

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
August 23, 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
Ann Taylor

Staff Present: Gina Samples, Board Administrator

Drug Control Updates

Rod Marriot rescheduled to speak September 27, 2023 Meeting

New Pharmacy Application (s)

Genoa Healthcare LLC
453 E Main Street, Suite P
Ansonia, CT 06401

Krysten Holmann, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio stated for record the change of Pharmacy Manager for this location. 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.

Genoa Healthcare LLC
469 Migeon Avenue, Room 90104
Torrington, CT 06790

Genie Gardener, 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.

New Pharmacy Application (s) Cont.

Kabila Wellness, LLC
4 Corporate Drive, Suite 392
Shelton, CT 06484
Jillann Knowlton, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: In review of request, blueprint plan did not meet specifications. Commissioner DeFazio made a motion to table the matter until September 27, 2023, meeting.

Unity Pharmacy LLC
1057 E Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608
Sheri Cardea, 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.

Unity Pharmacy LLC
1249 W Main Street
Waterbury, CT 06708
Justin Buturla, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio stated for record the change of Pharmacy Manager for this location. 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 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: In review of request, blueprint plan did not meet specifications. Commissioner DeFazio made a motion to table the matter until September 27, 2023, meeting.

Legal Matters

Case Number: 2021-1717 **Walgreens #05134; PCY.0001024**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following a report of loss/theft, which comprised a second, distinct enforcement matter. During investigation, it was determined that there was a period in which this pharmacy operated without a full-time pharmacy manager. The outgoing pharmacy manager appropriately notified the Commission of Pharmacy of their departure. There is currently a pharmacy manager in place with appropriate notification to the Commission.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$1,000. Respondent shall follow relevant statutes/regulations.

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

Case Number: 2022-19033 **Ryan Christopher Bango; PCT.0010221**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacist investigated following an error complaint. This is the second error in a three year period, however Respondent has an error history. Commissioner Linder stepped down in a Compliance Meeting with Respondent.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall be placed on a one year probationary status in which Respondent acknowledges that subsequent errors in such period may result in the reopening of the instant case and additional discipline. Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$2,000, which has been paid. Additionally, within 60 days Respondent shall complete online continuing education courses related to Medical Safety/Reconciliation, and Medical Errors. These hours will not be credited to the Respondent for his annual requirement.

'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.

Genoveffa Cobuzzi
Emma DeCourcy
Julia Eisenstein
Elise El-Kayem
Amanda Esposito
Zahra Farooq
Kayleigh Giannini
Nichola Holcomb
Ehsaneh Hosseipour
Diem Nguyen
Lena Kiss-Mensah
Shivani Patel
Sommee Shin
Dorothy Sarpomaah Yeboah

Reliant Compounded Solutions – Monroe
Walgreens Pharmacy – Wethersfield
Big Y Pharmacy – Stratford
CVS Pharmacy – Southbury
Big Y Pharmacy – New Milford
Unity Pharmacy – Bridgeport
CVS Pharmacy – Naugatuck
Walgreens Pharmacy – East Hampton
CVS Pharmacy – Rocky Hill
CVS Pharmacy – Newington
Walmart Pharmacy – Old Saybrook
Arch Street Pharmacy – New Britain
Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Stamford
Rite Aid Pharmacy – New Haven

Not in Attendance

Christina Verbetsky
Yelena Vishnepolskaya

CVS Pharmacy (Target Store) – Manchester
Walgreens Pharmacy – Canaan

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.

Jennifer N Ashton
Jessica L Cacace
Costanzo G Caparrelli, Jr
Evan K Cleaver
Justin R Dent
Illene C Dezfuli
Aubrey H Dudley
Haley E Hubbard

Reciprocity from Florida
Reciprocity from New York
Reciprocity from Oklahoma
Reciprocity from Texas
Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Reciprocity from Tennessee
Reciprocity from California
Reciprocity from South Carolina

Reciprocity Interview Candidate (s)Cont.

Stephanie Katartzis	Reciprocity from New York
Nicholas T McDonald	Reciprocity from Kentucky
Daniel W Quinn	Reciprocity from Pennsylvania
Lauren E Sittard	Reciprocity from Pennsylvania
Jenna S Steward	Reciprocity from California
Samantha N Steward	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Vivian T Truong	Reciprocity from Virginia
Rebecca Tumminello	Reciprocity from Pennsylvania

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

Request (s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

1Family 1Health Pharmacy Inc – Coconut Grove, FL
1st American Fusion Services LLC – Cockeysville, MD
Alight RX LLC – Hicksville, NY
Alliance Medication Services LLC – Tamaqua, PA
Azina LLC – Dublin OH
Clinical Specialty Infusions of Dallas LLC – West Chester, OH
Lai Pharmacy – Toms River, NJ
Lela Pharmacy – San Antonio, TX
Montefiore Community Pharmacy at Moses – Bronx, NY
Symbria RX New England LLC – Auburn, MA
The Art of Medicine LLC – Philadelphia, PA
The Mount Sinai Hospital – New York, NY

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved Commissioner Carbray seconded passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

1875 Lexington Avenue LLC of NYS – New Paltz, NY
East Bay Pharmacy – Fall River, MA Blend Labs RX LLC – Richmond Hill, NY
Medimetrics Pharmacy LLC – Chandler, AZ
Polomar Specialty Pharmacy LLC – Palm Harbor, FL
SBH Medical LTD – Worthington, OH
Strive Pharmacy – Gilbert, AZ

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 28, 2023

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Linder abstain, Commissioner Inguanti moved and seconded by Commissioner Carbray passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept.

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

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray seconded, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn.

Respectively Submitted,

Angelo DeFazio

Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by

Gina Samples

Gina Samples, Board Administrator