

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
September 18, 2019

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

Commissioners Present: Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson
Debbie Chisolm
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.

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| Aaron Bisnath | Reciprocity from Ohio |
| Anthony Calderon | Reciprocity from Vermont |
| Micaela Carroll | Reciprocity from Florida |
| Rajneel Chohan | Reciprocity from Pennsylvania |
| Melanie Conboy | Reciprocity from Pennsylvania |
| Douglas Hackenyos | Reciprocity from Massachusetts |
| Johncie Hunter | Reciprocity from Maryland |
| Rebekah Lee | Reciprocity from Illinois |
| Jason Lew | Reciprocity from New York |
| Joseph Rosano | Reciprocity from Pennsylvania |

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

Request(s) for Pharmacy Internship(s)

Yasmeen Abouelhasan did not show for the Commission of Pharmacy meeting

New Pharmacy Application(s)

Costco Pharmacy #1372

284 Flanders Rd.

East Lyme, CT 06333

Konstantinos Melanidis, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisholm moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti 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.

Legal Matters

Case Number 2019-1265

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case. Commissioner Carbray ‘stepped down’. This case involved the former pharmacy technician licensee seeks approval for a pharmacy intern license. In 2010, the former pharmacy technician voluntarily surrendered their license following an arrest involving drugs, which did not occur at the pharmacy where the former technician was employed. Following this incident, the former technician engaged in counseling, and therapy, and maintains treatment and counseling. The former technician has been accepted into a Doctor of Pharmacy program. A step-down meeting occurred in September of 2019 with Commissioner Carbray.

Proposed Resolution: Counsel for the Drug Control Division proposes an equivalent agreement to a reinstatement agreement that would bind a pharmacist seeking reinstatement following a similar event. This agreement would call allow the individual to be licensed as a pharmacy intern, but would subject them to a five year probation period including documented substance abuse treatment at prescribed intervals, self-help group treatment, urine and/or blood screens at prescribed intervals, abstinence from substances, and reporting to the Drug Control Division for monitoring purposes.

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

‘First Time’ Pharmacy Manager(s)

The following pharmacists presented themselves to the Commission of Pharmacy as ‘first time’ pharmacy managers in the State of Connecticut:

Phillip Boglisch

Costco Pharmacy – Enfield

Noura Jeblawi

Dixwell Pharmacy – Hamden

Jane Nguyen

CVS Pharmacy – Brooklyn

Jonathan Liu

Walgreen – Danbury

Chad Fuggi

Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Wallingford

Miscellaneous Matters

The dates for the COP meetings in 2020 were discussed and voted on as the third or last Wednesday of every month except for February, July and December where there will be no meeting. The dates are as followed:

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| January 15, 2020 | August 19, 2020 |
| March 18, 2020 | September 16, 2020 |
| April 15, 2020 | October 21, 2020 |
| May 20, 2020 | November 18, 2020 |
| June 17, 2020 | |

Agent Gina Abdelghany and Commissioner Mary Inguanti completed the 2019 MPJE State Specific Review and Pretest Item Selection. This annual assignment consists of reviewing and selecting newly written items and removing items which are no longer valid. Item selection is based on appropriateness for our CT jurisdiction. All items are grouped by competency area as they appear in the MPJE competency blueprint. This review took place from August 13, 2019 through September 13, 2019.

Request(s) for CE Waiver

Commissioner DeFazio reviewed the submitted request. Commissioner DeFazio recommended acceptance of each request as follows:

Vincent Evangelista The CE request was approved. The CE's completed to makeup the requirement cannot be used towards this year's requirement.

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept the above recommendations.

Request(s) for Continuing Education Program Approval

Health Assistance interVention Education Network (HAVEN)

Mandated Reporting of Healthcare Professionals, 8 CEU's

November 8, 2019, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Aqua Turf Club Plantsville, CT

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisholm and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept Commissioner Inguanti's recommendation to approve the above continuing education program.

Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

Acme Pharmacy #2428 – Hopewell Junction, NY

Alliance Pharmacy LLC – Fort Worth, TX

Barker Cypress Pharmacy and Compounding – Houston, TX

Cambridge Health Alliance – Cambridge, MA

Catalent Pharmacy Services – Philadelphia, PA

CHI Health Specialty Pharmacy – Omaha, NE

Community, A Walgreens Pharmacy#16537 – Springfield, MA

Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy – Chandler, AZ

Hunt Valley Pharma Lab – Cockeysville, MD

LifeScript Pharmacy – Fargo, ND

Lyons Pharmacy – Boca Raton, FL
Medscripts Medical Pharmacy – Greenville, SC
Paoli Apothecary LLC – Paoli, PA
South Lake Pharmacy – Zephyrhills, FL

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

Bioplus Specialty Pharmacy Services, Inc. – Morrisville, NC
Boca Pharmacy – Bronx, NY
Carepartners Pharmacy LLC – Libertyville, IL
Prime Touch Pharmacy LLC – Meadows Place, TX
Sincerus Florida LLC – Pompano Beach, FL
Truepill NY LLC – Brooklyn, CA

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)

August 21, 2019

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisholm 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, Chairperson

Prepared by,

Heather Hoynes

Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator