

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY  
September 21, 2016

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Commissioner William Summa. The meeting was held in Room 126, of The State Office Building 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

Commissioners Present: William Summa, Chairperson  
Steve Beaudin  
Richard Carbray  
Debbie Chisolm  
Angelo DeFazio  
Edith G. Goodmaster  
Mary Inguanti

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.

Nathalie Jones	Reciprocity from Indiana
Jesmi Shin	Reciprocity from Wisconsin
Brian Rodowicz	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Lauren Labak	Reciprocity from Alabama
Marie Marcelino	Reciprocity from Iowa
Joshua Maher	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Margaret Bibi	Reciprocity from Florida
Puja Padalia	Reciprocity from Virginia
Mayur Patel	Reciprocity from New York
Allison Levine	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Aisha Rauf	Reciprocity from Illinois
Brittany Rodriguez	Reciprocity from Texas
Crystal King	Reciprocity from Tennessee
Dennis Nuguid	Reciprocity from Illinois
Toby Laufer	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Raffee Johns	Reciprocity from Ohio

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above application(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

**'First Time' Pharmacy Manager(s)**

Commissioner Summa provided a summary of the responsibilities that a first-time pharmacy manager has and appreciated their appearance before the Commission. Commissioner Summa emphasized the importance of the pharmacy manager's role in contrast to the front-store manager (in many retail settings). Some responsibilities include leadership, technician registration, license renewals, and prescription error reporting.

Commissioner Inguanti provided a brief overview of the Med Watch program and discussed properly reporting prescription errors.

Daniel Tardette	Stop & Shop Pharmacy - Waterbury
Kris Nadasky	CVS Pharmacy – Bloomfield
Sohil Patel	CVS Pharmacy - Wallingford
Michael Czerniewski	Rite Aid – East Haven
Nilay Parikh	Rite Aid – New Haven
Jennifer Judd	Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Enfield
Stefanie Dubois	CVS Pharmacy – Clinton
Erica Bernardes	CVS Pharmacy – Fairfield
Sheila Talty	Outpatient Pharmacy Services at Yale New Haven- Hamden
Rekha Bheemireddy	Community Health Pharmacy – New Haven
David Eld	Walgreens – New Haven
Allison McHugh	Walgreens – Manchester
Gisselle Mcdowall	Cardinal Pharmacy – East Hartford

**New Pharmacy Application(s)**

Shoreline Integrative Pharmacy LLC  
1835 Post Road East  
Westport, CT 06880

Pantelis Demesthas, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 6-0 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.

Community Health Pharmacy  
212 Dixwell Ave.  
New Haven, CT 06511  
Rekha Bheemireddy, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 6-0 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.

**Pharmacy Remodel(s)**

Rite Aid Pharmacy #667  
404 Main Street  
Ansonia, CT 06401

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the above pharmacy remodel plans provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Cardinal Health 414, LLC  
28 Omega Drive, Bldg 7  
Stamford, CT 06907

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and tabled by a vote of 5-0 to come back to the next month's commission meeting in order to review the new materials that were just submitted. Commissioner DeFazio 'stepped down'.

Coram CVS Specialty Infusion Services  
2 Barnes Industrial Road South  
Wallingford, CT 06492

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the above pharmacy remodel plans provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met and pending drug control 797 inspection.

### **Legal Matters**

Docket Number 16-115 CVS Pharmacy #350

Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. Commissioner DeFazio 'stepped down'. This case involved Licensee has been investigated by the Drug Control Division of the Department of Consumer Protection for failing to remove outdated non-legend drugs from the store shelves. This agreement calls for a \$2,000 civil penalty.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 16-140 CVS Pharmacy #953

Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. Commissioner DeFazio 'stepped down'. This case involved Licensee has been investigated by the Drug Control Division of the Department of Consumer Protection for failing to remove outdated non-legend drugs from the store shelves. This agreement calls for a \$1,000 civil penalty.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 16-195 CVS Pharmacy #1180

Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. Commissioner DeFazio 'stepped down'. This case involved Licensee has been investigated by the Drug Control Division of the Department of Consumer Protection for (a) failing to maintain the pharmacy premises, in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition; (b) failed to implement a QA program to detect, identify and prevent prescription errors. This agreement calls for a \$2000.00 dollar civil penalty and the issuance of a letter of reprimand.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 16-275 Canfield Corner Pharmacy

Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved Licensee has been investigated by the Drug Control Division of the Department of Consumer Protection for failing to maintain the pharmacy premises, in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition. This agreement calls for a \$2000.00 dollar civil penalty.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 16-325 Achorn Pharmacy

Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. Commissioner Beaudin 'stepped down'.

This case involved the licensee is presently under investigation for possible violations of the pharmacy statutes and regulations in regard to failing to have all pharmacy technicians wear name tags or similar forms of identification clearly identifying them to the public as pharmacy technicians; and it is further alleged that the licensee failed with respect to training requirements and other pharmacy matters.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 16-326 Switzer's Pharmacy Inc.

Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved Licensee has been investigated by the Drug Control Division of the Department of Consumer Protection for:

- (1) failing to maintain a written record documenting the initial and continuing training of pharmacy technicians,
- (2) failing to remove expired front store stock(OTC products),
- (3) failed to create a record of every quality assurance review,
- (4) failed to maintain a written copy of the quality assurance program on the pharmacy premises,
- (5) failed to have a copy of a quality assurance review readily available to all pharmacy personnel and the Department, and
- (6) failed to maintain a record of the quality assurance review for all prescription errors for a minimum of three years. This agreement calls for a \$11000.00 dollar civil penalty.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement. Commissioner Goodmaster abstained from the vote.

Docket Number 16-404

Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved Licensee has been investigated by the Drug Control Division of the Department of Consumer Protection for selling and dispensing controlled substances.

This agreement calls for a \$12000.00 dollar civil penalty and the issuance of a letter of reprimand.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 5-0 to deny the aforementioned settlement agreement. Commissioner Goodmaster abstained from the vote.

Docket Number 16-406

Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved Licensee has been investigated by the Drug Control Division of the Department of Consumer Protection for selling and dispensing controlled substances. This agreement calls for a \$8000.00 dollar civil penalty.

**Commission Action:** Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to deny the aforementioned settlement agreement.

### **Miscellaneous Matters**

Narcan Dispensing Protocol was discussed and the commission would like to add HIPAA regulations and a remote link to the pharmacy.

2016 MPJE State Specific Review and Pre-test Item Selection Project was completed by Agent Abdelghany, Agent Nasinnyk and Commissioner Inguanti. Over 3000 questions were reviewed in order to keep the Connecticut MPJE question bank current.

A motion for continuance was approved for the Hearing for Vital Care

### **Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval**

1 Stop Pharmacy – Stafford, TX  
A1 Ability Pharmacy Inc. – West Palm Beach, FL  
Alpha-Omega Pharmacy LLC – Spring Hill, FL  
Better Balance Pharmacy – Spring, TX  
Caprock Pharmacy – Lubbock, TX  
CVS/pharmacy #10762 – Ashland, VA  
Incline Health LLC – Fort Lee, NJ  
John's Pharmacy – Bonita Springs, FL  
Receipt Pharmacy #1 – Fort Worth, TX  
U & Me Pharmacy – Richardson, TX  
Wells Specialty Pharmacy – Winter Park, FL  
The Woodlands Apothecary – The Woodlands, TX

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

21st Century Pharmacy Inc. – Corona, NY  
Assurance Infusion – Houston, TX  
Baxter Healthcare Co. – Deerfield, IL  
Lake Side Pharmacy – Cedar Bluff, AL  
Procure LTC of MA – Southborough, MA

**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 17, 2016

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minutes.

**There being no further business, Commissioner Summa adjourned the meeting.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*William Summa*

William Summa, Chairperson

Prepared by,

*Heather Hoynes*

Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator