

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
November 30, 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
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.

Kristen Schmerbeck Reciprocity from New Jersey
Brian Tommarello Reciprocity from New York

Commission Action: Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above application(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

'First Time' Pharmacy Manager(s)

The following pharmacists presented themselves to the Commission of Pharmacy as 'first time' pharmacy managers in the State of Connecticut:

Nicole Palin	Big Y Pharmacy - Stratford
Jeby Mathew	CVS Pharmacy - Norwalk
Zahan Akbar	CVS Pharmacy - Norwalk
Julian Koruni	Walgreens - Stamford
Christine Stella	Partners Pharmacy - East Windsor
Behinaz Raissi	CT Pharmacy Direct - Wallingford
Emily Bourret	CVS Pharmacy - Bristol
Vishal Desai	Medical Arts Pharmacy - Trumbull
Erika Altan	CVS Pharmacy - Monroe
Sagar Shah	CVS Pharmacy - Fairfield
Debbie Isabella	CVS Pharmacy - Newtown
Keunhyung Lee	East Rock Pharmacy - New Haven
Lauren Diore	CVS Pharmacy - Meriden

New Pharmacy Application(s)

Healthcare LLC DBA Health Care Pharmacy
740 Maple Ave.
Hartford, CT 06114
Ravi Kumar Talluri, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio to table the application until the January meeting because the Pharmacy Manager listed has not had 6 months of experience in Connecticut by a vote of 5-0 to Table the application.

Pharmacy Relocation(s)

Chapel Street Pharmacy

From:	To:
1291 Chapel Street	1245 Chapel Street
New Haven, CT	New Haven, CT
06511	06511

Muralikrishna Challagundla, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the above relocation request 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)

CVS Pharmacy
110 Main Street
Hebron, CT 06248

Commission Action: The above Pharmacy Remodel did not show.

Legal Matters

Case Number 2016-935 CVS Pharmacy #2388

Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. Commissioner Chisolm 'stepped down'. This case involved Licensee has been investigated by the Drug Control Division of the Department of Consumer Protection for:

- (1) failing to produce the original copy of a Quality Assurance from previous years;
- (2) failing to maintain a written record of the quality assurance programs on the pharmacy premises;
- (3) failing to maintain a record of the quality assurance review for all prescription errors for a minimum of three years; and,
- (4) failing to make available the quality assurance review for inspection by the Department within forty-eight hours of request.

This agreement calls for a \$2000 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.

Case Number 2016-1046 Ralph N. Mocchiola
Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. Commissioner Chisolm 'stepped down'. This case involved Licensee has been investigated by the Drug Control Division of the Department of Consumer Protection for diverting non-controlled prescription medication for his own personal use.

This agreement calls for a \$500 civil penalty and a two week suspension.

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.

Case Number 2016-1085 Cary E. Friedman
Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. Commissioner Chisolm 'stepped down'. This case involved Licensee has been investigated by the Drug Control Division of the Department of Consumer Protection for performing incompetent or negligent work when he dispensed a prescription with the incorrect dosage, failed to document the date or dates of the quality assurance review and did not contain in the quality assurance the recommended changes to pharmacy policy, procedure, system, or processes.

This agreement calls for the completion of a 15 credit continuing education course related to prescription errors and the issuance of a letter of reprimand.

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.

Miscellaneous Matters

The dates for the COP meetings in 2017 were discussed and voted on as the third Wednesday of every month except for February, July and December were there will be no meeting. The dates are as followed:

January 18, 2017	August 16, 2017
March 15, 2017	September 20, 2017
April 19, 2017	October 18, 2017
May 17, 2017	November 15, 2017
June 21, 2017	

The request to modify the September 21, 2016 minutes was approved.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above revised Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minutes.

Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

Albertsons – Safeway Pharmacy #4705 – Santa Fe Springs, CA
American Specialty Pharmacy – San Antonio, TX
Assurance Infusion – Houston, TX
Austin Wellness Pharmacy – Forest Hills, NY
Blondell RX Corp – Bronx, NY
Blue Sky Discount Pharmacy LLC – Melbourne, FL
Bowie's Priority Care Pharmacy LLC – Jasper, AL
Choice RX Pharmacy INC. – Stuart, FL

Fresenius Medical Care North America – DFW Airport, TX
Geneva Pharmacy LLC – Elkhorn, NE
Guardian Pharmacy – San Bernardino, CA
Lake Side Pharmacy – Cedar Bluff, AL
Loyola Pharmacy – Los Angeles, CA
Medi-Script Pharmacy Inc. – Houston, TX
Medpharma Pharmacy – Dallas, TX
Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases – New York, NY
Nutrition Plus Inc. – Los Angeles, CA
Parkwood Pharmacy #1000 – Alvin, TX
Pharmacena Labs LLC – Carle Place, NY
PharmaScript Inc. – Chicago, IL
Procure LTC of MA LLC – Southborough, MA
Quality Care Pharmacy and Compounding II – Wylie, TX
Revival Pharmacy LLC – Brooklyn, NY
U.S. Specialty Care LLC – Centennial, CO
U.S. Healthlink, LLC – Orlando, FL
Vet Approved RX – Oakland, TN
VLS Pharmacy, Inc. – Brooklyn, NY
VRx by Mail, LLC – Salt Lake City, UT
Whiteville Community Pharmacy – Whiteville, TN

Commission Action: Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Current Medical Technologies INC. – Lakeville, MA
Home Solutions – Livingston, NJ
Ideal Pharmacy – Union, NJ
Life Infusions – Bronx, NY
The Nebraska Medical Center Clinic Pharmacy – Omaha, NE
New England Home Therapies – Canton, MA
Post Avenue Pharmacy Inc. – Westbury, NY

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)

October 19, 2016

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 5-0 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