

Commission of Pharmacy  
Meeting Minutes  
WEDNESDAY, December 15, 2010

Commissioners and staff present:

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

Others present:

Bryan Couture	Marghie Giuliani
Lisa Holle	Robert Jansing
Sudheer Kari	Radhakrishna Katragadda
Marek Kolodziej	Erin Lewis
Jillian McEnery	Joseph Morasutti
Karl Nieforth	Sirisha Pavuluri
Troy Ruff	Kathy Savarese
Karen Scinto	Violet Silks
Minnie Simms	Jon Thiboutot
Chris Toni	Peter Tyczkowski
Robert Zirlis	

Meeting Called to Order 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 126  
Hartford, Connecticut

Interview of Reciprocity Candidates

Chairman Summa provided an overview of the telephone interview including the reasons why the following questions are asked during the interview process. The questions are asked of potential licensees in order to ensure proper communication skills since the pharmacist will need to interact with patients and community members, as well as give the pharmacist an opportunity to explain his or her past experiences and disciplinary action, if any.

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?

\*Monica Chainani  
Medford, MA

Gary Diehl  
Lawrenceburg, IN

Lisa Marie Holle  
Mansfield, CT

Radhakrishna Katragadda  
Brick, NJ

\*Joseph Kiernan  
Wakefield, RI

\*Hyun Suk Kim  
White Plains, NY

\*Sonia Patel  
New York, NY

\*Sirisha Pavuluri  
Spotsylvania, VA

\*James Smith  
Niles, MI

\*denotes telephone interview

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster 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 a first-time pharmacy manager and the reason for their appearance before the Commission. 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 Med Watch program.

Appearing before the Commission as first-time managers are:

Bryan Couture  
PCT.10950

CVS/pharmacy #1152  
Niantic

Marek Kolodziej  
PCT.9741

Discover Rx  
Plainville

Jillian McEnery  
PCT.11722

CVS/pharmacy #839  
Plainville

Joseph Morasutti  
PCT.10615

CVS/pharmacy #4473  
East Lyme

Sirisha Pavuluri  
PCT.11615 (Pending)

Beacon Prescriptions  
Willimantic

#### Application for Pharmacy Internship

Sudheer Kari  
Vernon, CT

The candidate was approved for internship

#### New Pharmacy Applications

Hope Dispensary of Greater  
Bridgeport  
752 East Main Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06608

Christine Toni, PIC

Upon review of the application, the Commission determined Hope Dispensary would need to apply for a Specialty License and would need to provide more detail to the Commission. The applicant stressed that there would be no controlled substances distributed and that no repackaging or compounding will be done. Chairman Summa asked when they planned to open and was told they were hoping to open in January; Chairman Summa indicated that could not happen based on the documentation provided today. He directed the applicant to work with Commissioner Inguanti to try to meet the target opening date of January 2011.

Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Goodmaster and seconded by Commissioner Beaudin for issuing a Specialty License with the proviso that all information needed to grant the license would be provided to Commissioner Inguanti as soon as possible; a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the motion.

#### Pharmacy Remodel

CVS/pharmacy #1151  
464 Reidville Drive

PCY.1381

Waterbury, CT 06705

### Pharmacy Relocation

CVS/pharmacy #185 PCY.1103	Violet Silks, PIC
From:	To:
277 Bank Street	215 West Street
Seymour, CT 06483	Seymour, CT 06483

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

Marghie Giuliani of the Connecticut Pharmacists Association was invited to address the Commission. She reported she has been involved with the State's SustiNet Program and hasn't been able to attend the last several meetings of the Commission. She had two questions of the Commission: the first was regarding the Commission's opinion on NABP accreditation of community pharmacists. Chairman Summa indicated the Commission members haven't really studied the issue. The second issue was with regard to continuing education – ACPE and NABP are looking into a collaboration to have pharmacists report their credit directly to NABP. Ms. Giuliani is not in favor of this, and the Board was in agreement with her stance. Ms. Giuliani also raised two other issues: pharmacist workload, and pharmacists providing immunizations. Commissioner Summa stated that the workload issue was raised at the last meeting, and he subsequently received correspondence from the University of Connecticut asking if the Commission would be interested in doing a manpower hours study. He discussed the matter with the legal department, and they advised having UConn do the study independent of the Commission. Chairman Summa invited Ms. Giuliani's group to do their own study as well. Ms. Giuliani said her organization wanted to do something more along the lines of a focus group, and emphasized they were not looking for more regulation.

### Legal Matters

DN 10-1402 Price Chopper Pharmacy (PCY.1612) was subject to a scheduled inspection by Drug Control. The pharmacy was cited for having several outdated over-the-counter drugs. *The department is recommending a civil penalty of \$500.* A motion was made by Commissioner Goodmaster, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the department's recommendation.

DN 10-1378 Rite Aid Pharmacy #10376 (PCY.1264) breached patient confidentiality by giving a prescription to the wrong person. The agreement provides for a \$500 civil penalty to the pharmacy. A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the department's recommendation.

DN 08-343 Pharmacist Kenneth Fisher (PCT.8096) had his license placed on probation for two years by an agreement approved on May 28, 2008. The agreement was entered into after this department was notified of a DUI arrest (the pharmacist was required to complete an Alcohol Education Program). Recently, this agreement was reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank. The Licensee has asked that the agreement be modified to remove the term "probation" and call it a "monitoring" agreement.

The Licensee argues that the arrest did not arise from his activities as a pharmacist and that he voluntarily entered into the agreement to assure the Commission he could practice safely. *He cites comments in the revised National Practitioner Data Bank regulations stating that participation in impaired monitoring programs are not to be reported to the Data Bank. The Drug Control Division has no objection to this modification.* After extensive discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Goodmaster, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the department's recommendation.

DN 10-1423 CVS/pharmacy #185 (PCY.1103) breached patient confidentiality by giving a prescription to the wrong person. *The agreement provides for a \$1,000 civil penalty to the pharmacy.* A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the department's recommendation.

Hearing: Cancelled.

#### Other Legal

Before concluding, Attorney Schwane reported he had received 13 new cases since the last meeting: 6 diversions, 3 prescription errors, 2 quality assurance reports not completed after reports of errors, and 2 improper technician ratios.

Request for CE Waivers, etc.

Sokpoleak So is requesting that he CE requirement be waived due to his being enrolled as a fourth year medical student at the New York Medical College. *Request approved*

### Miscellaneous

Brookfield Pharmacy is requesting approval to decrease pharmacy hours to 20 hours per week. There are no walk-ins, however, anyone wishing to speak with a pharmacist may go to the licensed area to do so. *Request approved*

### Approval of Minutes

Approval of November 17, 2010 minutes

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Vegliante, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the October meeting minutes.

### Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications

CDF Rx  
6900 N. Dallas Parkway, Suite 125  
Plano, TX 75022

Medicare Diabetic and Medical  
Supplies, Inc.  
933 Clint Moore Road  
Boca Raton, FL 33487

Metro Drugs  
79 Hdsn Street, Suite 302  
Hoboken, NJ 07030

NuCara Pharmacy  
1150 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 140  
Coralville, IA 52241

Pallimed Solutions, Inc.  
400 West Cummings Park, #1050  
Woburn, MA 01801

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

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.