

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY  
June 29, 2022

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 Zoom.

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

Staff Present: Gina Samples, Board Administrator

**Meeting Observance**

Commissioner Chairman, DeFazio started meeting with a “*moment of silence*” to observe the passing of:  
Dr. Karl A. Nieforth 5<sup>th</sup> Dean of UCONN School of Pharmacy

**Request for Pharmacy Internship(s)**

Ayesha Majeed – Applicant was not in attendance

**New Pharmacy Applications (s)**

Middletown Pharmacy Inc  
682 Main Street  
Middletown, CT 06457  
Mahboob UR Rehman, 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.

Norwich Pharmacy LLC  
77 Salem Tpke Suite 104  
Norwich, CT 06360

Adil Abdul Rehman, 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.

### **Pharmacy Remodel (s)**

Connecticut Pharmacy East Rock LTC  
10 Fairfield Blvd., Unit 2C  
Wallingford, CT 06492

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the above remodel request provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

New Canaan Pharmacy  
44 East Avenue  
New Caanan, CT 06840

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the above remodel request provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Genoa Health Care LLC  
21 Montauk Avenue, Suite 102  
New London, CT 06320

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the above remodel request 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 No. 2020-947 **Phong T. Nguyen**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case. Commissioner Cafferelli 'stepped down'. Summary: The Licensee is a pharmacist that has been investigated by the Drug Control Division for allegedly failing to maintain inventory for controlled substances, combining returned/misbranded prescriptions with open stock bottles and failing to produce records upon an agents request. The Licensee Pharmacist had a prior agreement with the Commission of Pharmacy in an unrelated case to step down as pharmacy manager and not serve as a pharmacy manager again without coming before the Commission; Licensee did not notify the Commission prior to obtaining a position as pharmacy manager in accordance with the prior agreement.

**Proposed Resolution:** This proposed Settlement Agreement calls for the Licensee Pharmacist to pay a \$1,500.00 civil penalty, and to step down as pharmacy manager and not be employed or otherwise serve as a pharmacy manager and/or perform the duties of a pharmacy manager indefinitely; to promptly inform his employer of the Settlement Agreement, and to complete a continuing education course on quality assurance. All agreed upon terms have been fulfilled.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 6-0 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, and prescription error reporting.

George Awwad  
Alyssa Bogan  
Kamil Budnik  
Lauren Briggs  
Jessica Cegelka  
Gerald Choung  
Naureen Fatima  
Thomas Flynn  
Frances Hollon  
Edward Igiebor  
Zeshan Iqbal

Walgreens Pharmacy – Waterbury  
Walgreens Pharmacy – Old Saybrook  
CVS Pharmacy – Berlin  
Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Cromwell  
Stop & Shop Pharmacy – West Haven  
Walgreens Pharmacy – Hamden  
CVS Pharmacy – Norwalk  
Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Milford  
Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Cheshire  
CVS Pharmacy – New Caanaan  
Sunrise Pharmacy – Orange

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

Rubi Jimenez	Stop & Shop Pharmacy – N Southbury
Lorena Lepeley-Lebron	Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Wethersfield
Nathalie Melanson	Genoa Healthcare LLC – Hartford
Rachel Nentwick	CVS Pharmacy – Hartford
Shawn O'Rourke	Stop & Shop – New Haven
Megha Patel	Stop & Shop – Bristol
Teresa Revell	Stop & Shop – Ansonia
Nicolas Roy	Stop & Shop – Westport
Anthony Saputo	Stop & Shop – Westport
Orsola Savi	Stop & Shop – Berlin
Abigail Smets	Rite Aid Pharmacy – Northford
Brent Stanton	Stop & Shop – Tolland
Guo Sheng Teo	Meriden Community Pharmacy – Meriden
Brian Walker	Stop & Shop – Willimantic
Thomas Wallace	Stop & Shop – New Milford
Aaron Wang	CVS Pharmacy – Waterbury
Kevin Yawgel	Walmart Pharmacy – Old Saybrook
Krista Zawistowski	Walgreens Pharmacy – New Milford

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

Ruth Bernadel	Walgreens Pharmacy – New Haven
Lakshman Padi	Dixwell Pharmacy – Hamden

**Pharmacist License – MPJE Law Exam Request**

Kamilla Orzchowski is requesting a final attempt to pass the MPJE Law Exam to obtain her pharmacist license.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant one final attempt to pass the MPJE Law Exam to obtain pharmacist license.

**Pharmacist Renewal 2022 Continuing Education**

**Seo Young Choi** upon license renewal in 2022, did not complete her 2020 & 2021 Continuing Education Requirements. Commission of Pharmacy requested she appear before the Commission. Seo Choi is requesting an extension to complete her CE Credit requirements.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Cafferelli moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant and the extension to complete continuing education requirements for the 2022 renewal, CE's credits needed are 12.75, 10 Live and 1 in Law. Ms. Choi sent verification on 6/17/22 and has completed credits needed. The CE credits that she obtained in 2022 and applied to the 2020 and 2021 renewal cycle to be compliant can not be used going forward for the upcoming renewal on January 31, 2024.

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

Kenyetta Banks, Womens's Business Development Council  
Let's Talk: Manufacturing Cosmetics in the State of Connecticut  
1.0 CEU Live

June 3, 2022, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., Webinar

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Cafferelli moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the above continuing education program credit.

## **Miscellaneous Matters**

### **Pharmacist / Pharmacy Technician Ratio – Regulation 20-576-33**

General Declarations of Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergencies passed by General Assembly is due to expire on June 30, 2022

A waiver in reference to operations of pharmacy law (regulation 20-576-59) of Tech Ratio 3-1 to be able to increase Tech Ratio 4-1 in preparedness of COVID 19 Epidemic. Commissioner DeFazio moved, to extend the 4-1 Tech-Ratio 90 days, until October 1, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Caffarelli.

Discussion: In further review of pharmacy operations, COVID 19 uncertainties and to give pharmacies time to prepare to return to a 3-1 Tech Ratio. it was determined to amend the motion of 90 days and extend the date until the end of the year.

**Commission Action:**

Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Cafferelli and passed by a vote of 6-0 to extend pharmacy operations of Technician Ratio 4-1 until December 31, 2022, upon the expiration date the Technician Ratio will return to Technician Ratio of 3-1.

## **Request to Increase Pharmacy Technician Ratio**

Community Pharmacy – Norwalk

Allison Wiencek, Pharmacy Manager

The pharmacy provides Long-term Care Services and is requesting a waiver to keep the Technician Ratio 4-1. Ms. Wiencek stated that having a fourth Pharmacy Technician helps in pharmacy operations and processing prescriptions safely for patients.

**Commission Action:**

Commissioner DeFazio moved, no seconded motion, the request is not accepted. The matter will be tabled, as the 4-1 Technician Ratio has been extended until December 31, 2022.

## **Miscellaneous Matters**

### Pharmacist License Renewal Change / Annually

Gina Samples, clarified a change notice affecting general statute 20-593, Effective July 1, 2022, the Pharmacist license renewal has changed to an annual renewal and, renewal fee of \$100.

Pharmacists that obtained license after the July 1, 2022, the license renewal date will have an expiration date of January 31, 2023.

Pharmacists that renewed the license before July 1, 2022, the license expiration date will remain as January 31, 2024.

### NABP Annual Meeting Update

Debbie Chisolm attended in May 2022, The NABP 118<sup>TH</sup> Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ. The seminar focus was on "Workplace Conditions"

New NABP President, Reggie Dillard as part of his initiative will be addressing workplace conditions. The discussions in how to address pharmacist concerns and the best way to gather data depending on the workplace environment type.

NABP to examine looking at pharmacists as healthcare provider(s).

Topic discussions on gathering information and resolutions regarding i.e.,

E-prescribing, tele-pharmacy, and multi-state pharmacist licensure.

Website NABP Pharmacy Link: <https://nabp.pharmacy/>

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

Apovia Pharmacy – Sharon Hill, PA

Covetrus North America LLC – Elizabethtown, PA

MedMinder Systems, INC dba MedMinder Pharmacy – Brooklyn, NY

QualityHealth Pharmacy LLC – Cherry Hill, NJ

RGH Enterprises LLC – Twinsburg, OH

dba Edgepark Medical Supplies; Cardinal Health at Home

Seblea Pharma RX Direct – Braintree, MA

St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center – New York, NY

The Pharmacy Hub – Miami, FL

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Cafarelli and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Glendale Pharmacy – San Antonio, TX

Walgreen Eastern CO INC – New York, 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)**

May 25, 2022

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Cafferelli and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minutes.

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

Respectively Submitted,

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

Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by

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

Gina Samples, Board Administrator