STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY

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In the Matter of

HCM Provisioning Inc. dba High Caliber Meds aka Elite Wellness Mt. Morris License No.: PC-000162 ENF No.: 20-00083

CMP No.: 20-000677

CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

CONSENT ORDER

On September 16, 2020, the Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) issued a formal complaint against the medical marijuana provisioning center facility license (PC-000162) of HCM Provisioning Inc. dba High Caliber Meds aka Elite Wellness Mt. Morris ("Respondent") under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), MCL 333.27101 et seq., and the administrative rules promulgated The formal complaint alleged Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, 333.235(10), thereunder. 333.273(1)(j), 333.274(1)(a), and 333.274(1)(b).

The executive director reviewed the stipulation contained in this document and agrees the public interest is best served by resolution of the formal complaint. Therefore, the executive director finds that the allegations contained in the formal complaint are true and that Respondent violated Mich Admin Code,

333.235(10), 333.273(1)(j), 333.274(1)(a), and 333.274(1)(b).

Accordingly, for these violations, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Respondent must pay a fine in the amount of Sixteen Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$16,000.00). This fine shall be paid within 60 days of the effective date of this order by check or money order made payable to the State of Michigan with enforcement number "20-00083" clearly displayed on the check or money order. Respondent shall mail the fine to Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Marijuana Regulatory Agency, PO BOX 30205, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

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¹ Executive Reorganization Order 2019-2 created the Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) as a Type I agency within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). MCL 333.27001(1)(a)(d). The MRA exercises its statutory powers, duties, and functions independent of LARA's direction. MCL 16.103. MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY

- 2. If Respondent fails to timely pay the fine, Respondent's license shall be suspended until payment is received.
- 3. Unless otherwise specified in this order, Respondent shall direct any communications to the MRA that are required by the terms of this order to MRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov.
- 4. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in complying with the terms and conditions of this consent order.
- 5. If Respondent violates any term or condition set forth in this order, Respondent will be subject to fines and/or other sanctions under section 407(1) of the MMFLA, MCL 333.27407(1), and Mich Admin Code, R 420.806.
- 6. Upon timely payment of the fine by Respondent, the matters set forth in the formal complaint shall be deemed resolved and closed subject to this Consent Order.

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This order shall be effective on the date signed by the MRA's executive director or his designee, as set The parties considered the following in reaching this agreement:

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STIPULATION

The parties stipulate to the following:

1. The facts alleged in the formal complaint are true and constitute a violation of the administrative rules promulgated under the MMFLA.

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2. Respondent understands and intends that by signing this stipulation, Respondent is waiving the

right under the MMFLA, administrative rules promulgated thereunder, and the Administrative

Procedures Act of 1969, MCL 24.201 et seq., to require the MRA to prove the charges set forth

in the formal complaint by presentation of evidence and legal authority, and to present a defense

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to the charges.

- 3. The parties considered the following in reaching this agreement:
 - a. Respondent submitted evidence that it implemented a new standard operation procedure for patient check-in and check-out, ID verification.
 - b. Respondent stated that the sale to a patient who was not at the facility and did not receive product was during the transition to curbside during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - c. Respondent is no longer engaging in curbside service.
 - d. Respondent has been disciplined previously for marijuana product labeling violations.
 - e. Respondent indicated that when providing the requested video footage, it complied with its understanding of the request. Respondent submitted footage that was missing interior video footage. When subsequent video footage was requested, it was passed the 30 day retention time and therefore, could not be produced.
 - f. Respondent was cooperative and wishes to resolve the allegations without the need for and expense of an administrative hearing.
- 4. The MRA's enforcement division director or her designee must approve this proposed

agreement before it is forwarded to the MRA's executive director or his designee for review

and issuance of the above consent order. The parties reserve the right to proceed to an

administrative hearing without prejudice to either party, should the MRA's enforcement

division director, executive director, or their designees reject the proposed consent order.

By signing this stipulation, the parties confirm that they have read, understand, and agree with the

terms of the consent order.

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AGREED TO BY:

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Julie Kluytman, Director Enforcement Division Marijuana Regulatory Agency

Dated:

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Chad Wurtzel, Authorized Officer On behalf of Respondent HCM Provisioning Inc. dba High Caliber Meds aka Elite Wellness Mt. Morris

2-19-2021 Dated:

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Nicholas Castro (P82858) Attorney for Respondent Dated: <u>2-19-2021</u>

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STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY

In the Matter of

HCM Provisioning Inc. dba High Caliber Meds aka Elite Wellness Mt. Morris ERG No.: 000245 License No.: PC-000162 ENF No.: 20-00083

CMP No.: 20-000677

FORMAL COMPLAINT

The Marijuana Regulatory Agency ("Complainant") files this formal complaint against HCM Provisioning Inc. dba High Caliber Meds aka Elite Wellness ("Respondent") alleging upon information and belief as follows:

1. The Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) is authorized under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), MCL 333.27101 *et seq.*, and Executive Reorganization Order No.2019-2, MCL 333.27001, to investigate alleged violations of the MMFLA and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder, take disciplinary action to prevent such violations, and impose fines and other sanctions against applicants and licensees that violate the MMFLA or administrative rules.

2. Section 402(12) of the MMFLA provides that the expiration of a license does not terminate the MRA's authority to impose sanctions on the license.

3. Section 206(c) of the MMFLA provides that the administrative rules must ensure the health, safety, and security of the public and integrity of the marihuana facility operations.

4. Respondent's conduct as described below is a risk to public health and safety and/or the integrity of marihuana facility operations.

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FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS AND INTENDED ACTION OF THE MRA

5. Respondent holds an active state operating license under the MMFLA to operate a medical marihuana provisioning center in the state of Michigan.

6. Respondent operated at 9423 N. Dort Hwy., Mt. Morris, MI, 48458 at all times relevant to this complaint.

7. Following an investigation, the MRA determined that Respondent violated the MMFLA and/or administrative rules promulgated thereunder as set forth below:

- a. On June 16, 2020, the MRA requested all angles available of video surveillance footage of from May 28, 2020 and May 20, 2020.
- b. Respondent provided only one video showing the exterior of the building.
- c. On July 1, 2020, the MRA requested the remaining angles of video surveillance footage.
- d. Respondent replied that the video footage was deleted because it was past the 30day retention date.
- e. Based upon the above, Respondent failed to keep surveillance recordings that were the subject of an investigation by the MRA and did not receive notification that the recordings could be destroyed in violation of Mich Admin Code R 333.235(10).
- f. On May 28, 2020, Respondent sold marijuana product, Lemon Blue Dream, statewide monitoring system (METRC) tag 1A4050100001771000000608, without the universal symbol for marijuana product published on the department's website in violation of Mich Admin Code R 333.273(1)(j).
- g. On May 30, 2020, Respondent made a sale/transaction of marijuana products to a patient who was not at the facility and did not receive the products. Respondent did not verify in the statewide monitoring system that the registered qualifying patient held a valid, current unexpired, and unrevoked registry identification card in violation of Mich Admin Code R 333.274(1)(a).

h. On May 30, 2020, Respondent made sale/transaction of marijuana products to a patient who was not at the facility and did not receive the products. Respondent did not confirm before the sale of marijuana product that the registered qualifying patient had a valid driver licenses or government-issued identification card that bears a photographic image of the qualifying patient in violation of Mich Admin Code R 333.274(1)(b).

THEREFORE, based on the above, the MRA gives notice of its intent to impose fines and/or other sanctions against Respondent's license, which may include the suspension, revocation, restriction, and/or refusal to renew Respondent's license.

Under MCL 333.27407(4) and Mich Admin Code, R 333.29494(2), any party aggrieved by an action of the MRA suspending, revoking, restricting, or refusing to renew a license, or imposing a fine, shall be given a hearing upon request. A request for a hearing must be submitted to the MRA in writing within 21 days after service of this complaint. Notice served by certified mail is considered complete on the business day following the date of the mailing.

Respondent also has the right to request a compliance conference under Mich Admin Code, R 333.294(1). A compliance conference is an informal meeting at which Respondent has the opportunity to discuss the allegations in this complaint and demonstrate compliance under the MMFLA and/or the administrative rules. A compliance conference request must be submitted to the MRA in writing.

Hearing and compliance conference requests must be submitted in writing by one of the following methods:

By Mail:	Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Marijuana Regulatory Agency P.O. Box 30205 Lansing, Michigan 48909
In Person:	Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Marijuana Regulatory Agency 2407 North Grand River Lansing, Michigan 48906

If Respondent fails to timely respond to this formal complaint, a contested case hearing will

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Questions about this complaint should be directed to the Marijuana Regulatory Agency at (517) 284-8599 or <u>MRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov.</u>

Dated: 9/15/20

MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY Digitally signed by: Claire Patterson DV: CN = Claire Patterson CR@michigan. By: ______ By: ______

Claire Patterson, Scientific and Legal Section Manager Enforcement Division In the Matter of

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 16, 2020 I mailed a copy of the <u>Formal Complaint</u> dated <u>9/15/20</u> in the above captioned case by certified mail (return receipt requested) to:

HCM Provisioning Inc. dba High Caliber Meds aka Elite Wellness c/o Pollicella & Associates, PLLC 4312 E. Grand River Ave. Howell, MI 48843

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Jessica S. Fox Departmental Analyst Marijuana Regulatory Agency Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs