

Commission of Pharmacy
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Commissioners and staff present:

Steve Beaudin	deLinda Brown-Jagne, Board Administrator
Edith Goodmaster	Steve Schwane, DCP Legal Counsel
Mary Inguanti	
Jean Mulvihill	
William Summa, Chair	
Fred Vegliante	

Others present:

Mariamama Abraham	Mmoa Agbere
Lawrence Beninati	Paul Didona
Bernadette Ellegard	Gabrielle Jacknin
Thientran Le	Jighna Patel
Mansi Patel	Muktibahen Patel
David Prussack	Mark Rubino
Troy Ruff	Mamta Singh
Jennifer Tan	Peter Tyczkowski (and UConn students)
Jonah Tyler	Walgreens Interns
Kirsten Watson	Zelma Woodson

Interview fo Reciprocity Candidates

Prior to being individually sworn in by Commissioner Summa, he provided a brief overview of the reasons why the following questions are asked during the interview process. The reasons for the interview includes to ensure proper communication skills since the pharmacist will need to interact with patients and consumers, as well as give the pharmacist an opportunity to explain and past disciplinary action.

The questions asked by the Commission are as follows:

1. Have you ever been before a Board for anything other than routine matters?
2. Have you ever had a problem with drugs or alcohol?
3. Do you know the CE requirements for Connecticut?
4. Why are you seeking licensure in Connecticut?

Mariamama Abraham	From Texas
Wexford, PA	

Mmoa Agbere	From New York
Stratford, CT	

Bernadette Ellegard	From New York
Kent, CT	

Gabrielle Jacknin West Hartford, CT	From Pennsylvania
Thientran Le Seattle, WA	From Washington
*Brian O'Neil Chicopee, MA	From Massachusetts
Jighna Patel West Hartford, CT	From Oregon
Mansi Patel Canton, MI	From Michigan Pending MPJE score
David Prussack New York, NY	From Pennsylvania
Jennifer Tan Plainville, CT	From Virginia

Commission action: Commission Beaudin motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and passed a vote of 6-0 approving the above applicants for reciprocity.

**Note: Brian O'Neil was thought to be a no show, however, it was verified that he appeared and was approved for reciprocity pending a passing MPJE score in May 2007.*

First Time Managers

Commissioner Summa provided an overview of the responsibilities of the first-time pharmacy manager. A handout was provided to the pharmacists which has answers to questions first-time managers may have. Commissioner Summa also stressed the importance of the pharmacy manager's role as opposed to the front-store manager (in many retail settings).

Commissioner Inguanti also provided an overview of the FDA's MedWatch program.

Paul Didona PCT.9940	Rite Aid #10385 Danbury, CT
Muktibahen Patel PCT.10883	Rite Aid #10392 Stamford, CT
*Christoper Plude	Rite Aid
*Gordon Wall PCT.7781	CVS/Pharmacy #71 Milford, CT
Daniela Valencia PCT.10087	Walgreens #9821 New Canaan, CT

**The above first-time managers did not appear before the Commission.*

Application for Pharmacy Internship

Mamta Patel (approved for internship)

New Pharmacy Applications

Walgreens #10310
780 East Main Street
Stamford, CT 06092

Jonah Tyler

Wellness Works Center Pharmacy
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105

Mark Rubino

Plans for the above pharmacies were reviewed and approved.

Pharmacy Remodel

Wal-Mart #10-2900
80 Town Line Road
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

PCY.1749
Zelma Woodson

Remodeling plans for the above pharmacy was reviewed and approved.

Pharmacy Relocations

*CVS/Pharmacy #1148
From:
959 South Main Street
Cheshire, CT 06410

PCY.654
To:
905 South Main Street
Cheshire, CT 06410

Commission action: Commissioner Goodmaster motioned, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed a vote of 6-0 to accept the application for Walgreens' new pharmacy application.

Commissioner Goodmaster motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and passed a vote of 6-0 to accept the new pharmacy application for Wellness Works Center Pharmacy pending reapplication as a Specialty Pharmacy.

**Note: Representative did not appear regarding the relocation; will appear at the September meeting.*

Legal Matters

DN 08-694 Simsbury Pharmacy was routinely inspected and cited for various discrepancies. Proposed agreement is for a \$3000 civil penalty. *Commissioner Vegliante motioned, seconded*

by Commissioner Goodmaster and this agreement was accepted by the Commission of Pharmacy by a vote of 5-0. (Commissioner Inguanti was not present during the vote.)

