

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY  
May 31, 2023

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Commissioner DeFazio. The meeting was conducted by physical attendance and virtually on zoom.

Commissioners Present: Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Richard Carbray  
Debbie Chisolm  
Mary Inguanti  
Kristin Linder

Staff Present: Gina Samples, Board Administrator

**Pharmacy Relocations (s)**

Community Health Pharmacy LLC  
From:  
210 Dixwell Avenue  
New Haven  
06511

Community Health Pharmacy LLC  
To:  
224 Dixwell Avenue  
New Haven  
06511

Christopher Ryan, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm the above relocation request passed by a vote of 5-0 to and provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

New Haven Pharmacy  
From:  
382 Grand Avenue  
New Haven  
06513

New Haven Pharmacy  
To:  
374 Grand Avenue  
New Haven  
06513

Akil Shaikh, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** In review of request, pharmacy manager did not appear. Commissioner DeFazio made a motion to table the matter until June 28, 2023, meeting.

## **Pharmacy Remodel (s)**

CX Pharmacy Corp  
110 Commerce Drive, Suite 250  
Shelton, CT 06485

**Commission Action:** In review of request, a representative did not appear. Commissioner DeFazio made a motion to table the matter until June 28, 2023, meeting. Commissioner DeFazio made a motion to table the matter until June 28, 2023, meeting.

Shoprite Pharmacy of Shelton  
875 Bridgeport Avenue  
Shelton, CT 06484

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm the above remodel request passed by a vote of 5-0 to and 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:* 2022-1645 **Rite Aid #576; PCY.0001059**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacist investigated following complaints of closures. This is Respondent's first investigation for unscheduled closings, or failure to give notice to the Commission of such closings.

### **Proposed Resolution:**

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary settlement amount of \$1,500. Respondent shall follow relevant laws concerning notice and closures.

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

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

The following pharmacists presented themselves to the Commission of Pharmacy as 'first time' pharmacy managers in the State of Connecticut:

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, reporting pharmacy operation hours, and prescription error reporting. Provided Information on utilization of the Med-watch Program.

Reshmaben Amin  
Arthur Baranetsky  
Mikayla Briggs

Walgreens Pharmacy – New Haven  
CVS Pharmacy – Norwalk  
Walgreens Pharmacy – Hartford

**First Time' Pharmacy Manager (s) Cont.**

Chailin Barroso	CVS Pharmacy – Norwalk
Roberto Sanchez Castelerio	Rite Aid Pharmacy – East Haven
Alex Dozier	Yale New Haven Pharmacy – New Haven
Hana Effendi	CVS Pharmacy – Stamford
Nejat Esnetu	Walgreens Pharmacy – Southington
Bryce Falzone	Walgreens Pharmacy – Manchester
Manal Fayyad	CVS Pharmacy – Stamford
Jacob Greenwald	Walgreens Pharmacy – Waterbury
Marianela Hurtadodemendoza	CVS Pharmacy – Stafford
Arooba Khan	Walgreens Pharmacy – Plainville
Mujtaba Khan	Riverside Pharmacy – East Hartford
Brendan Laporte	Big Y Pharmacy – Tolland
Blair O'Dell	Walmart Pharmacy – New Haven

**Not in Attendance**

Hoorain Khan	CVS Pharmacy – Old Saybrook
Christopher Tanner	Bella Vista Pharmacy – New Haven

**Reciprocity Interview Candidate (s)**

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

Marissa J Belcher	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Elizabeth Carpenter	Reciprocity from Georgia
Louise X K Chen	Reciprocity from Pennsylvania
Sederis S Fogle	Reciprocity from South Carolina
Bonny D Hendrix	Reciprocity from Georgia
Monica R Jolley	Reciprocity from Tennessee
Joanna M Klepzig	Reciprocity from Ohio
Beth M Kraemer	Reciprocity from New York
Jennifer M Meehan	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Christina L Mott	Reciprocity from North Carolina
Brittany M Patterson	Reciprocity from Georgia
Terrin J Pierce	Reciprocity from New York
Melissa Reeves	Reciprocity from North Carolina
Tiffany Russo	Reciprocity from Ohio
Stefanos D Torkos	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Jessica L Turner	Reciprocity from Georgia

### **Request (s) for Continuing Education Program Approval**

Department Consumer Protection, Legal Director Julianne Avallone  
Freedom of Information Act  
Thomas Hennick, Freedom of Information Commission  
1.0 CEU Live Law  
February 01, 2023, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Webinar

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the continuing education program credit.

Department Consumer Protection, Director Drug Control Division  
Roderick Marriott  
Practitioner Investigation Unit, HAVEN, and 2022 Opiate Guidelines  
Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH; Paula DelGrego, Health  
2.0 CEU Live Law  
April 20, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Presentation 450 Columbus, Blvd., Hartford

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the continuing education program credit.

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

Custom Pharmacy of North Augusta – North Augusta, SC  
Fusion Specialty Pharmacy Inc – Santa Clara, UT  
Mark Cuban Cost Plus Pharmacy, LLC – Dallas, TX  
Stellus RX – Plano, TX

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, moved by Commissioner Carbray and seconded by Commissioner Linder passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Alto Pharmacy, LLC – San Francisco, CA  
Alto Pharmacy, LLC – Plano, TX  
Procompounding, LLC – Johnson City, TN  
Sphinx Pharmacy – Pearland, TX  
Upstate Homecare – Syracuse, 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)**

April 26, 2023

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, moved by Commissioner Carbray and seconded by Commissioner Chisolm abstained passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept.

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

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Cabray moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio seconded, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn.

Respectively Submitted,

*Angelo DeFazio*

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Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by

*Gina Samples*

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Gina Samples, Board Administrator