

Commission of Pharmacy
Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, June 24, 2009

Commissioners and staff present:

Steve Beaudin	deLinda Brown-Jagne, Board Administrator
Edith Goodmaster	Steve Schwane, DCP Legal Counsel
Mary Inguanti	
William Summa, Chair	Absent:
Fred Vegliante	Jean Mulvihill

Others present:

Madhavi Annmandla	Jennifer Birardi
Katalin Carrieri	Bradley Carson
Rudy Dajie	Elisabeth Drevet
Michael Gemma	Marghie Giuliano
Edwin Gorham	Sanil John
Nicole Kaminski	Vincent Marzilli
Jeffrey Miele	Sharad Murdande
Christina Orlyn	Mahesh Patel
Susan Roarty	Troy Ruff
Jon Thiboutot	Abdullah Yaylagul

Miscellaneous

Overview of Smoking Cessation project currently co-sponsored by the Connecticut Pharmacists Association, Department of Public Health and Purdue University School of Pharmacy.

Marghie Giuliano provided an overview of the proposed Smoking Cessation Project outcome study. In the proposal, Pharmacy Technicians will provide information (not consultation) services to patients/customers. Part of CPAs role will include randomly selecting pharmacies (both chains and independents).

Commission action: *The Commission is not able to accept the current proposal as written and suggests more details be sent to the Commission for review.*

Interview of Reciprocity Candidates

Commissioner Summa provided a brief overview of the reasons why the following questions are asked during the interview process. The reasons for the interview includes to ensure proper communication skills since the pharmacist will need to interact with patients and consumers, as well as give the pharmacist an opportunity to explain past experience and/or any disciplinary action.

The questions asked by the Commission are as follows:

1. Have you ever been before a Board for anything other than routine matters?
2. Have you ever had a problem with alcohol or drugs?
3. Why are you interested in being licensed in Connecticut?
4. What are Connecticut's continuing education requirements?
5. What are the Pharmacist/Pharmacy Technician ratios?

Elisabeth Drevet
Boston, MA From Massachusetts

Edwin Gorham
Cranston, RI From Rhode Island

Sanil John
Northampton, MA From Vermont

Vincent Marzilli
Narragansett, RI From Rhode Island
*Pending MPJE Result

Debbie Nolan
Brooklyn, NY From New York
*Pending MPJE Result

Sharad Murdande
Waterford, CT From Rhode Island

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Richard Flores
Milford, CT From Texas

Meredith Wills Harper
Longmeadow, MA From Massachusetts

Ashwani Sharma
Lincoln, ME From Maine

Gregory Winglosky
Mt. Pleasant, SC From New York

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Vegliante, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above applicants for licensure by reciprocity.

First Time Managers

Commissioner Summa summarized the responsibilities of those appearing as first-time pharmacy managers and the reason for their appearance before the Commission. (A handout which has answers to questions first-time managers may have is being sent via e-mail directly to the pharmacists who appear today.) Commissioner Summa also

emphasized the importance of the pharmacy manager's role as opposed to the front-store manager (in many retail settings).

Commissioner Inguanti also provided a brief overview of reporting errors and the MedWatch program. (A link to the web site is being sent to managers via e-mail as well.)

Madhavi Anumandla
PCT.11031

Walgreens #9821
New Canaan

Jennifer Birardi
PCT.10871

CVS/Pharmacy #623
Westport

Katalin Carrieri
PCT.10500

Rite Aid #1375
Naugatuck

Nicole Kaminsky
PCT.10980

CVS/Pharmacy #1097
Torrington

Jeffrey Miele
PCT.10426

Stop and Shop #659
Danbury, CT

Mahesh Patel
PCT.10699

CVS/Pharmacy #798
Danbury, CT

Susan Roarty
PCT.7491

Target Pharmacy #2434
Southington

Mark Yerushlaimi
PCT.6827

CVS/Pharmacy #3373
Fairfield

Application for Pharmacy Internship

Michael Egégé
Stamford, Ct

Aneta Kantcheva
Bronx, NY

The above applicants were accepted for internships as foreign pharmacy graduates.

New Pharmacy Applications

Target Store T-2433
195 River Road
Lisbon, CT 06351

Katherine Andorfer

are appropriate. *The approved agreement delays the issuance of the Connecticut license for six months and imposes a \$1,000 civil penalty.*

DN 09-606 This matter involved a pharmacist, Milton Lurie (PCT.3149), who allegedly dispensed Schedule III and IV controlled substances to himself without obtaining authorization from a practitioner. Commissioner Inguanti and the department met with the pharmacist and his attorney.

The pharmacist had been prescribed these drugs in the past, and he claimed he had authorizations for the prescriptions in question, but acknowledges he did not make hardcopies of all the prescriptions. The doctors' records did not document all the prescriptions dispensed by the pharmacist.

The approved agreement is for a two-week suspension, and a one year probation. The Licensee also agrees never to dispense prescriptions prescribed for himself or his family. This penalty is consistent with other similar cases.

Request for CE Waivers, etc.

None

Miscellaneous

Drug Control Agent, Michelle Sylvestre, presented the discrepancies in prescriptions "on hold" in Connecticut pharmacies. *Drug Control and Legal services to follow along with informal committee consisting of Commissioners Veglianti, Beaudin, and Inguanti.*

Surburban Pharmacy Long Term Care, Inc (PCY.2051) is appearing before the Commission of Pharmacy to petition for additional pharmacy technician(s)/increased ratio due to being a long-term care pharmacy. *Commission asked for request to be submitted in writing for consideration.*

OmniCare of Connecticut will presented and overview of their dispensing robot, ALV (Automated Label Verification). *The Commission must speak with DCP Legal Division regarding Connecticut laws regarding final checks by pharmacists.*

Review of anonymous e-mail sent to Drug Control Agent regarding concerns about the size of pharmacies being remodeled at Wal-Mart (including patient safety, possible OSHA and DPH issues). *Commission to suggest Drug Control Director to have an Agent assess the situation.*

Approval of Minutes

Approval of April and May meeting minutes

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Goodmaster, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above minutes.

Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications

DRG Pharmacy LLC
d/b/a Hueneme Family Pharmacy
248 E. Scott Street
Port Hueneme, CA 93041

ESI Mail Pharmacy Service, Inc.
d/b/a Express Scripts
4610 E. Cotton Center Blvd, Ste 105
Phoenix, AZ 85040

KRS Global Biotechnology
d/b/a GBTRx
791 Park of Commerce Blvd, Ste 600
Boca Raton, FL 33487

San Ysidro Pharmacy
1498 East Valley Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

The Compounding Center
4045 E. Bell Rd, #163
Phoenix, AZ 85032

United Pharmacy Services, Inc
5744 W. Irving Park Rd
Chicago, IL 60634

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Vegliante, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above applicants for non-resident pharmacy licensure.

Adjournment