

MED Accomplishments

January 1, 2012 to December 12, 2013

Audit Recommendations

- 1) Implemented a strategic plan and a staffing plan in July 2013.
- 2) Hired a technical writer in to draft policies and procedures in September 2013.
- 3) As of December 12, 2013, MED has developed approximately 30 draft procedures for licensing, backgrounds and field enforcement
 - a) MED is on target to implement background and licensing procedures with an implementation date of January 31, 2014.
 - b) MED is on target to complete field enforcement procedures with an implementation date of March 31, 2014.
- 4) Division implemented a risk based analysis to address the backlog of pending applications from 2010.
- 5) Adopted a new cash handling process.
- 6) Installed a security system and a dedicated room for counting cash in a secured environment.
- 7) Increased security for MED's storage shed.
- 8) Developed regulations for the review of applications, withdrawal of applications, surrender of marijuana product, administrative actions, inventory tracking, direction to local authorities and detailed books and records requirements.

Constitutional/ Statutory Mandates

Election on Amendment #64 in November 2012.

Task Force established in December 2012.

Task Force Report delivered to the Governor, the Attorney General and the General Assembly in March 2013.

Comprehensive legislation passed in May 2013.

Emergency Retail Rules adopted July 1, 2013.

Conducted Permanent Rule Making Hearings in September 2013.

Adopted Permanent Retail Rules Effective October 15, 2013.

Rewrote and updated Medical Rules Effective October 15, 2013.

Conducted second rule making process to address production caps, concentrate production, edible manufacturing, and mandatory testing in November 2013.

MED staff held or participated in 19 different stakeholder workshops for Medical, Retail and Taxation rule making.

MED began accepting applications for retail licensing on October 1, 2013.

Referred Measure for Retail Excise and Additional Sales Tax passed in November 2013.

MED released an RFP for the Market Demand Study in November 2013. The RFP closed December 6 and the selection process will conclude by December 31, 2013. A final report will be issued by the successful bidder by no later than March 31, 2013.

Seed to sale tracking system - MITS

Reactivated the contract to get the seed to sale tracking system back into development.

Negotiated multiple amendments to the contract to include a hosting agreement, RFID tag provisioning and industry support program, as well as business requirements for Retail Marijuana.

MITS went live in production for training and data input in early November 2013.

Industry training on MITS for licensees began in early November 2013.

Currently, there are approximately 476 licensed premises that have activated an account in MITS.

As of mid-November, medical marijuana business set up data and inventory is actively being added into the system by licensees.

As of December 12, 2013, approximately 270,000 RFID tags had been ordered by licensees for use in the system.

Decoupled from Local Jurisdictions (HB 13-1238)

1) Following passage of HB13-1238 on May 28, 2012, MED rebuilt resources and created a foundation to move forward successfully. Prior to passage of the bill on March 31, 2013, MED had 609 pending applications and 724 approved licenses from applications received prior to August 2010. On June 30, 2013, MED had 353 pending applications and 1005 approved licenses and by September 30, 2013 there were 216 pending applications and 1236 approved licenses.

2) On December 12, 2013, MED had 90 pending applications and had approved 1311 licenses from applications received prior to August 2010. These 90 premises are comprised of approximately 46 different companies. MED anticipates resolving these pending applications by January 1, 2013.

Business Licensing

On average, MED processed all business applications received in FY 2013-2014 in approximately 30 days from receipt of application.

In Fall 2013, MED adopted a new performance measure that requires final agency action on all business applications within 90 days. If MED applied that standard to all of the Medical Marijuana Business applications it received in FY 2013-2014, it would have licensed 96% within 90 days.

As of December 10, 2013, MED has received 411 retail marijuana license applications. This number includes 163 Retail Stores, 211 Retail Cultivations, 34 Retail Product Manufacturers and 3 Retail Testing facilities. MED has processed 387 of these applications and, in accordance with its constitutional mandate, is prepared to take appropriate licensing action within 90 days of receipt of an application.

Occupational Licensing

MED licensed approximately 2,340 occupational licenses between January 1, 2013 and November 30, 2013.

Outreach

Governor's presentation

Colorado Sheriffs of Colorado

Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police

Colorado City Clerks Association

Colorado Government Financial Officers Association

Colorado Fiscal Manager's Association
Colorado Commission on Juvenile Justice
State of Washington
City of Aurora
City of Denver
Colorado Counties, Inc.
Colorado Municipal League

Those That Have Reached Out to Us

Washington Office on Latin America
British Consulate
Government of Uruguay
State of Illinois
City of Mexico City
Government of Chili
Government of Brazil
Government of Canada

Other Accomplishments

In accordance with our staffing plan, as of December 12, 2013, the Division staffing levels have increased to 27 FTE from a low of 15 FTE in early 2013. We currently have the following positions actively in the hiring process with the intention of having them filled in the next 60-90 days: 5 Administrative II, 5 Criminal Investigator I, 2 Criminal Investigator II and 3 compliance investigators positions. Pursuant to our staffing plan, MED anticipates being near full fill by the end of the fiscal year.

MED designed a comprehensive local authority database relevant to status of medical and retail business licensing.