

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY  
April 25, 2018

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Commissioner DeFazio. The meeting was held in the meeting was held in Plaza North Room C&D, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103

Commissioners Present: Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson  
Richard Carbray  
Debbie Chisolm  
Edith G. Goodmaster  
Mary Inguanti  
Kristin Linder

Staff Present: Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator

**Interview of Reciprocity Candidate(s)**

The following candidate(s) were interviewed over the telephone and attested that the information provided was true and accurate to the best of their belief and understood that any misrepresentation of the facts could result in a fine and/or denial of pharmacist licensure in Connecticut.

Christopher Cicero	Reciprocity from Rhode Island
Stephanie Gernant	Reciprocity from Maine
Khudeja Mir	Reciprocity from New York
Christopher Musser	Reciprocity from Ohio
Fatima Palo	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Grace To	Reciprocity from Massachusetts

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Goodmaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above application(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

**New Pharmacy Application(s)**

UCONN Health Pharmacy Services  
270 Farmington Ave. Suite 108  
Farmington, CT  
Robyn Wahl, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisholm and passed by a vote of 4-0 Commissioner DeFazio and Commissioner Carbray abstained from the vote, approve the above request for a new pharmacy premise provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

### Pharmacy Remodel(s)

Wal-Mart Pharmacy  
1100 New Haven Rd.  
Naugatuck, CT 06770

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Chisolm moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the above pharmacy remodel plans provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

### Legal Matters

Docket Number 2018-42 Jignashu Parikh

Attorney Bryan Cafferelli presented this case. Commissioner Carbray 'stepped down'. This case involved The Licensee is a pharmacist that has been investigated by the Drug Control Division for allegedly performing incompetent or negligent work, in violation of Section 20-579(a)(15) of the Connecticut General Statutes by dispensing the wrong medication to a patient.

**Proposed Resolution:** This Settlement Agreement calls for the licensee to pay a \$1,000.00 civil penalty, receive a Letter of Reprimand and completion of an additional five (5) hours of continuing education per year, for three (3) years from the date of the Settlement Agreement. The hours are in addition to the annual continuing education requirements for pharmacists and must be related to prevention and/or root cause analysis of prescription errors.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Goodmaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 2018-343 Sonam N. Shah

Attorney Bryan Cafferelli presented this case. Commissioner Chisolm 'stepped down'. This case involved The Licensee is a pharmacist that has been investigated by the Drug Control Division for violating an order of the Commission of Pharmacy, in violation of Section 20-579(a)(1), (3) and 21a-7(7) of the Connecticut General Statutes. **Proposed Resolution:** This Settlement Agreement calls for the licensee to pay a \$1,000.00 civil penalty, receive a Letter of Reprimand and completion of an additional five (5) hours of continuing education per year, for three (3) years from the date of the Settlement Agreement. The hours are in addition to the annual continuing education requirements for pharmacists.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

### 'First Time' Pharmacy Manager(s)

Commissioner DeFazio provided a summary of the responsibilities that a first-time pharmacy manager has and appreciated their appearance before the Commission. Commissioner DeFazio emphasized the importance of the pharmacy manager's role in contrast to the front-store manager (in many retail settings). Some responsibilities include leadership, technician registration, license renewals, and prescription error reporting.

Commissioner Inguanti provided a brief overview of the Med Watch program and discussed properly reporting prescription errors.

Nedjma Belaid	North Street Pharmacy - Greenwich
Sarah Sapia	Walgreens - Glastonbury
Angelique Leeman	Walgreens - Enfield
Javeed Jattan	Walgreens - East Hartford
Stephen Mackowiak	Stop & Shop Pharmacy - Dayville
Elissa Sheridan	CVS Pharmacy - Clinton
Pratik Sheth	Bridgeport Community Pharmacy - Bridgeport
Jill Bebey	Unity Pharmacy Park Avenue - Bridgeport
Amanda Esposito	Rite Aid - Naugatuck
Janell Alarcon	Rite Aid - Wolcott
Kristen Sterling	Rite Aid - Ridgefield
Ted Chan	Rite Aid - Bridgeport
Matthew Merola	Rite Aid - New Haven
Jared Turnbull	Rite Aid - Northford
Pushpinder Singh	Rite Aid - Norwalk
Jennifer Mitri	Rite Aid - Stratford

### Miscellaneous Matters

Pharmscript request for work load balancing was denied. The commission was informed that Pharmscript was already conducting work load balancing. The commission informed them that they should have requested this process before they implemented the load balancing. The commission required them to stop this process by May 9<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti.

Joseph Lamberti's request to modify his agreement by being able to work alone was approved. Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster.

### Request(s) for Continuing Education Program Approval

The Governor's Prevention Partnership and Connecticut's DMHAS  
The Connecticut Law Enforcement Conference to Address Opioid Misuse 7.5  
CEUs (includes one hour on pharmacy/drug law), April 5, 2018,  
7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel Cromwell, CT

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Goodmaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept Commissioner Inguanti's recommendation to approve the above continuing education program.

**Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval**

A-Plus Pharmacy – Houston, TX  
Advanced Rx Pharmacy 060 – Nashville, TN  
Affinity Rx – Houston, TX  
American Service and Product – Orland Park, IL  
CSI Pharmacy – Texarkana, AR  
Fedco Pharmacy – Palm Beach, FL  
Hillcrest Pharmacy LLC – Midvale, UT  
Jersey Shore Pharmacy – Barnegat, NJ  
Medcrafters Rx Pharmacy LLC – Berkley, MI  
MXP Pharmacy – Amarillo, TX  
New England Life Care – Canton, MA  
Postmeds Inc. – Hayward, CA  
Valustar Pharmacy – Houston, Tx  
Vanderbilt Health Pharmacy Group – Nashville, TN  
WIRX Pharmacy – Fort Washington, PA  
WIRX Pharmacy II – Philadelphia, PA

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Quality Life Pharmacy – Forest Hills, NY  
RARx II, LLC – Nashville, TN  
Sterling Specialty Pharmacy – Mendota Heights, MN  
Valley Pharmacy – Succasunna, NJ

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti is requesting additional documents for the above non-resident pharmacy applications for further review.

**Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)**

March 21, 2018

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Goodmaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minutes.

**There being no further business, Commissioner DeFazio adjourned the meeting.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Angelo DeFazio

Angelo DeFazio, Acting Chairperson

Prepared by,

Heather Hoynes

Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator