

**Commission of Pharmacy
Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, August 31, 2011**

Commissioners and staff present:

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

Others present:

Maria Arena	Lucas Nobre Cardoso
Valentino Caruso II	Kawa Chan
Angelo DeFazio	Robert Jansing
Anup Kurra	Dieu Thi Le
Casimir Nowobilski	Michael Olzinski
Michelle Pressler	Ryan Proffitt
Daniel Shapiro	Deanne Sommerville
Nicholas Surh	Peter Tyczkowski
Scott Wolok	

Meeting Called to Order State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 126
Hartford, Connecticut

Interview of Reciprocity Candidates

Amira Bhalodi
Philadelphia, PA

Bryan Braxton
Madison, CT

Anna Brekhman
Baltimore, MD

Yolanda Bunce
Tariffville, CT

Veena Chien
Fair Lawn, NJ

Ihab Elsewisy
Jackson, MI

Sheryl Gamble
Harvard, MA

Dondreia Gelios
West Haven, CT

Pending interview

Karen Gordon
Brooklyn, NY

Donna Matthias
Clifton, VA

Pending interview

Amy McBride
Wake forest, NC

David Nickerson
Worcester, MA

Priyanka Patel
Gainesville, FL

Leanne Pennartz
Grove City, OH

Kirthana Raman
Southington, CT

Scott Soefje
San Antonio, TX

Kim Tanzer
Northborough, MA

Pending interview

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). Some responsibilities include licensing, leadership, and prescription error reporting.

Commissioner Inguanti provided those attending as first-time managers with a brief overview of both reporting errors that occur within the pharmacy and the Med Watch program.

Appearing before the Commission as first-time managers are:

Valentino Caruso II
PCT.11670

CVS/pharmacy 2259
New Haven

Anup Kurra
PCT.11590

Slavin's Pharmacy
Stamford

Michelle Pressler
PCT.11450

Big Y Pharmacy

Ryan Proffitt PCT.11700	CVS/pharmacy
Daniel Shapiro PCT.10970	Walgreens 6503 Milford
Deanne Sommerville PCT.8585	CVS/pharmacy 2140 Waterbury
Nicholas Surh PCT.10831	Walmart 5294 Milford
Dieu Thi Le PCT.11751	CVS/pharmacy 2388 Waterbury

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?

Appearing before the Commission to request approval as an intern was:

Lucas Nobre Cardoso
White Plains, NY

Commission action: The above candidate was approved for an internship as a foreign pharmacy graduate.

New Pharmacy Applications

Arrow Prescription Center #10, Inc. 57 North Street, Suite 104 Danbury, CT 06810	Angelo DeFazio, Pharmacy Manager
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Big Y Pharmacy #55 830 Boston Post Road Guilford, CT 06437	Casey Nowobilski, Pharmacy Manager (temp)
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CVS/pharmacy #5703 60 Middle Street Bristol, CT 06010	Maria Arena, Pharmacy Manager
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East Rock Pharmacy 767 Orange Street New Haven, CT 06511	Ka Wa Chan, Pharmacy Manager
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Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Vegliante and seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy applications. (Commissioner Goodmaster was not present during the vote.)

Pharmacy Remodel

CVS/pharmacy #1051
593 Newfield Avenue
Stamford, CT 06905

PCY.1343

Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Vegliante and seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy applications. (Commissioner Goodmaster was not present during the vote.)

Pharmacy Relocations

Arrow Pharmacy & Nutrition Center #11

PCY.1698

From:
500 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06120

To:
500 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06120

Legal Matters

DN 11-481 Waterbury Pharmacy (PCY.2139) 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 Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and a vote of 6-0 was passed accepting the recommendation.

DN 11-482 This agreement resolves an investigation of a pharmacy concerning losses of controlled substances. CVS/pharmacy #953 (PCY.1323) was investigated for: 1) failing to maintain effective controls against the diversion of controlled substances, and 2) failing to maintain Schedule III and IV disposition records. *The agreement requires the pharmacy to pay a civil penalty of \$4,000.* A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Department's recommendation.

DN 11-531 and 11-532 CVS/pharmacy #1941 (PCY.1532) and CVS/pharmacy #2525 (PCY.1690) permitted either a 3/1 pharmacy technician to pharmacist ratio, or a 4/1 ratio with one certified technician. *The agreements require each pharmacy to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty.* A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and a vote of 6-0 was passed accepting the recommendations.

DN 11-452 Pharmacist Vicki Boivin (PCT.10368) committed a prescription error that also resulted in a breach of patient confidentiality. The investigation determined that this was a case in which the pharmacist was at fault for the breach of confidentiality. *The agreement calls for a \$500 civil penalty and completion of the continuing education course.* A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 6-0 was passed accepting the Department's recommendation.

DN 11-470 Pharmacist Phil Mayo (PCT.5630) was the owner of a pharmacy that closed. The Drug Control Division performed a closing inspection of this pharmacy. Drug Control alleged that, after the pharmacy closed, Licensee failed to properly dispose of and secure controlled substances and legend drugs, and failed to properly remove or destroy drug records containing patient information. *The Department is recommending a civil penalty of \$25,000.* A motion was made by Commissioner Goodmaster, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Department's recommendation.

