

**Commission of Pharmacy
Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2011**

Commissioners and staff present:

Steve Beaudin	deLinda Brown-Jagne, Board Administrator
James Cangelosi	Steve Schwane, DCP Legal Counsel
Edith Goodmaster	
Mary Inguanti	
William Summa, Chair	
Fred Vegliante	

Others present:

Chandra Kattragadda	Jillian Gardiner
Joseph Guedes	Greg Hancock
Laurie Jandura	Robert Jansing
Anna Kolodziejczak	Anup Kurra
Matt Lindauer	Christina Orlyn
Avril Sanz	Sunil Tickoo
Peter Tyczkowski	

Meeting Called to Order 10:10 a.m. (experiencing recording difficulties)
State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 126
Hartford, Connecticut

Interview of Reciprocity Candidates

Chairman Summa provided an overview of the telephone interview including the reasons why the following questions are asked during the interview process. The questions are asked of potential licensees in order to ensure proper communication skills since the pharmacist will need to interact with patients and community members, as well as give the pharmacist an opportunity to explain his or her past experiences and disciplinary action, if any.

The questions asked by the Commission are:

1. Have you ever been before a Board?
2. Have you ever had a problem with drugs or alcohol?
3. What is Connecticut's CE requirement?
4. What is the pharmacy technician ratio for Connecticut?
5. Why are you seeking licensure in Connecticut?

*Katie Coughlin
Waterville, ME

*Arash Ebrahim-Hakkak
Roslyn Heights, NY

*Milton Gordon
Bronx, NY

*Stalin Krishnan
Hagerstown, MD

*Anitha Rao Mandava
Metuchen, NJ

*Syed Parvez
Ft. Myers, FL

Priscilla Patel
W. Springfield, MA

*Viviana Ramirez
Port Washington, NY

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above applicants for licensure by reciprocity.

First Time Managers

Commissioner Summa summarized the responsibilities of a first-time pharmacy manager and the reason for their appearance before the Commission. Commissioner Summa also emphasized the importance of the pharmacy manager's role as opposed to the front-store manager (in many retail settings).

Commissioner Inguanti provided first-time managers with a brief overview of reporting errors and the Med Watch program.

Appearing before the Commission as first-time managers are:

Jillian Gardiner
PCT.10825

Walmart

Joseph Guedes
PCT.11498

Walgreens

Laurie Jandura
PCT.9632

Walgreens

Anna Kolodziejczak
PCT.11730

Target T2432
Killingly

Anup Kurra
PCT.11590

Hancock Pharmacy IV
Bridgeport

Matthew Lindauer
PCT.11733

Target T2156
Waterbury

Avril Sanz
PCT.9567

Wal-Mart 3545
Hamden

Sunil Tickoo
PCT.11599

Wal-Mart 2232
Branford

Application for Pharmacy Internship

Graduates of foreign pharmacy schools must appear before the Commission to be interviewed prior to being approved for internships. During the interview, the Commission asks the potential intern questions regarding the experience in the field of pharmacy. Those questions include:

- 1) Where did you attend pharmacy school?
- 2) Explain your experience as a pharmacist (retail, hospital, or community)?
- 3) How is the practice of pharmacy different in the country where you gained experience?

Those who appeared before the Commission to request approval as an intern are:

Chandra M. Katragadda

Commission action: The above candidates were approved for internships as foreign pharmacy graduates.

New Pharmacy Applications

CVS/Pharmacy #2151
1770 Kings Highway
Fairfield, CT 06824
(w/partial closing)

Derrek Krasnicki, PIC

Hancock Pharmacy
1 Long Wharf Drive, Ste 16
New Haven, CT 06511

Gregory Hancock, PIC

Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Inguanti and seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy applications.

Pharmacy Remodel

Suburban Pharmacy LTC, Inc.
342 N. Main Street Ste 70
West Hartford, CT 06117

Wal-Mart Pharmacy #10-1891
420 Buckland Hills Road
Manchester, CT 06040

Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Vegliante and seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy applications.

Pharmacy Relocations

None

Legal Matters

DN 11-155 Pharmacist Anthony Curraro (PCT.9812) was the manager of a pharmacy that was investigated by Drug Control for controlled substance security issues, failure to report controlled

substance losses in a timely manner, and other minor violations. *The department is recommending a \$1,500 Civil Penalty, a Letter of Reprimand and restrictions on being a pharmacist manager. The pharmacy has already paid a civil penalty.* A motion was made by Commissioner Vegliante, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Department's recommendation.

DN 11-199 CVS/pharmacy #71 breached patient confidentiality by giving a prescription to the wrong person. *The agreement provides for a \$1,000 civil penalty to the pharmacy.* A motion was made by Commissioner Cangelosi, seconded by Commissioner Veglianti and a vote of 6-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

Request for CE Waivers, etc.

None

Miscellaneous

Collaborative Practice Regulations - Marghie Giuliani of the Connecticut Pharmacists Association inquired about the status of the Collaborative Practice Regulations. *Attorney Schwane will look into the matter and provide the Commission with an update at the May meeting.*

Reciprocity Candidates - Commissioner Goodmaster raised concern regarding a Foreign Pharmacy Graduate (from and educated in India) who, though licensed in New Jersey and transferring her license by reciprocity, does not have more than 1,000 hours of internship. Commissioner Goodmaster, referencing Connecticut Pharmacy Regulation Sec. 20-576-7 (1) regarding reciprocity, which states, *"the qualifications necessary to secure such license in the state or jurisdiction in which the pharmacist is licensed were, at the time of first securing such license, at least equal to those required in this state at that time;"*. Commissioner Goodmaster interprets this regulation to mean that this reciprocity candidate must meet the 1500 intern requirement prior to being approved for a reciprocal license.

The Board Administrator communicated that it was her understanding, as told to her by a prior Board Administrator, that if a reciprocity candidate meets their original licensing state's requirement, they were eligible to transfer their pharmacist license. There have been many applicants prior to this candidate whose number of intern hours was unclear as they were not on the application.

The Board Administrator further explained that she will not discriminate against a foreign graduate licensed in New Jersey with 1000 intern hours and a local, more specifically, Rutgers University, graduate licensed in New Jersey with 1000 intern hours, both applying for license transfer to Connecticut.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of March 30th minutes

Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Cangelosi and seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving meeting minutes of March 30, 2011.

Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications

Aspire Rx Pharmacy
949 E 12400 S, Ste A6
Draper, UT 84020

Franklin Pharmacy, LLC
361 Mustang Drive
Russellville, AL 35654

Lato Drug Co. Inc.
d/b/a Post Haste Pharmacy
4401 Sheridan Street
Hollywood, FL 33021

Pet Meds and Beyond, Inc.
2501 West 80th Street, #7
Hialeah, FL 33016

Rite Aid #6800
704 Quince Orchard Rd, Ste 150
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Goodmaster and seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above applications for non-resident pharmacy registration.

Adjournment