



# Medical Cannabis Oversight Advisory Panel Recommendations

These recommendations reflect a vision for a fair and equitable state-run medical cannabis market in Vermont that encourages clean, affordable, and accessible cannabis by re-centering the existing legislative and rulemaking framework around patient's and caregiver interests.

## ***Act 62 (2021) Section 16a. MEDICAL CANNABIS OVERSIGHT ADVISORY PANEL***

*The General Assembly recognizes the value of continuing to employ an advisory entity focused on medical cannabis and the patients and caregivers on Vermont's Medical Cannabis Registry. However, the General Assembly finds that the structure and mission of such an entity should be updated to reflect the changing approach to cannabis since the establishment of the current Oversight Committee in 2011. Therefore, in the 2022 legislative session, the General Assembly intends to establish the Medical Cannabis Oversight Advisory Panel and requests that the Cannabis Control Board submit its recommendations for the membership and duties of this panel to the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2021.*

We recommend a 10-person panel for the new Medical Cannabis Oversight Advisory Panel, comprised of the following appointees:

1. One state-registered patient to be appointed by each dispensary holding company (Slang, iAnthus, Curaleaf);
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3. One state-registered patient to be appointed by each dispensary holding company (Slang, iAnthus, Curaleaf);
4. One registered nurse to be appointed by American Nurses Association-Vermont;
5. One naturopath to be appointed by the Vermont Association of Naturopathic Physicians;
6. One nurse practitioner to be appointed by the Vermont Nurse Practitioner Association;
7. One state-registered cultivating patient to be appointed by the Vermont Cannabis Equity Coalition (Vermont Growers Association, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance, Rural Vermont, Trace, NOFA-VT, Green Mountain Patients Alliance);



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8. One state-registered cultivating caregiver to be appointed by the Vermont Cannabis Equity Coalition (Vermont Growers Association, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance, Rural Vermont, Trace, NOFA-VT, Green Mountain Patients Alliance);
9. One non-state-registered cultivating patient to be appointed by the Vermont Cannabis Equity Coalition (Vermont Growers Association, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance, Rural Vermont, Trace, NOFA-VT, Green Mountain Patients Alliance);
10. One cultivation expert, or one lab science expert, appointed by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Hemp Program.