

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY  
November 29, 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 TEAMS.

Commissioners Present: Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Richard Carbray  
Debbie Chisolm  
Mary Inguanti  
Ann Taylor

Kristin Linder – Not in Attendance

Staff Present: Gina Samples, Board Administrator

**New Pharmacy Application (s)**

Medical Hotspots Inc. dba Bailey's Pharmacy  
1137 Main Street, Suite 100  
East Hartford, CT 06108  
Leo Blais, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 5-0, to approve with revised plan, and corrected application question 47 be submitted for 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.

Liberty Food Mart dba Liberty Pharmacy and Food Mart  
886 Campbell Avenue  
West Haven, CT 06516  
Amsa Siddiqui, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 5-0, to approve, and advised to install security in ceiling for abandoned floor above. 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)**

Health Care Pharmacy  
From:  
740 Maple Avenue  
Hartford, 06114  
Anitha Muttavarau, Pharmacy Manager

Health Care Pharmacy  
To:  
753 Maple Avenue  
Hartford, 06114

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm the above relocation, with correction to application on address building number 747 to 753 for new location, passed by a vote of 5-0 provided that all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Stop & Shop Supermarket Co., LLC  
From:  
740 Maple Avenue  
Hartford, 06114  
Traci Ospalek, Pharmacy Manager

Stop & Shop Pharmacy #2618  
To:  
753 Maple Avenue  
Hartford, 06114

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

**Pharmacy Remodel (s)**

Berneys Pharmacy  
615 Howard Avenue  
New Haven, CT 06519  
Sunil Kumar Tickoo, Pharmacy Manager

**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.

Shoprite Pharmacy of Commerce Park  
dba Grade A Shop Rite Commerce Road LLC  
1990 W Main Street  
Stamford, CT 06460  
Dominick Cingari, Representative

**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: 2023-729 **Walgreens #02410; PCY.0001395**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following their failure to remain open for the required 35 hours per week, failure to comply with unscheduled pharmacy closing requirements by being closed more than one calendar day for any one such closing, and for being closed more than twice in a thirty-day period. A total of 12 unscheduled pharmacy closings took place between May 11, 2022, and December 28, 2022.

**Proposed Resolution:**

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$2,000.00, which has been paid.

**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.

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| Patrick Brennan      | Walgreens Pharmacy – East Haven  |
| Ruben Fayzarkov      | CVS Pharmacy – Greenwich         |
| Nathaniel Kahn       | Costco Pharmacy – South Windsor  |
| Chenyeng Lor         | CVS Pharmacy – Manchester        |
| Vanessa Pierre-Louis | Walgreens Pharmacy – New Britain |
| Pamela Nweke         | CVS Pharmacy – Old Greenwich     |
| Jessica Olender      | Nutmeg Pharmacy – Moodus         |
| Asamoah Oteng        | CVS Pharmacy – East Hartford     |
| Yatish Parmar        | CVS Pharmacy – Stamford          |
| Alice Tse            | Rite Aid Pharmacy – Wolcott      |
| Risa Wan             | Walgreens Pharmacy – Torrington  |
| John Wozniak         | CVS Pharmacy – Windsor           |

**First Time' Pharmacy Manager (s) Not in Attendance**

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| Michael Tarpinian | CVS Pharmacy – TBD |
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### **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.

Emman Ashour	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Kayla A Davis	Reciprocity from Vermont
Robert V DeClue	Reciprocity from South Carolina
Tyler A Frederick	Reciprocity from Kentucky
Hayden M Gerrard	Reciprocity from Utah
Jaylan M Hayes	Reciprocity from New York
Kajal Jain	Reciprocity from Georgia
Romina Javadi	Reciprocity from New York
Jon R Keeley	Reciprocity from Ohio
Migdalia M Laste	Reciprocity from New York
Meghan E Morissette	Reciprocity from Virginia
Seema U Patel	Reciprocity from Maryland
Surendra K Puli	Reciprocity from Kentucky
Walaa A Rabouh	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Natalie R Tucker	Reciprocity from Indiana
Kelly M Wilson	Reciprocity from Texas

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above application(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

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

Better Life Pharmacy – Clearwater, FL  
Orsini Pharmaceutical Services LLC – Columbus, OH  
University Hospital Community Pharmacy – Newark, NJ

### **Non-resident Applications – Approved with Additional Information**

Aperture RX LLC – Dublin, OH  
Avevorox LLC – Greensboro, NC  
Banks Apothecary – Trevoise, PA  
Bioplus Specialty Pharmacy Services LLC – Chandler, AZ  
Blend Labs RX LLC – South Richmond Hill, NY  
Bronx Hope RX LLC dba Medking Pharmacy – Bronx, NY  
Curative Pharmacy LLC – Austin, TX  
Health Care Center Pharmacy – Cary, NC  
Konfeti INC – Astoria, NY  
Meta Pharmacy Services dba Barclay Luke & Pillai Specialty – Las Vegas, NV

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

**Request (s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval Cont.**

American Life Pharmacy LLC – Garden City, MI  
Belmar Pharmacy – Eatontown, NJ  
Formulation Compounding Center – Lewisville, TX  
Pharmalogic New York City LLC – Bronx, NY  
Premier Pharmacy – San Antonio, TX  
Primera Compounding LLC – Sugar Land, TX  
Rescuemedics LLC – Annapolis, MD  
RXCompound.com LLC – Miami, FL  
Valiant Pharmacy Holdings LLC – Ypsilanti, MI

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti is requesting additional documents for the above non-resident pharmacy applications for further review.

**Miscellaneous Matters**

The dates for the Commission of Pharmacy Meetings in 2024 were discussed and voted on as the last Wednesday of every month, except the month(s) of February, July and December no meeting(s) are held. The dates are as follows:

January 31, 2024	August 28, 2024
March 27, 2024	September 25, 2024
April 24, 2024	October 30, 2024
May 22, 2024	November 20, 2024
June 26, 2024	

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the proposed meeting dates for the 2024 calendar year.

**Continuing Education Updates**

Drug Control Division Legislative Update Webinar presented by Drug Control Director, Roderick Marriott on November 16, 2023, for 2 CE Live Law Credits the presentation was attended by over 400 attendees. A continuing education course is scheduled for December 11, 2023, with another program course to follow.

**Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)**

October 25, 2023

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Inguanti moved and seconded by Commissioner Taylor 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 5-0 to adjourn.

Respectively Submitted,

*Angelo DeFazio* \_\_\_\_\_

Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by

*Gina Samples* \_\_\_\_\_

Gina Samples, Board Administrator