# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMISSION OF PHARMACY January 20, 2016

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to

order by Commissioner William Summa. The meeting was held in

Room 126, of The State Office Building 165 Capitol Avenue,

Hartford, CT 06106

Commissioners Present: William Summa, Chairperson

Steve Beaudin
Richard Carbray
Debbie Chisolm
Angelo DeFazio
Edith G. Goodmaster

Mary Inguanti

Staff Present: Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator

# **Interview of Reciprocity Candidate(s)**

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

Jeffrey Kaufhold Reciprocity from Pennsylvania Mary Jo Parente Reciprocity from New York Jeffrey Laliberte Reciprocity from Massachusetts Reciprocity from Massachusetts **Andrew Moss** Francis Zamora Reciprocity from New Jersey Jeffrey Mathias Reciprocity from Florida Reciprocity from Florida Cristina Mathias Elysia Ross Reciprocity from Maryland Dorota Jozwiak Reciprocity from Illinois

Yanle Huang
Shbnam Richards
Reciprocity from Pennsylvania
Reciprocity from New Jersey
Reciprocity from New York
Reciprocity from Michigan
Reciprocity from Michigan
Reciprocity from Illinois
Reciprocity from Illinois
Reciprocity from Michigan

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

### 'First Time' Pharmacy Manager(s)

Commissioner Summa provided a summary of the responsibilities that a first-time pharmacy manager has and appreciated their appearance before the Commission. Commissioner Summa 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.

Commissioner Inguanti provided a brief overview of the Med Watch program and discussed properly reporting prescription errors.

Erik Reed CVS Pharmacy - Brooklyn Kayla Chouinard CVS Pharmacy - Clinton Alyssa Littlejohn CVS Pharmacy - Uncasville Steven McFarland Lang's Pharmacy - Weston Sameerah Reed CVS Pharmacy - Hamden Sarah Parmelee CVS Pharmacy - North Haven CVS Pharmacy - West Haven Alyssa Appelbaum Artim Selmani CVS Pharmacy - Oakville Jamie Jensen Walgreens – East Hartford Chelsea Leitao Walgreens - Wallingford Laura Mucci Walgreens - Hamden Amina Ramic Walgreens - Norwich Sohaib Khan Walgreens - Hartford Sabina Alikhanov Walgreens – West Hartford Oosha Oiha Walareens - Waterbury Martha Ward Walgreens - Wethersfield Amina Ayub Walgreens - Newington

Aratiben Patel Albion – Hancock Pharmacy - Bridgeport

Shannon McNeill Walgreens – West Haven

Suruchi Patel People's Pharmacy – North Haven

Michael Vardhami CVS Pharmacy – Rocky Hill

Ali Zaidi Walmart Pharmacy - Naugatuck

### New Pharmacy Application(s)

Rite Aid #6708 249 Legion Ave. New Haven, CT 06519

John Florentino, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed pending the town zoning 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.

Whalley Drug 399 Whalley Ave. New Haven, CT 06511 Yong Kwon, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** The Commission requested that the above pharmacy come back for the March meeting.

Pharmscript of Connecticut 416 Colt Highway Route 6A Farmington, CT 06033 Dhalia Badr, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: The above pharmacy did not show for the meeting.

Outpatient Pharmacy Services at Yale New Haven Health 1100 Sherman Ave. Hamden, CT 06514

Renee Havriliak, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed pending the town zoning 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.

Brass Mill Pharmacy 1405 East Main ST. Waterbury, CT 06705 Jalpa Patel, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed pending the town zoning 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)

Finch Pharmacy

From: To:

3 Riversville RD. 263 Glenville RD. Greenwich, CT Greenwich, CT

06831 06831 Salvatore Scalisi, Pharmacy Manager

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

Albion – Hancock Pharmacy

From: To:

2075 Fairfield Ave. 2125 Fairfield Ave Bridgeport, CT Bridgeport, CT

06605 O6605 Aratiben Patel, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** The Commission denied the relocation application from the above pharmacy. Commission requests that they apply for a new pharmacy application and be placed on the March agenda.

# Pharmacy Remodel(s)

Genoa a Qol Healthcare Company 883 Paddock Ave. Meriden, CT 06450

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin 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.

Rite Aid Pharmacy #10385 1 Padanaram Rd. Ste. B Danbury, CT 06811

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin 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.

Rite Aid Pharmacy #10341 76 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin 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.

Washington Health Center & Pharmacy 5 Bryan Hall Plaza Washington Depot, CT 06794

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin 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**

Docket Number 15-519 - CVS #388

Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved this Licensee has been investigated for failing to maintain stocks of all controlled substances in a manner as to prevent theft or diversion. This agreement calls for a \$5000 civil penalty.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 15-551- CVS #1051

Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved this Licensee has been investigated for permitting the disclosure of a customer's confidential pharmacy information. This agreement calls for a \$1000 civil penalty.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 15-582 - Elizabeth Decarli-Remes

Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved this Licensee has been investigated for a prescription error and violating confidentiality of pharmacy records. To resolve this matter the Department recommends that a civil penalty of \$1000.00 and completion of the continuing education course related to prescription errors.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 15-586 - CVS #123, CVS #124, CVS # 1060, CVS #172, CVS #1152, CVS #1966, CVS # 2839, CVS #1027, CVS #1125, CVS #2220, PCY 1837 Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved The Licensee has been investigated for failing to have all pharmacy technicians wear name tags or similar forms of identification clearly identifying them to the public as pharmacy technicians, exceeded the ratio of pharmacy technicians to pharmacists, failing to consistently include the printed statement "If you have a concern that an error may have occurred in the dispensing of your prescription you may contact the Department of Consumer Protection, Drug Control Division, by calling 1-800-842-2649" on the receipt or in the bag or similar packaging in which the prescription is contained, failing to maintain a written copy of its quality assurance program on the pharmacy premises, failed to make a copy of its quality assurance program readily available to the Department of Consumer Protection, and failing to include all of the information that is required to be documented on a prescription for a controlled substance.

To resolve this matter the Department recommends a \$4000.00 civil penalty.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

### Docket Number 15-609 - Scott Dombkowski

Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved The Licensee pharmacist was charged for a prescription error, failing to commence a quality assurance review within two business days from the date the prescription error was discovered and the quality assurance review did not contain the findings and determinations generated by a quality assurance review or recommended changes to pharmacy policy, procedure, systems or process, if any.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

#### Docket Number 15-634 - CVS #2220

Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved Licensee has been investigated for committing a prescription error and failing to perform a quality assurance review for the prescription error, failing to subsequently create a record of the quality assurance review and failing to make the quality assurance review record available for inspection by the Department within forty-eight (48) hours of request. To resolve this matter the Department recommends that a civil penalty of \$2000.00.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

#### Docket Number 15-728 - Kristen Marquis

Attorney Antonio Santoro presented this case. Commissioner Inguanti 'stepped down'. This case involved This pharmacist has been investigated for a prescription dispensing error occurring at a hospital which resulted in the death of a child. To resolve this matter the Department recommends that a reprimand shall issue and that licensee complete an online continuing education course related to prescription errors.

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

#### **Miscellaneous Matters**

The commission conducted the hearing of Andrew O'Bright and will conduct the vote at the next commission meeting.

The commission conducted the hearing of John Zaretzki and will conduct the vote at the next commission meeting.

# Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

Burman's Pharmacy – Brookhaven, PA

Carie Boyd's Prescription Shop – Hurst, TX

Coram CVS/ Specialty Infusion Services – Northborough, MA

Encino Pharmacy - Encino, CA

Factor One Source Pharmacy – Cumberland, MD

Fargron Sterile Services – Wichita, KS

Forest Hill Pharmacy LLC – West Palm Beach, FL

G & K Pharmacy – Allentown, PA

Gabecare Direct RX - Troy, MI

Gardens Pharmacy and Compounding - Chesapeake, VA

Hall's IV & Institutional Pharmacy – Fort Worth, TX

Healthcare Specialty Transaction Services – Gainville, GA

Heritage Biologics - Seekonk, MA

Home Towne RX - Ewing, NJ

Integrity RX Specialty Pharmacy – Scottsdale, AZ

Jupiter Compounding - Jupiter, FL

Lantana Pharmacy – Lantana, FL

Med Pharma LLC - Philadelphia, PA

Medminder Pharmacy - Marlboro, MA

Meijer Pharmacy - Fort Wayne, IN

Minnis Drug Store - Morristown, TN

ProCare Pharmacy Care – Las Vegas, NV

Quick Care Pharmacy - Rancho Cucamonga, CA

RSVP RX #700 – North Richards Hills, TX

RSVP Pharmacy #7 – Farmers Branch, TX

Specialty Chemist Corp. – Fresh Meadows, NY

Tampa Family Pharmacy – Tampa, FL

Thies Lombard Pharmacy – Lombard, IL

United Specialty Pharmacy – Euless, TX

USRC Pharmacy - Nashville, TN

Veterinary Pharmacies of America – Houston, TX

Vincent Priority Care Pharmacy - Vincent, AL

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

American Specialty Pharmacy – San Antonio, TX

Coram CVS/ Specialty Infusion Services – Norwood, MA

Healthy Living Medical Supply – Troy, MI

Medline Pharmacy – Libertyville, IL

Neighborhood Pharmacy – Philadelphia, PA

Roche Diabetes Care Inc. - Fishers, IN

VLS Pharmacy – Brooklyn, NY

**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)

November 18, 2015

**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 Summa adjourned the meeting. Respectfully Submitted,

William Summa
William Summa, Chairperson

Prepared by,

Heather Hoynes

Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator