

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
April 29, 2020

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Commissioner DeFazio. The meeting was held virtually on Microsoft Teams.

Commissioners Present: Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson
Richard Carbray
Debbie Chisolm
Mary Inguanti
Kristin Linder

Staff Present: Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator

Request(s) for Pharmacy Internship(s)

Lucia Bednarova appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a pharmacy internship. The Commission of Pharmacy granted Lucia Bednarova permission to apply for a pharmacy internship.

Sainath Bokka appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a pharmacy internship. The Commission of Pharmacy granted Sainath Bokka permission to apply for a pharmacy internship.

Tahira Khan appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a pharmacy internship. The Commission of Pharmacy granted Tahira Khan permission to apply for a pharmacy internship.

New Pharmacy Application(s)

Care Plus Rx Solutions LLC
250 Indian River Rd.
Orange, CT 06477
Suruchi Khullar, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 5-0 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.

CX Pharmacy
110 Commerce Dr. STE 250
Shelton, CT 06484
Mahboob Rehman, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 5-0 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 Remodel(s)

UCONN Health Pharmacy Services
270 Farmington Ave.
Farmington, CT 06030

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 4-0 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. Commissioner Carbray Abstained from the vote.

CVS Pharmacy#5263
150 Washington Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 5-0 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

Case Number 2018-3530

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case. Commissioner Carbray 'stepped down'. This case involved Licensee is a Connecticut Pharmacist who made a dispensing error and failed to file a Quality Assurance Review within two days from the date of the error. Following this error, a Drug Control Division agent observed the Licensee returning to stock medications already dispensed to patients. Licensee claims these unwanted drugs were accepted at the request of the local police department, which apparently directed individuals to Licensee's pharmacy as a prescription drop off location. Step Down Commissioner in this case was Rick Carbray.

Proposed Resolution: Counsel for the Drug Control Division proposes an agreement in which the licensee shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000. The Division would have sought other requirements, including a 15 hour continuing education course, however the Licensee proactively, and acting in good faith, completed this course on his own prior to the agreement.

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Case Number 2012-927

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved Summary: Former licensee seeks approval for a reinstatement of a Pharmacy Intern License. In 2012, former licensee voluntarily surrendered their license following an arrest involving diversion of drugs from a pharmacy at which they were employed. Following this incident, the former technician engaged in counseling and maintains this treatment. Former Licensee has re-enrolled in their former pharmacy program and would like to complete the internship requirements of that program.

Proposed Resolution: Counsel for the Drug Control Division proposes a reinstatement agreement that is analogous to a pharmacist reinstatement agreement. The agreement allows the former licensee to be licensed as a pharmacy intern, but subjects them to a five year probation period including documented substance abuse treatment at prescribed intervals, self-help group treatment, urine and/or blood screens at prescribed intervals, abstinence from substances, and reporting to the Drug Control Division for monitoring purposes. It also requires the licensee to disclose the agreement to all proctors and employers during the probation period, with an option to call for a compliance meeting to reassess the agreement upon the applicant's completion of their schooling and application for a pharmacist license.

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

Miscellaneous Legal Matters

The Request to modify Steven Dixon's settlement agreement was denied.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and denied by a vote of 5-0 to deny the modification to the above aforementioned settlement agreement.

Miscellaneous Matters

NABP MPJE UPDATE

Agent Gina Abdelghany and Commissioner Mary Inguanti completed the 2020 MPJE item development exercise. This annual assignment consists of accessing the item writing materials via a secure NABP web portal and writing new questions for our CT MPJE exam based on the competency needs outlined by the NABP. We used the item development resources and the template provided for authoring items. A training/ review webinar was held on 2/18/2020 which Commissioner Inguanti participated in. The item writing assignment was completed and submitted on the due date of March 13, 2020

Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)

January 15, 2020

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minutes.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

 Angelo DeFazio

Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by,

 Heather Hoynes

Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator