

# Ohio Cannabis Today

## Industry Pioneer: Dr. Bridget Williams

Dr. Bridget Williams is an established board-certified family physician, author and the CEO of Green Harvest Health, medical cannabis clinics located in Ohio. Green Harvest Health is the only medical cannabis and life coaching office in Ohio.

Dr. Williams brings nearly 20 years of experience in family medicine from The Cleveland Clinic and certifications in life and cannabis coaching to her practice. Dr. Bridget provides valuable “medical motivational talks” on medical cannabis, CBD, life balance and confidence. In 2019, Dr Bridget branched out into developing her own line of CBD products as well as white labeling and CBD product development for other businesses.

When not seeing patients, Dr. Bridget hosts a CBD and holistic education series, creates education videos for the Cannabis Hub and is teaching faculty at the Cleveland School of Cannabis. Green Harvest Health has been featured on Daytime Columbus, the Columbus Dispatch, Ellementa, The Lucky Leaf Expo Series, NCIA’s Minority Cannabis Report, Success Women’s Conference and Medicate Ohio and other local and national platforms.



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Welcome to Ohio Cannabis Today!

By Ronda Watson Barber  
Publisher

Welcome to the first issue of Ohio Cannabis Today, OCT. OCT will provide readers with news and information on the CBD and medical cannabis industry. We will also keep you up-to-date on any legislation on cannabis in Ohio.

We will feature CBD and Medical Cannabis experts. As publisher I look forward to serving you. If you have a story idea, a testimonial or any information to share, please forward it to me at [rbarber@ohiocannabistoday.com](mailto:rbarber@ohiocannabistoday.com)

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## Ohio Cannabis Lobby Day 2021

The Ohio Cannabis Lobby Day 2021 is a public event to help inform and educate Ohio lawmakers and the general public about the benefits of cannabis and the need for adult use cannabis legislation.

When: October 13, 2021

Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Where: Ohio State House Atrium, 1 Capital Square—Columbus

More information is available at [www.ohiocannabislive.com/cannabislobbyday](http://www.ohiocannabislive.com/cannabislobbyday)

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Dr. Williams is the founder and CEO of the nonprofit GHH Community Foundation. The focal program of the nonprofit is “The Cannabis Can Project”, a gathering of cannabis businesses united to network in a collaborative environment while providing community service opportunities to support the communities that support us.

Dr. Williams is honored to be a Women in Medicine Top Doctors for 2021.

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## Board of Pharmacy Awards Dispensary Certificate of Operations in Athens and Beavercreek

On Sept. 1 2021, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy awarded a Dispensary Certificate of Operation to Harvest of Athens, located at 711 W. Union St., Athens and, on Sept. 21, 2021, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy awarded a Dispensary Certificate of Operation to Harvest of Beavercreek, located at 4370 Tonawanda Trl., Beavercreek.

## Rep. Brent hosts press conference on lack of diversity, equity and inclusion in process for new dispensary licenses



Representative Juanita O. Brent serves the people of House District 12

State Rep. Juanita O. Brent (D-Cleveland) held a press conference on Sept. 2. to discuss the 73 new medical marijuana dispensary licenses set to be released this year.

The Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program currently plans to release the licenses through the same flawed process as was used previously, rather than addressing its major problems, including a lack of diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice. Of the 114 dispensary owners in Ohio, only 9 are people of color.

“This lottery system is not enough, if we really want to deal with the racial disparities when it comes to ownership of licenses,” said Rep. Brent. “Equity is the standard, not an option.”

and State Representative Thomas West (D-Canton) also spoke at the press conference. Dispensary owners, medical marijuana patients, and advocates attended the press conference to show support for making the dispensary license process more inclusive.

The press conference can be viewed at <https://www.ohiochannel.org/collections/press-conference>.

### What conditions Qualify for a Medical Marijuana Card in Ohio

Certified physicians may recommend medical marijuana only for the treatment of a qualifying medical condition. Under Ohio law, qualifying medical conditions include all of the following: AIDS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Alzheimer’s disease, cachexia, cancer, chronic traumatic encephalopathy, Crohn’s disease, epilepsy or another seizure disorder, fibromyalgia, glaucoma, hepatitis C, Huntington’s disease, inflammatory bowel disease, multiple sclerosis, pain that is either chronic and severe or intractable, Parkinson’s disease, positive status for HIV, post-traumatic stress disorder, sickle cell anemia, Spasticity, spinal cord disease or injury, terminal illness, Tourette syndrome, traumatic brain inju-

ry, and ulcerative colitis.

In February 2021, the State Medical Board of Ohio determined the following conditions are considered covered by an existing qualifying condition: arthritis chronic migraines and complex region pain syndrome. These conditions were determined to be covered by pain that is either chronic or intractable.

Source: <https://medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov/>



Patients must notify the Board of any information changes within 30 calendar days of the change. These changes include: name, address, telephone number, and email address.

To make changes to their address, telephone number, or email address, patients may: (1) go to [www.ohiomedicalmarijuanaregistry.com](http://www.ohiomedicalmarijuanaregistry.com) and log in with their email address and password, then click “edit” and update the information; (2) contact their physician’s office to request that their information be updated; or (3) email [mmcprestry@pharmacy.ohio.gov](mailto:mmcprestry@pharmacy.ohio.gov) to request that the information be updated, including the full name and date of birth in addition to the changing information.

To change your name on your registry account due to a legal status change (e.g., marriage, divorce, or legal name change), please contact your physician or email [mmcprestry@pharmacy.ohio.gov](mailto:mmcprestry@pharmacy.ohio.gov) and provide proof of the name change, e.g. marriage license or court order granting name change.

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