

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
March 27, 2024

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Commissioner DeFazio. The meeting was conducted by physical attendance and virtually on TEAMS.

Commissioners Present: Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Richard Carbray
Debbie Chisolm
Mary Inguanti
Ann Taylor
Kristin Linder

Staff Present: Gina Samples, Board Administrator

Request (s) for Continuing Education Program Approval

Health Assistance Intervention Education Network in Connecticut
Marinella LaRosa, Chief Executive Officer of HAVEN
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Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the continuing education program credit.

New Pharmacy Application (s)

CVS Pharmacy #17910
7 Backus Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810
Aaron Wang, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 6-0, to approve the above request represented by Robert George 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.

New Pharmacy Application (s) Cont.

Fair Haven Community Health Care dba Grand Pharmacy
111 Grand Avenue
New Haven, CT 06513
Dave Manan, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor 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.

Belltown Pharmacy Corp
39 Belltown Road
Stamford, CT 06905
Waseem Sarwar, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, 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.

Newtown Health Pharmacy
255 S. Main Street
Newtown, CT 06470
Linda Doyon, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti 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 Relocation (s)

Genoa Healthcare LLC
From:
883 Paddock Avenue
Meriden, CT 06450
Matthew Jenings, Pharmacy Manager

Genoa Healthcare LLC
To:
883 Paddock Avenue, Suite S131
Meriden, CT 06450

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor the above relocation request, passed by a vote of 6-0 to and 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)

Big Y Pharmacy, #56
1 Kent Road
New Milford, CT 06776
Nicole Lefevre, Representative

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

CVS Pharmacy #294
177 Columbus Blvd.
New Britain, CT 06051
Ana Gomes, Representative

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

CVS Pharmacy #1153
1875 Boston Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06110
Pralok Trivedi, Representative

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

Mohegan Pharmacy
67 Sandy Desert Road
Uncasville, CT 06382
Khristine Lariviere, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor the above remodel request passed, by a vote of 6-0 to and 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) Cont.

Nutmeg Pharmacy
23 Killingworth Road
Higganum, CT 06441
Gregory McKenna, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio tabled the matter to next months meeting, as no representative attended for pharmacy remodel request.

MPJE Law Exam Request (s)

Mahmoud Hanif requested a final attempt to take the MPJE Law Exam

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Chisolm moved and seconded by Commissioner Inguanti passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept.

CE Waiver Request (s)

Ambimbola Aladesuru upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Ms. Aladesuru did not complete the continuing education requirement for the 2023 calendar year.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2023 calendar year to be in compliance for the 2024 license renewal. If the CE credits are not completed a case will be opened with the Drug Control Division and needs to be verified by the Commission of Pharmacy continuing education has been completed by May 1, 2024.

Hinali Amin upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Ms. Amin did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2022 and 2023 calendar year(s).

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2023 calendar year to be in compliance for the 2024 license renewal. If the CE credits are not completed a case will be opened with the Drug Control Division and needs to be verified by the Commission of Pharmacy continuing education has been completed by May1, 2024.

CE Waiver Request (s) Cont.

Mergima Al Arnaout upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Ms. Arnaout did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2023 calendar year(s).

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2023 calendar year to be in compliance for the 2024 license renewal. It was confirmed with Board Administrator, Samples that Ms. Arnaout has completed her 2023 CE Credits for the 2024 license renewal and is in compliance as of this commission meeting date.

Annie Krawiec upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Ms. Krawiec did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2022 and 2023 calendar year(s).

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2022 and 2023 calendar years, to be in compliance for the 2024 license renewal. If the CE credits are not completed a case will be opened with the Drug Control Division and needs to be verified by the Commission of Pharmacy continuing education has been completed by May1, 2024.

Shirley Lai upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Ms. Lai did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2022 and 2023 calendar year(s).

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio tabled the matter, as Ms. Lai did not attend the Commission Meeting the CE waiver extension was not granted, she will need to appear at next meeting to request a CE waiver extension.

David Lavimoniere upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Mr. Lavimoniere did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2022 and 2023 calendar year(s).

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2022-2023 calendar year(s) and the 2020-2021 calendar year(s) to be in compliance for the 2024 and 2022 license renewals. If the CE credits are not completed a case will be opened with the Drug Control Division and needs to be verified by the Commission of Pharmacy continuing education has been completed by July1, 2024.

CE Waiver Request (s) Cont.

Kim Nguyen upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Ms. Nguyen did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2022 and 2023 calendar year(s).

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2022 and 2023 calendar year(s), to be in compliance for the 2024 license renewal. If the CE credits are not completed a case will be opened with the Drug Control Division and needs to be verified by the Commission of Pharmacy continuing education has been completed by July 1, 2024.

Megan Porta upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Ms. Porta did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2023 calendar year.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2023 calendar year, to be in compliance for the 2024 license renewal. It was confirmed with Board Administrator, Samples that Ms. Porta has completed her 2023 CE Credits for the 2024 license renewal and is in compliance as of this commission meeting date.

Tayyaba Saeed upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Ms. Saeed did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2022 and 2023 calendar year(s).

