

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
May 26, 2021

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Commissioner DeFazio. The meeting was held virtually on Zoom.

Commissioners Present: Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson
Bryan Cafferelli
Richard Carbray
Debbie Chisolm
Mary Inguanti
Kristin Linder

Staff Present: Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator

Request(s) for Pharmacy Internship(s)

Lilian Habil did not show for the Commission of Pharmacy meeting.

New Pharmacy Application(s)

Bristol Pharmacy LLC
194 Main Street
Bristol, CT 06010

Mahboob Rehman, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm 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.

West Hartford Apothecary
994 Farmington Ave. Ste 5
West Hartford, CT 06107

Salman Riaz, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Cafferelli 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.

Thomaston Health Mart Pharmacy
130 S Main Street 1B
Thomaston, CT 06787

Nicolas Roder-Hanna, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Cafferelli 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.

Lupe's Pharmacy
2366 Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Rajeev Raghavanpillai, Pharmacy Manager

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

Weston Pharmacy
190 Weston Road
Weston, CT 06883

Paul Lukomski, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm 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)

CVS/pharmacy #935
891 North Colony Road
Wallingford, CT 06492

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

Legal Matters

Case Number 2019-745

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case. Commissioner Cafferelli ‘stepped down’. This case involved Following a suspicious order investigation, deficiencies were found in perpetual inventory, records, and orderly maintenance of the pharmacy premises. Additionally, the pharmacy operated for a period without a designated pharmacy manager.

Proposed Resolution: In consideration of a number of voluntary steps taken by the pharmacy, staff of the pharmacy, and management to improve operating procedures and ensure no future problems of this nature, and with documentation of staffing changes made, this agreement calls for voluntary settlement payment in the amount of \$2,000.

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

‘First Time’ Pharmacy Manager(s)

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, and prescription error reporting.

Nicole Studniarski	Rite Aid – Milford
Babatope Ajiboye	Rite Aid- Stratford
Ikenna Osuoha-Okirike	Rite Aid – Stamford
Ilona Salamucha	Rite Aid – East Haven
Veronica Wicklund	Rite Aid – New Haven
Denis DaSilva	Rite Aid – Norwalk
Tierney Maturo	Rite Aid – Ansonia
Geoffrey Kiarie	Rite Aid – New Haven
Zara Saqab	CVS Pharmacy – Southington
Jillian Cappella	Rite Aid – Wolcott
Brian Osso	Rite Aid – Wolcott
Shirin Tharakan	Rite Aid – East Haven

Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

Adelaide Apothecary – Lexington, KY
Alliance Pharmacy Plano – Plano, TX
Healthdirect Institutional Pharmacy Services – Concord, NH
J & B Pharmacy Services Inc. – Wixom, MI
Palms Pharmacy – Palm Springs, FL
Pharmacy Solutions – Arlington, TX
Pure Pharmacy LLC – Carmel, IN
Synergen Rx – Doraville, GA
Tin Rx Castro San Francisco – San Francisco, CA
Tribeca Apothecary – New York, NY

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

ACA Pharmacy – Nashville, TN
Amazon Pharmacy #007 – Meridian, ID
Amerita – New Hyde Park, NY
CPRX Pharmacy – Cedar Park, TX
SBH Medical LTD – Worthington, OH

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)

April 28, 2021

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Angelo DeFazio

Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by,

Heather Hoynes

Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator