

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
August 16, 2017

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, Acting Chairperson
Richard Carbray
Debbie Chisolm
Edith G. Goodmaster
Mary Inguanti

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.

Tomefa Asempa	Reciprocity from North Carolina
Helen Ashuntantang	Reciprocity from North Carolina
Yesha Amin	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Lindsay Avery	Reciprocity from South Carolina
Ashley Colyer	Reciprocity from Arizona
Elizabeth Crish	Reciprocity from Pennsylvania
Sherihan Eskander	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Mohammed Hassoun	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
James Kidd	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Nga Le	Reciprocity from New York
Jordyn Loy	Reciprocity from Missouri
Krupa Patel	Reciprocity from Illinois
Alaina Rotelli	Reciprocity from Kentucky
Justyna Skoczylas	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Danielle Wentzlaff	Reciprocity from Arizona

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept the above application(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

New Pharmacy Application(s)

Kure Rx

1156 Albany Ave.

Hartford, CT 06112

Anthony Ajegba, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 4-0 to 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.

Genoa, a QoL Healthcare

56 Coventry Street

Hartford, CT 06112

Suzanne Tamer, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 4-0 to 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

120 Commerical Park

Branford, CT 06405

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 4-0 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.

Wal-Mart Pharmacy

665 Boston Post Rd.

Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 4-0 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 2016-1215 CVS Pharmacy #2018 Meriden, CT
Attorney Bryan Cafferelli presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved The Licensee is a pharmacy that has been investigated by the Drug Control Division for failure to maintain stocks of controlled substances in a manner to prevent theft or diversion and failure to report within 72 hours any loss of controlled substances. This Settlement Agreement calls for a \$5,000.00 dollar civil penalty.

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 2017-208 Mark Sampieri, RPh
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 (1) dispensing a prescription with the incorrect medication; and (2) the substitution of combination hydrocodone/acetaminophen products containing a different strength of acetaminophen (325mg instead of 300mg) than the combination products prescribed without first consulting the prescriber each time. This Settlement Agreement calls for a \$500.00 civil penalty, a letter of reprimand, a continuing education course relating to prescription errors, and a formal presentation about available hydrocodone/acetaminophen combinations and strengths to educate (and avoid future substitution issues with) prescribers on medical staff at the hospital associated with the pharmacy where Licensee is employed.

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 3-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 2017-331 Eileen Ruenhorst, RPh
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 the substitution of combination hydrocodone/acetaminophen products containing a different strength of acetaminophen (325mg instead of 300mg) than the combination products prescribed without first consulting the prescriber each time. This Settlement Agreement calls for a \$250.00 civil penalty, a letter of caution, and a formal presentation about available hydrocodone/acetaminophen combinations and strengths to educate (and avoid future substitution issues with) prescribers on medical staff at the hospital associated with the pharmacy where Licensee is employed.

Commission Action: Commissioner Goodmaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 3-0 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.

Aura Matyjas	Partner's Pharmacy – East Windsor
Andrea Marie Dichele Wheeler	Walgreens – Groton
Karen Roones	CVS Pharmacy – New Canaan
Morgan Adams	CVS Pharmacy – West Hartford
Briana Conceicao	CVS Pharmacy – East Lyme
Matthew Mazzucco	Stop & Shop Pharmacy – East Haven
Jina Kang	CVS Pharmacy – Bloomfield
Andrew Dzierlatka	Walgreens – Unionville
Michelle Yu	Walgreens – Stamford
Megan Parsi	Walgreens – Norwalk
Maegen Hulten	Walgreens – Meriden
Patricia Marr	Walgreens - East Haven
Jillian Prescod	Walgreens – Torrington
Diana Shnitman	Walgreens - West Hartford
Stacey Pagliarini	Walgreens – Simsbury
Chistine Lee	Walgreens – Plainville
Dolapo Alli	Walgreens - New Haven
Nabil Khan	Walgreens - New Haven
Jigisha Patel	CVS Pharmacy – Middletown
Komal Patel	CVS Pharmacy – Meriden
Christine Galinski	Genoa Pharmacy – Norwich

Miscellaneous Matters

The commission discussed the appeal of Ellen Van Dorsten's appeal of the denial of her reciprocity application. Ellen Van Dorsten's application was denied because she did not meet the requirement of experience because of this the commission has decided that she can either work for one year in her home state or she can take and pass the PARE exam before her application can be reviewed again.

Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

1st Choice Prescriptions - Dallas, TX
AccuServ Pharmacy – North Huntingdon, PA
Ally Scripts – Scottsboro, AL
ASP Cares – Oklahoma City, OK
Beta Discount Pharmacy & Health Services – Marietta, CA
Better Living Now Inc. – Hauppauge, NY
Broadway Continental Drugs – North Bergen, NJ
Chesapeake Bay Pharmacy – District Height, MD

Clinical Solutions Pharmacy – Franklin, TN
Flatland Pharmacy – Lees Summit, MO
Good For You Pharmacy – Clearfield, UT
Hallandale Pharmacy – Hallandale, FL
Hicare Pharmacy – Houston, TX
Lake City Pharmacy – Sterling Heights, MI
Physicians Pharmacy Alliance – Cary, NC
Pill Pack Austin – Austin, TX
SimfaRose Pharmacy – Bronx, NY
Topical Solutions Pharmacy – Phoenix, AZ
Tupelo Drugs – Tupelo, MS
U & I Pharmacy – Vernon, NY
Vivio Health Specialty Pharmacy – New Hyde Park, NY
Workers First Pharmacy – Haverford, PA

Commission Action: Commissioner Goodmaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Accurate Rx Pharmacy Consulting – Columbia, MO
KnippeRx – Charlestown, IN
New York Pharmacy Network – Lynbrook, NY
Option Care – College Point, NY
Partell Specialty Pharmacy – Las Vegas, NV
Super Saver Pharmacy #4 – St.Cloud, FL

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)

June 21, 2017

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 4-0 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