

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY  
August 25, 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)**

Jezerca Cina appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a pharmacy internship. The Commission of Pharmacy granted Jezerca Cina permission to apply for a pharmacy internship.

Lejla Yusuf appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a pharmacy internship. The Commission of Pharmacy granted Lejla Yusuf permission to apply for a pharmacy internship.

**New Pharmacy Application(s)**

Loft Chemists  
1184-1186 Main Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
Anna Shmayenik, 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.

Medly Pharmacy  
55 Bedford Street  
Stamford, CT 06901  
Joseph Simonsen, 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 #2210  
1239 East Putnam Ave  
Riverside, CT 06878

**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 2019-988 **Carl M. Mancini**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case. No Commissioner ‘stepped down’. This case involved a former Connecticut pharmacist who engaged in violations of state and federal laws and regulations relating to drug diversion, drug abuse/excessive use, false, misleading, or deceptive representations, fraudulent or deceitful practices, and failure to report required information to the Department. The case commenced following a report to the Drug Control Division of suspected product tampering. A joint investigation commenced involving the Drug Control Division, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and local police. During the investigation, Respondent surrendered his Connecticut pharmacist license, which remains inactive. The case resulted in a guilty plea to a federal criminal charge of tampering with consumer products. Respondent is currently incarcerated in a Federal Correctional Institution.

**Proposed Resolution:** Counsel for the Drug Control Division proposes an agreement in which Respondent agrees that he shall never again apply for licensing as a pharmacist, pharmacy technician, or other licensing related to the practice of pharmacy or controlled substances in the state of Connecticut

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

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| Kelly Feher      | CVS Pharmacy – Hartford         |
| Analise Tenney   | CVS Pharmacy – Hamden           |
| Noelle Bianculli | CVS Pharmacy – New Haven        |
| Alfonso Ramirez  | CVS Pharmacy – Orange           |
| Ratna Edwards    | CVS Pharmacy – Waterbury        |
| Bino Abraham     | Professional Pharmacy- Stamford |
| Jennifer Wilhelm | CVS Pharmacy – Meriden          |
| Lianna Harvey    | CVS Pharmacy – Manchester       |
| Kayla Carlson    | CVS Pharmacy – Madison          |

Kristin Lowman  
Michele Newton  
Marijana Todosiev  
Jessica Sovyrda  
Tara Kowalski  
Tyler Powers  
Joseph Simonsen

Walgreens – New Britain  
Rite Aid – Waterbury  
Stop & Shop Pharmacy – New Milford  
Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Windsor  
Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Colchester  
Stop & Shop Pharmacy – New Haven  
Medly Pharmacy – Stamford

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

AcariaHealth Pharmacy #26 Inc. – Tampa, FL  
Amazon Pharmacy #005 – Kent, WA  
Ascension Rx 1001 – Austin, TX  
O’Steens Pharmacy – Jacksonville, FL  
Pinellas Park Drugs LLC – Pinellas Park, FL  
Preferred Rx Pharmacy – Vancouver, WA  
Prohealth Pharmacy Solutions, LLC – Maitland, FL  
Roman Health Pharmacy LLC – Peachtree Corners, GA  
Santa Maria Pharmacy – Las Vegas, NV  
SelectRx – Monaca, PA  
White Cross Pharmacy – North Providence, RI

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

Atwood Pharmacy – Johnston, RI  
Coram CVS/Specialty Infusion Services – Totowa, NJ  
Mount Sinai Specialty Pharmacy – New York, NY  
Valor Compounding Pharmacy, Berkeley, CA

**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)**

June 30, 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