

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
October 26, 2022

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

Bryan Cafferelli, Not in Attendance

Staff Present: Gina Samples, Board Administrator

Request for Pharmacy Internship(s)

Mohamed E Mostafa appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a pharmacy internship. The Commission of Pharmacy granted Mohamed Mostafa permission to apply for a pharmacy internship

New Pharmacy Applications (s)

Reliant Compounded Solutions
3695 Post Road
Southport, CT 06890
Jack Yeung, 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.

Wolcott Pharmacy
504 Wolcott Road
Wolcott, CT 06716
Deven G Shah, 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 Relocation (s)

Bridgeport Community Pharmacy LLC
From: 192 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Mohammed Kalam, Pharmacy Manager
To: 850 State Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio, Commissioner Chisolm abstained, the above remodel request passed by a vote of 4-0 to approve contingent on areas of concern (zoning, security, sink area) are addressed, and an updated floor plan submitted to the board administrator, and provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

'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, and prescription error reporting.

Giovanni Aresko
Andrew Christensen
Natasha Hartford
Gwendolyn Maueri
Amy McBride
Dennikeya Randolph
Deven G Shah
Paul Yeakley

Omnicare of CT Pharmacy – Cheshire
Walgreens Pharmacy – Shelton
Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Newington
Rite Aid Pharmacy – New Haven
CVS Pharmacy – Bristol
CVS Pharmacy – Milford
Wolcott Pharmacy – Wolcott
RxHealth Pharmacy – Rocky Hill

Not in Attendance

Zvonka Akbas
Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Waterbury

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

Elaine M Augustin	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Sushma Dey	Reciprocity from Wisconsin
Amy L Evans	Reciprocity from Georgia
Megan Gagnon	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Katelyn Galli	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Nana K Le	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Joseph M Levanti	Reciprocity from New York
Susan A Levanti	Reciprocity from New York
Hui J Lin	Reciprocity from Georgia
Jessica L Sain	Reciprocity from New York
Joseph N Teitz	Reciprocity from Maryland
Mohammed Uddin	Reciprocity from Arizona
Tiffany Anna Wu	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Kyrsten M Zigga	Reciprocity from Massachusetts

Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

Blondell RX NY LLC dba Quick RX – Brooklyn, NY
Ivation Pharmacy LLC – Pflugerville, TX
BMS Pharmacy Inc – Wappingers Falls, NY
Healthsource Pharmacy Inc – New York, NY
Pharmko Inc – Lawrence, NY
Quark Inc – Sunnyvale, CA
RX 2 You Inc – Lehigh Acres, FL
VRX Solutions LLC – Framingham, MA
Westbury Drug Corp – Westbury, NY

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

Epic Scripts– Richardson, TX
Everwell Specialty Pharmacy Inc – Los Angeles, CA
Fletcher Panacea Inc – Arden, NC
Medication Management Partners LLC – Crestwood, IL
OSRX Inc #2865 – Missoula, MT

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

Miscellaneous Matters

NABP MPJE Jurisdictions Workshop Update

Agent Rachel Brown and Commissioner Mary Inguanti completed the August – September 2022 MPJE State Specific Review and Pretest Item Selection assignment.

This annual assignment consists of two tasks:

1. Select newly written items to add to the CT question pool
2. Review our current CT pool of test questions (these are previously selected pretest and scored items/questions)

The review and selection assignment were completed and submitted the first week of September.

A total of 3,500 questions were reviewed.

Pharmacist/Pharmacy Technician Ratio / Sunset 12/31/2022

The Commission had an open discussion regarding the expiration date of the extended Technician Ratio 4-1 ratio to revert back to statute/regulations of a 3-1 ratio.

The original order passed legislatively, expired on June 30, 2022, and currently was extended by Commission until December 31, 2022.

It was discussed as an option that this statute/regulation should be addressed legislatively for the fourth pharmacy technician to be a nationally certified immunizer. It was discussed that immunizations are at a higher rate during the Fall / Winter season, and a recommendation was made to extend the regulation 20-576-59 waiver request for the fourth pharmacy technician to be an immunizer/vaccinator.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 5-0 to extend the pharmacy operations of the Pharmacy Technician 4-1 ratio until March 31, 2023, upon expiration date the pharmacy technician will return to statute/ regulation of a pharmacist/pharmacy technician 3-1 ratio.

Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)

September 28, 2022

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder seconded 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.
Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by
Commissioner Linder 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