately, the recent spike in the number of COVID infections and the safety of our enforcement officers have caused us to implement a higher level of safety for all of our enforcement staff. We will reimplement the program as soon as COVID numbers decline to a safer level.

COMMUNITY/INDUSTRY OUTREACH:

In November of 2021 I was asked by the Office of the Governor to speak at a meeting of national governors' staff in a roundtable format concerning lessons learned while regulating the marijuana industry from the State's perspective. The presentation appeared to be well received.

AMCO LICENSING DATABASE:

In December of 2021 the Office of the Governor, in anticipation of a likely reintroduction of a Title 4 re-write legislation requested in the next operating budget monies for much needed new AMCO licensing database.

Prior to this funding request, the AMCO office had already begun to move forward with planning and scoping of what such a database and online portal would need to accomplish and what it would look like. This process will take time and quite amount of resources however by working on throughout the rest of the year and when the monies become available, we should be ready to push the project forward with as little delay as possible.

MARIJUANA TAX TO BE PAID:

At the last board meeting I requested the board consider after this last renewal period ends (which has occurred) some idea as to when (or where) the board feels comfortable having AMCO enforcement trigger violations of 3 AAC 306.480 Marijuana Tax To Be Paid regulation. The regulation does not give a specific dollar amount rather it appears to indicate any amount owed can trigger a violation. The AMCO office asks the board to discuss and provide clear and concise guidance for staff and licensees which should help set expectations, whether that is a dollar value of unpaid taxes or some other method which would trigger civil penalties for the failure to pay taxes.

DIRECTOR EVALUATION:

Late last year the MCB and ABC boards conducted an evaluation of the AMCO director. I am once again requesting the board to maintain their oversight of the director and the AMCO offices by having each board chairman work with myself to create another performance evaluation and expectations for the next 12 months. The board chairmen will facilitate the process in preparation of completing an evaluation at the April 13-14, 2022 meeting.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES & RECORDINGS:

Just a reminder that all Marijuana Control Board meeting minutes and audio recordings are now online and available for the public to access. Each set of meeting minutes and audio recordings is saved with the meeting documents in their respective meeting date.

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco/MCBMeetingDocuments>

NEXT MEETING:

The next MCB Board meeting is scheduled for April 13-14, 2022 in Anchorage, Alaska.



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