DN 11-535 Arrow Pharmacy & Nutrition Center #11 (PCY.1698) failed to file a transfer pharmacy premise application and appear before the Commission of Pharmacy prior to relocating the pharmacy within the same business premise. *The Department is recommending a \$350 fine.* A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Department's recommendation.

DN 11-557 Pharmacist Judith Jorgensen (PCT.5272) surrendered her license in October of 2010. The Department is satisfied that this pharmacist has taken the necessary steps to regain her license. She has a record of drug counseling, negative drug screens and a letter from her counselor recommending reinstatement. *The proposed agreement is typical for this kind of situation.* A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the recommendation.

DN 08-309 John Skinnon, pharmacist, (PCT.10192) appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy on June 29, 2011, and requested a modification to his existing agreement. The Commission asked Commissioner Goodmaster to "step down" and review this request. The pharmacist had his present pharmacy employer send a letter in support of this request. *After reviewing this matter, Commissioner Goodmaster and the department are willing to propose an amendment to the agreement. The only change is that the pharmacist will not be required to call the prescribing practitioner to verify all Schedule II prescriptions.* A motion was made by Commissioner Vegliante, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Department's and Commissioner Goodmaster's recommendation.

Collaborative Practice – Marghie Giuliani asked Attorney Schwane about the status of the Collaborative Practice regulations. Attorney Schwane states he believes they are at the Governor's Office but will obtain his supervisor's approval to contact the Agency's Commissioner and provide an update at the September meeting.

CE Program Request for Approval

CT-ASCP CE Meeting

CT Chapter of American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

November 7, 2011

Kevin W. Chamberlin, Pharm.D.

1.0 Contact Hour/0.1 CEU (Live)

*missing information; however, application will be approved based on obtaining missing information. Commissioner Inguanti will contact applicant.

Geriatric Neurology in Your Patient: Providing Care in AL & LTC

Partners Pharmacy

September 14, 2011

Joseph Sobelman, Eli Neiman, Pat Sherman

5.0 Contact Hours/0.5 CEUs (Live)

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and a vote of 6-0 was passed accepting the above continuing education programs for approval.

Request for CE Waivers, etc.

Pallavi Kansal Lele (PCT.8296) attended a training provided by the State of Virginia Crime Prevention Association on Communication analysis and is requesting eight (8) live hours be considered for acceptance toward her 2011 credits. *This request has been denied based on not being approved specifically by the Virginia Board of Pharmacy and because the program has no content related to the practice of pharmacy.*

Christy Mathew (PCT.11691) is requesting a waiver of 2011 and 2012 credits as she is in her post graduate year 1 pharmacy residency program at Waterbury Hospital. *This request has been accepted.*

Miscellaneous

Commission member, Edie Goodmaster, and UConn's Educational Outreach Coordinator, Peter Tyczkowski, will provide an overview of a program being developed regarding Teenage Prescription Drug Abuse. *Commissioner Goodmaster would like to present "The Road to Nowhere," a short film provided by Iowa's teen prescription drug awareness program to Connecticut teens. After viewing the film, Peter Tyczkowski along with Commissioner Goodmaster thought it would be a good initiative to have the UConn interns could present to teens in order to raise awareness about teen prescription drug abuse. A list of invitees will be compiled.*

John Gadea, Division Director of Drug Control, will provide information regarding a Pharmacy Technician program offered by the Urban League of Greater Hartford. – *since Mr. Gadea was away at NABP, he will provide this information at the September meeting.*

Approval of Minutes

Approval of meeting minutes from June 29, 2011

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti and seconded by Commissioner Veglianti, and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the June minutes for acceptance, pending inclusion of update(s) to Legal Matters (pharmacy and pharmacists name and license numbers to be included).

Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications

Aiken Compounding Pharmacy
110 Price Avenue
Aiken, SC 09803

Alana Healthcare Pharmacy, LLC
208 Dragon Drive
Dickson, TN 37055

Amerita, Inc.
d/b/a Saffa Infusion Pharmacy
6666 South Sheridan Road, Ste 100
Tulsa, OK 74133

BioRx, LLC
266 West Cummings Park
Woburn, MA 01801

Compound Care Plus Pharmacy
30245 County Road 49
Loxley, AL 36551

Diplomat Pharmacy Services
325 W. Atherton Road
Flint, MI 48507

Drug Depot, Inc.
d/b/a APS Pharmacy
34911 US Hwy 19N, Ste 600
Palm Harbor, FL 34684

FarmVet.com
1254 Old Hillsboro Road
Franklin, TN 37069

Massachusetts IRX, LLC
d/b/a Ascend Specialty Rx
145 Bodwell, Unit A, Bldg. 2
Avon, MA 02322

MedWorld Acquisition Corp.
d/b/a MedWorld Pharmacy
80 Red Schoolhouse Road, Ste. 226
Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977

Novixus, LLC
d/b/a Novixus Pharmacy Services
43159 W. Nine Mile
Novi, MI 48376

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti and seconded by Commissioner Veglianti, and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Adjournment