

Commission of Pharmacy
Meeting
WEDNESDAY, February 28, 2007

10:00 a.m. **Meeting Called to Order** State Office Building
165 Capitol Avenue
Room #126
Hartford, CT 06106

Pharmacy Commissioners present:

Steve Beaudin
Edith Goodmaster
Jean C. Mulvihill
William Summa
Fred Vegliante

Pharmacy Commissioners absent:

Robert S. Guynn

Other Staff

deLinda Brown-Jagne
Steven Schwane

Attendance

Awad Ahmed	Shahnaz Balakhanpour
Brian Berninger	Tamara Bross
Quoc Bui	Radha Chatterjee
Andrea Ciliberto	Louis Clark
Bryan Cretella	Thomas Drougas
Abdel-Halim El-Sayed	Gary Ginsburg
Kyia Gordon	Barry Harvey
Susanne Hiland	Ngunt Huynt
Amy Leland	Todd Marley
Edward Mercandante	Karl Mieforth
Shared Murdande	Vinu Murdande
Anil George Oommen	Holli Quella
Troy Ruff	Peter Settevendemie
Karen Sorrentino	Antonio Tierno
Peter Tyczkowski	

Pharmacy Commission Schedule

E. Mercandante, Familymeds, Inc.
Continued from 11/29/06; Arrow Pharmacy #78 – New Haven Trailer Issue
and Commission action

Closing was to be 12/08/2006; Commission had not received any updates from Familymeds. Commission feels that there has been a lack of communication. Commission would like to see the property developed as soon as possible.

Ed Mercandante owner/founder of Arrow Pharmacy
340 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, CT, appeared before the Pharmacy Commission. He discussed his original intention for the property, which was to create revolutionary practice along with pharmacy and health services/clinic.

Because there are several issues at this site, his current intention is a merger with Walgreens (subject to shareholder approval) and a resolution is expected within 30-60 days. If no resolution in place by then, he will voluntarily close/discontinue services at this site.

10:10 a.m. **Interview of Reciprocity Candidates**

The following candidates were sworn in and interviewed by the Commissioners. Various questions were asked of the individual candidates. A few of the questions were as follows:

1. Why do you want to be licensed in Connecticut?
2. What are Connecticut's requirements for continuing education?
3. Have you ever had a problem with drugs and/or alcohol?
4. Have you ever been before a Board of Pharmacy in the past?

Shahnaz Balakhanpour
Longmeadow, MA

From MA
Pending MPJE exam score

Radha Chatterjee
New York, NY

From WA
Pending MPJE exam score

Abdel-Halim El-Sayed
Wallingford, CT

From MA
Pending MPJE exam score

Amy Leland
Manchester, NH

From NH

Vinu Murdande
Waterford, CT

From RI
Pending MPJE exam score

Anil George Oommen
New Rochelle, NY

From MD
Pending MPJE exam score

Holli Quella
Redding Ridge, CT

From MO
Pending MPJE exam score

Peter Settevendemie
Savannah, GA

From GA
Pending MPJE exam score

Antonio Tierno
Redding Ridge, CT

From MO

Commission Action: Commissioner Goodmaster motioned seconded by Commissioner Beaudin, and passed a vote of 5-0 to accept the above applications for reciprocity.

First Time Managers

Awad Ahmed
Bryan Cretella
Kyia Gordon
Karen Sorrentino

Commission Action: Commissioner Mulvihill motioned, seconded by Commissioner Summa and passed a vote of 5-0 to approve the above first time managers.

Request for Pharmacy Internship

Amey Mol Abraham
Anton Heyman (from South Africa) – did not show, will be placed on March agenda

New Pharmacy Applications

Bonneville Pharmacy LTC Danielson, CT	Approved
Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-3803 West Haven, CT	Manager: Quoc Bui Pending Zoning Approval

Commission Action: The above new applications were accepted. Commissioner Vegliante motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and passed a vote of 5-0 to approve the above new pharmacy applications.

Pharmacy Remodels

Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2954

Costco #312
Milford, CT

Costco #324
Norwalk, CT

Commission Action: The above remodels were approved. Commissioner Vegliante motioned, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed a vote of 5-0 to approve the above pharmacy remodels provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Pharmacy Relocation

CVS #1109
Bethel, CT

Pending zoning approval

The above relocations were approved pending zone approval.
Commissioner Vegliante motioned, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin

Legal Matters

Docket # 07-33

Attorney Schwane presented an agreement which involved a pharmacist who was dispensing medication w/o a prescription and also permitted improper Pharmacist/Tech ratio.