DN 08-590 Various Walgreens pharmacies were found to have a number of alleged violations. Proposed agreement resolves all pending matters. *Commissioner Mulvihill motioned, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and this agreement was accepted by the Commission of Pharmacy by a vote of 6-0.*

DN 2008-226 Samuel Kranc was seeking an agreement modification; he called and was unable to attend the meeting.

DN 08-551 Richard Pytel surrendered his license in November of 2007 for diverting drugs. The Department is satisfied that this pharmacist has taken the necessary steps to regain his license. He has a record of drug counseling, negative drug screens and a letter from his counselor recommending reinstatement. The proposed agreement is typical for this kind of situation. *Commissioner Beaudin motioned, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and this agreement was accepted by the Commission of Pharmacy by a vote of 6-0.*

DN 08-711 CVS #1125 permitted a pharmacy technician to work with a lapsed registration. Also, a complaint was filed by a customer claiming that the refill of her insulin prescription was mishandled so that she went without insulin for an evening. Miscommunication between the pharmacy technician and the pharmacist appears to have resulted in the failure to refill the prescription in a timely manner. The department is recommending a \$750 civil penalty to the pharmacy, \$500 for the unregistered technician, and \$250 for the insulin prescription matter. *Commissioner Goodmaster motioned, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and this agreement was accepted by the Commission of Pharmacy by a vote of 6-0.*

DN 08-712 CVS #1149 and CVS #2143 alleged violations involved unregistered pharmacy technicians and technician/pharmacist ratios. This agreement resolves both pending matters with a civil penalty of \$6,000 (\$500 for each technician registration violation and \$1,000 for the one ratio violation). *Commissioner Inguanti motioned, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and this agreement was accepted by the Commission of Pharmacy by a vote of 6-0.*

DN 08-620 The Drug Control Division investigated a pharmacy for failing to have a pharmacist manager at all times. The pending matter against that pharmacy will be resolved separately. The investigation also revealed that an out-of-state pharmacist, Shahnaz Balakhanpour, with a Temporary Permit was practicing without supervision, and acting as pharmacist manager. The department is recommending a \$1,000 civil penalty to the pharmacist. *This proposed agreement was accepted by the Commission of Pharmacy.*

DISMISSALS:

2008-916 2008-1619 2008-1520 2008-986 2008-2075

Commission action: Commissioner Beaudin motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and passed a vote of 6-0 to dismiss the above-referenced prescription error cases.

Request for CE Waivers, etc.

None

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Inguanti discussed the Collaborative Drug Therapy Management in a Community Pharmacy pilot program. Participation in the pilot is contingent upon the fact that a written protocol-based collaborative drug therapy management agreement must be entered into with one or more physicians licensed under Chapter 370 of the Connecticut General Statutes to manage the drug therapy of individual patients for the disease states you indicated on the application.

There were five applications received, reviewed and approved. Commissioner Inguanti will notify the applicants of their approval, however, a formal acceptance letter will be sent by Commissioner Summa.

A preliminary report will be configured before December 2008.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of June 2008 minutes.

Commissioner Beaudin motioned, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Goodmaster abstained, without stating a reason) to approve and accept the meeting minutes of June 2008.

Commissioner Summa stated that the minutes, however, must always include the names of the pharmacists or pharmacies involved in Legal matters.

Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications

Affinity Biotech
1810 North 203rd Street
Omaha, NE 68022-2855

Cornerstone Pharmacy
2511 Cornerstone Blvd
Edinburg, TX 78539

Crescent Healthcare, Inc.
1990 W. Crescent Ave
Anaheim, CA 92801

El Rey Rx, Inc.
5310 Whittier Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90022

Healthwarehouse.com
100 Commerce Blvd
Loveland, OH 45140

HomeCare Services, Inc.
55 Livery Street
Metuchen, NJ 08840

Matrix Pharmacy, LLC
5706 Benjamin Center Drive #103
Tampa, FL 33634

MedPro Rx, Inc.
140 Northway Court
Raleigh, NC 27615

Morabiyo's Pharmacy
21 North 20th Street
Kenilworth, NJ 07033

R & B Pharmacy
d/b/a Clark's Pharmacy
36889 North Tom Darlington Road
Carefree, AZ 85377

West River Pharm, Inc.
140 Locke Drive
Marlborough, MA 01752

Commission action: Commissioner Beaudin motioned, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and passed a vote of 6-0 to approve the above applications for reciprocity.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was given by Commissioner Vegliante and seconded by Commissioner Beaudin. A 6-0 vote was passed for the meeting's adjournment.