

Commission of Pharmacy
Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, May 26, 2010

Commissioners and staff present:

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

Others present:

Brad Becker	Jamie Bonafine
Molly Davis	Ericka DiGioia
Seynabou Fall	Jeff Fisher
Tom Fraser	Jon Gold
Lisa Goodman	Lawrence Kososki
Sangeetha Kusa	Mark Nagel
Christina Ory	Bhargavi Patel
Peter Tyczkowski	Krishna Vukoti
Bob Wollenberg	

Meeting Called to Order State Office Building, 165 Capitol Ave
Room 126, Hartford, Connecticut

Interview of Reciprocity Candidates

Chairman Summa provided an 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:

1. Have you ever been before a Board?
2. Have you ever had a problem with drugs or alcohol?
3. What is Connecticut's CE requirement?
4. What is the pharmacy technician ratio for Connecticut?
5. Why are you seeking licensure in Connecticut?

*Gwendolyn Conley Greer, SC	From Ohio
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Molly Davis Providence, RI	From Oregon
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*Balaji Dudukuru Grand Blanc, MI	From Michigan
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*Andrew Mita
Oxford, MA

From Massachusetts

*denotes telephone interview

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, 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 will be 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 provided first-time managers with a brief overview of reporting errors and the MedWatch program.

Molly Davis
PCT.11601

McQuade's Pharmacy
Mystic

Seynabou Fall
PCT.9830

Walgreens
Bridgeport

Sudheer Ghanta
PCT.11291

Hancock Pharmacy
Bridgeport

Jeff Fisher
PCT.11433

CVS/Pharmacy

Lisa Goodman
PCT.11378

Target Pharmacy

Bhargavi Patel
PCT.11456

CVS/Pharmacy
Greenwich

Daniel Vo
PCT.11315

CVS/Pharmacy
Windsor

Application for Pharmacy Internship

Sandhya Jinesh
Sangeetha Kusa
Georgekutty Karottu Varkey
Krishna Vukoti

Commission action: The above applicants were approved for internships as foreign pharmacy graduates.

New Pharmacy Applications

CVS/Pharmacy
14 High Ridge Road
Stamford, CT 06905

Jon Gold, PIC

Innova Pharmacy, Inc.
40 Weston Street, Ste G
Hartford, CT 06120

Lawrence Kososki, PIC

Price Chopper Pharmacy
855 Washington Street
Middletown, CT 06457

Jamie Bonafine

Pharmacy Remodel

Beacon Prescriptions (PCY.1086)
57 South Street
Bristol, CT 06010

**CVS/Pharmacy #1280 (PCY.1432)
99 Greenwich Avenue
Greenwich, CT 06830

Stop & Shop Pharmacy #674 (PCY.1248)
1391 Main Street
Willimantic, Ct 06226

**no representation in attendance/no show

Pharmacy Relocations

Bridgeport Pharmacy (PCY.2115)
Lakshmana Pudipeddi, Manager

From:
970 East Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608

To:
978 East Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608

Shop Rite Pharmacy (PCY.1355)

From:
S. Broad Street, Rte 5
Meriden, CT 06450

To:
846 N. Colony Road
Wallingford, CT 06492

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Vegliante, seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 4-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy applications, remodel and relocations unless otherwise noted.

Legal Matters

DN 10-359 Drug Control investigated a prescription error and noted that CVS/Pharmacy #865 (PCY.1289) had failed to perform a Quality Assurance review. *The Commission approved a civil penalty of \$1,000.*

DN10-360 CVS/Pharmacy #2143 (PCY.1587) allegedly 1) failed to perform a Quality Assurance review for a prescription error, 2) disclosed a customer's confidential pharmacy information and 3) allowed a cashier to mix an antibiotic. *The Commission approved a total penalty of \$2,500.*

DN10-368 Wal-Mart Pharmacy #10-3543 (PCY.1820) failed to report a loss of controlled substances within the required 72 hours. *The Commission approved a \$1,000 fine.*

DN10-244 Vasilios Panagiotidis (PCT.8684) was the manager of a pharmacy that had been inspected by Drug Control. The Drug Control agent found multiple violations during the initial inspection. The violations were not completely corrected after a second inspection. The pharmacy will be issued a civil penalty in a separate agreement. *The Commission approved a Letter of Reprimand to the pharmacist manager.*

DN10-426 and 10-440 Bonneville Pharmacy (PCY.159) and Rite Aid Pharmacy #10356 (PCY.1257) breached patient confidentiality by giving a prescription to the wrong person. *Each pharmacy is paying a \$500 civil penalty.*

DN10-437 This matter involved a pharmacist, Paul Ziskin (PCT.4390) who allegedly dispensed legend and controlled substance drugs to his wife and himself without obtaining authorization from a practitioner. The pharmacist had been prescribed these drugs in the past, and he claimed he had authorizations for the prescriptions in question. Many of these prescriptions were recorded in the pharmacy as telephone prescriptions. The doctors' records did not document all the prescriptions dispensed by the pharmacist. *The Commission approved an agreement for a one week suspension, a one year probation and a \$500 civil penalty. The Licensee also agrees never to dispense prescriptions written for his wife and himself.*

DN10-427 During a routine inspection, Drug Control cited CVS/Pharmacy #623 (PCY.1244) for multiple violations. A follow-up inspection found that several of the violations were not corrected. *The Commission approved a total penalty of \$5,500.*

DN10-365 CVS/Pharmacy #3835 (PCY.2130) breached patient confidentiality by giving a prescription to the wrong person. *The Commission approved an agreement that provides for a \$500 civil penalty to the pharmacy.*

DN10-435 CVS/Pharmacy #3373 (PCY.1832) allegedly 1) permitted a 3:1 pharmacy technician to pharmacist ratio, 2) permitted a pharmacy technician to work without a registration; and 3) failed to report a change of pharmacist manager. *The Commission approved a total penalty of \$2,000.*

Request for CE Waivers, etc.

None

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Inguanti was scheduled to report on the medication take back event held at St. Francis Hospital on May 15th. However, she was called away and unable to report.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of April minutes.

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Veglianti and a vote of 4-0 was passed approving the above minutes.

Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications

Boswell Pharmacy Services, LLC
131 Schoolhouse Road
PO Box 266
Jennerstown, PA 15547

Mountain Compounding
101 South California Street, Ste A
Missoula, MT 59801

OncoSource Rx, LLC
7172 Columbia Gateway Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

Pet's Choice Pharmacy
714 5th Street
Fairbury, NE 68352

Pill Stat Rx, LLC
d/b/a Safe Dose
8770 Guion Road, Ste G
Indianapolis, IN 46268

PrescriptionGiant, LLC
2620 Centennial Road, Ste G
Toledo, OH 43617

Triplefin Specialty Services, LLC
d/b/a Triplefin Specialty Pharmacy, LLC
6000 Creek Road
Cincinnati, OH 45242

Walgreens #10996
429 Brookline Avenue
Boston, MA 02215

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and a vote of 4-0 was passed approving the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Adjournment