Commissioner Summa motioned, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed a vote of 5-0 to accept the above-mentioned settlement agreement.

Docket # 06-3179

Attorney Schwane presented a case in which a patient confidentiality breach occurred.

Commissioner Beaudin motioned, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and passed a vote of 5-0 to accept the above settlement agreement.

Attorney Schwane suggested the following cases be dismissed:

2207-145

Commissioner Beaudin motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and passed a vote of 5-0 to accept the dismissal of the above-mentioned case.

The pharmacy examination public hearing March 6, 2007, Cmmr Guynn to testify.

Public hearing scheduled for March 23, 2007, for mandatory reporting of electronic prescription submission (see attached)

Separate hearing date for May 2, 2007 at 10 AM (April date did not work)

Miscellaneous

Letter of commendation for Rose Stillo, PharmD, who is employed at Walgreens Pharmacy, Westport, CT
Commissioner Goodmaster will send a letter of Commendation

Nalinbhai Patel made a request to the COP to change the regulatory language for TSE scores or advise him of how to proceed with his application for licensure.

COP advises Mr. Patel to take new exam iBT; since old exam is non-existent.

Pharmacy math exam being administered and appropriate applicants not taking it; another retake will be scheduled for some time in April. Commissioner Goodmaster and Board Administrator are to set a date and notify applicants.

Request for Temporary Permit Extension

Christopher Oliva, awaiting MPJE results
Does not need extension, his scores were received this week. He did pass and has been approved for a permanent license.

Request for CE Program Approval

NY New England NADDI Training Conference
April 11-12, 2007

Program reviewed and approved by Commissioners Goodmaster and Mulvihill.

Request for CE Waivers/Requests

Harminder Bajaj must do 1 written 2006 and law for 2007
John Bonchonsky extension to complete written law within 60 days
Murray Goldstein ok
Jimsheed Shahriar ok

Commission Action: Motioned by Commissioner Vegliante, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed a vote of 5-0 to accept the above CE waivers.

Non-Resident Pharmacies

4Care Pharmacy Services, LLC
109 W. Gentile Street
Layton, UT 84041

A&B Medical Supplies, LLC
444 Gracie Lane
Moscow Mills, MO 63362

BCWA Health Services
1313 East maple Street, Ste 103
Bellingham, WA 98225

BJK, Inc. d/b/a ChemRx
750 Park Avenue
Long Beach, NY 11561

Caremarck Illinois Specialty Pharmacy, LLC d/b/a Caremark
800 Biermann Court, Suite B
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Coram Alternate Site Services, Inc.
2345 Waters Drive
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Diamondback Drugs
7316 East Thomas Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Goldencare Pharmaceutical and IV, LLC
11908 Miramar Parkway
Miramar, FL 33025

Life Extension Pharmacy, Inc.
1100 West Commercial Boulevard, Ste 130
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

Life Science Pharmacy, Inc.
144 Route 17M, Ste 4
Harriman, NY 10926

Option Care Enterprises, Inc.
66 Amaral Street
East Providence, RI 02915-0225

Pacific Coast Pharmacy
1400 W. Grand Avenue, Ste. F
Grover Beach, CA 93433

Pharmerica Drug Systems, Inc.
3026 Owen Drive, Ste 116
Antioch, TN 37013

Positudes, Inc.
1757 Merrick Avenue, Ste 203
Merrick, NY 11566

SaveDirectRx, Inc.
4243 Center Gate
San Antonio, TX 78217

Sorkin's RX Ltd d/b/a Caremed Pharmaceutical Services
1981 Marcus Avenue, Ste 225
Lake Success, NY 11042

Westlab Pharmacy, Inc.
4410 West Newberry Road, Ste A-5
Gainesville, FL 32607

The above Non-resident pharmacy applications were accepted. Commissioner Mulvihill motioned, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and a vote of 5-0 was passed.

Electronic Data Intermediaries

Emdeon Corporation
Pharmacy PBS Division
2045 Midway Drive
Twinsburg, OH 44087
330-425-3241

Registered in AL and IN

A protocol must be submitted to Commissioner Beaudin for Commission approval.

Meeting was adjourned following a motion by Commissioner Summa, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Summa, Chairman

Prepared by:

deLinda Brown-Jagne, Board Administrator