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2022 -2023 and 2021 calendar year(s) to be in compliance for the 2024 and 2022 license renewals. If the CE credits are not completed a case will be opened with the Drug Control Division and needs to be verified by the Commission of Pharmacy continuing education has been completed by July 1, 2024.

'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:

Commissioner DeFazio provided a summary of the responsibilities that a first-time pharmacy manager has and appreciated their appearance before the Commission. Commissioner DeFazio 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, reporting pharmacy operation hours, and prescription error reporting. Provided Information on utilization of the Med-watch Program.

Jennifer Cabral	CVSParmacy – Gales Ferry
Adam D Dinitto	Greenville Drug – Norwich
Nataly Domitrz	Walgreens Pharmacy – Cromwell
Dominique Gelineau	CVS Pharmacy – Norwalk
Abdlrahman Hassaan	Seven Pharmacy –Norwalk
Mahria J Ibanez	CVS Pharmacy – Wilton
Michael A Mastroianni	Stolls Pharmacy – Waterbury
Andrea Reid	Big Y Pharmacy #34 – Mansfield
Camila Gonzalez-Ribadeneira	Walgreens Pharmacy – Glastonbury
Waseem Sarwar	Belltown Pharmacy – Stamford

Reciprocity Interview Candidate (s)

The following candidates(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 fact could result in a fine and/or denial of pharmacist licensure in Connecticut.

Sohee Ahn	Reciprocity from California
Daisy O Antwi	Reciprocity from Texas
Jennifer G Cabral	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Samantha W Debiasio	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Adam D Dinitto	Reciprocity from Rhode Island
Katrina N Jeanneau	Reciprocity from Alabama
Ruchira M Kasbekar	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Jasmine S Lee	Reciprocity from Maryland
Jennie L McNellis	Reciprocity from Missouri
Beatrice H Menjor	Reciprocity from Georgia
Wycliffe Mugoya	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Mike Obeng	Reciprocity from Indiana
Vidhi H Patel	Reciprocity from Missouri
Christina Patlias	Reciprocity from New York
Ileana Pohner	Reciprocity from Massachusetts

Reciprocity Interview Candidate (s) Cont.

Shannon S Ramdeen	Reciprocity from New York
Moqadam S Rhamatzada	Reciprocity from New York
Jared D Stratman	Reciprocity from Indiana
Magdaline D Victorin	Reciprocity from Florida
Kelsea S Woolfolk	Reciprocity from Tennessee
Philip Lin Yaun	Reciprocity from Indiana

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

Request (s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

Bayviro Pharmacy LLC – Tampa, FL
Innovative RX LLC – Nobelsville, NC
NPS Pharmacy Direct – Nashville, TN

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm moved Commissioner Taylor seconded passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Non-resident Applications – Approved with Additional Information

Formulation Compounding Center dba Pharma Labs LLC – Lewisville, TX
Pharmalogic Colorado LLC – Aurora, CO
Pharmalogic New York City LLC – Bronx, NY
Tremont RX Pharmacy dba Best Pharmacy – Bronx, NY
Undefined Pharmacy LLC – Warren, NJ
WP Pharma Labs INC – Dallas, TX

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm moved Commissioner Taylor seconded passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Request (s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval Cont.

Adlakha Investments INC dba Grand Ave. Pharmacy – Pflugerville, TX
AHMA RX – Garfield, NJ
JKR Pharmacy Ventures, LLC dba Doc Lane's Veterinary Pharmacy – Lexington, KY
Little Neck RX Corp dba Phamaconic – Little Neck, NY
MWI Veterinary Supply Co. dba Animal RX Pharmacy – Lebanon, IN
Pharmacy Alternatives LLC – Christiansburg, VA
Pharmacy Express – Paterson, NJ
RLS (USA) INC – Livingston, NJ
RLS (USA) INC – Cincinnati, OH

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti is requesting additional documents for the above non-resident pharmacy applications for further review.

Request (s) Increase Pharmacy Technician Ratio

Cardinal Health Nuclear & Precision Health Solutions

Locations: East Hartford and Stamford, CT

Joshua Pruitt, Pharmacy Manager

Anthony Colangelo, Pharmacy Area Manager

The Request is to increase the Pharmacy Technician Ratio 5:1 We are requesting this extended ratio to improve the safety of pharmacy staff. A robust pharmacy operating system which includes patient safety features such as bar code inventory verification, integration of radioactivity measurement devices, and pharmacist/technician task authorization is in place.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio made a motion to accept, the request to increase the Pharmacy Technician Ratio 5:1. In hearing no motions the request is denied.

Request (s) for Non-Resident Sterile Compounding Services

Kabafusion INC – Shrewsbury, MA

Request to Add Sterile Compounding Services

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved Commissioner Taylor seconded passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the request to add sterile compounding services.

Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)

January 31, 2024

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Chisolm moved and seconded by Commissioner Linder passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept.

There being no further business, Commissioner DeFazio adjourned the meeting.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti seconded, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn.

Respectively Submitted,

Angelo DeFazio

Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by

Gina Samples

Gina Samples, Board Administrator