

**Commission of Pharmacy**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**WEDNESDAY, December 17, 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:**

Robert Braley	Brian Essenter
Julianna Greggos	Han Hang
Nancy Liang	Arti Mahajan
Norma E. Mendez	Mary Nogueira
Amar Patel	Sophia Paul
Janet Robinson	Troy Ruff
Yadwinder Singh	Shweta Singhal
Jon Thiboutot	Dennis Tito
Chandra Vipparla	

**Interview of 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?
5. What is the pharmacy technician ratio in Connecticut?

Nancy Liang Bayside, NY	From New York
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Arti Mahajan White Plains, NY	From New Hampshire
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Norma Mendez West Hartford, CT	From Puerto Rico
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Mary Nogueira  
E. Rockaway, NY

From New York

Amar Patel  
New Windsor, NY

From Massachusetts

Sophia Paul  
Manhasset Hills, NY

From Massachusetts

Janet Robinson  
Longmeadow, MA

From Missouri

Dennis Tito  
Kennebunkport, ME

From Maine

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

### **First Time Managers**

Commissioner Summa explained the responsibilities of the first-time pharmacy manager and the reason for their appearance before the Commission. 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 a brief overview of reporting errors and the MedWatch program.

Brian Essenter  
PCT.10683

Walgreens #5406  
Hamden, CT

Julianna Greggos  
PCT.11069

Rite Aid #2574  
Milford, CT

Katrina McGreevy  
PCT.10517

Rite Aid #10362  
Colchester, CT

Mary Nogueira  
PCT.11077

Bryce Laboratories  
Stamford, CT

Amar Patel  
PCT.11181

Pending Employment

Dennis Tito  
PCT.11143

Rite Aid Pharmacy  
Pending

Chandra Vipparla  
PCT.10449

Berneys Pharmacy  
New Haven, CT

### **Application for Pharmacy Internship**

Shumet Hailu  
Shweta Singhal

**Commission action:** The above applicants were approved for internships as Foreign Pharmacy Graduates.

### **New Pharmacy Applications**

Berneys Pharmacy  
609 Howard Avenue  
New Haven, CT 06511

Chandra Vipparla

Sam's Club Pharmacy #10-6636  
3465 Berlin Turnpike  
Newington, CT 06111

Judith Jorgenson  
*(Did not attend December meeting)*

### **Pharmacy Remodel**

None

### **Pharmacy Relocations**

Walgreens #13110  
From:  
525 Farmington Avenue  
Bristol, CT 06010

To:  
20 Jerome Avenue  
Bristol, CT 06010

**Commission action:** Commissioner Goodmaster motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and passed a vote of 6-0 approving the above new pharmacies and pharmacy relocations.

### **Legal Matters**

**DN 08-1638** Pharmacist, Mark Cottle, who surrendered his license in 2007 for drug diversion has satisfied the Department and has taken necessary steps to regain his license. *Approved agreement is a typical settlement agreement for license reinstatement.*

**DN 08-1743** Pharmacist, Puja Bhalodi, disclosed a customer's confidential information. *Approved agreement is for a \$500 civil penalty and to take the continuing education course.*

**DN 08-1647** Pharmacist, Robert Berlin, knowingly and willfully submitted fraudulent prescriptions to insurance companies, most notably ConnectiCare, and received payments

totaling approximately \$564,667.88 from these companies. *Approved agreement is for license suspension. Pharmacist may request reinstatement after 33 months.*

Discussion of proposed changes to the handling of prescription error cases: First-time errors will continue to be handled as they are now. However, when an error is made for the second time within a three-year period, the following may occur:

- The pharmacist will be required to take the CE course currently offered along with receiving a letter of reprimand
- Depending on the nature of the error and the time between errors, the pharmacist may be required to pay a civil penalty; a review of the pharmacist and the pharmacy error history will be conducted as well.

### **DISMISSALS:**

2008-1419	2008-3939	2008-452
2008-3924	2008-2895	2007-9225
2008-3100		

**Commission action:** Commissioner Goodmaster motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and passed a vote of 6-0 accepting above prescription error cases for dismissal.

**Fact Finding for DN 08-1224** Heather Gulyas, Pharmacy Technician

### **Request for CE Waiver, etc.**

Sandra Grillo is requesting her enrollment in a MBA program at University of New Haven be considered for acceptance as her annual CE requirement for 2008. *Request is denied, as there was no science or pharmacy-related courses included in her studies.*

Mark Mikkelson is requesting a waiver of 10 written credits be considered for 2008 due to his preparation for the Board Certification Exam in Oncology. He will meet the written requirement before the end of the year. *Submittal and review of additional documentation is necessary before a decision can be made.*

Catherine Willmore is requesting acceptance of 15 Live CE credits obtained during her attendance the 2008 Neuroscience convention. *Request is approved.*

### **Request for CE Program Approval**

UConn Health Center Department of Pharmacy: “Clinically Significant Drug Interactions with Warfarin” – 1 Live Credit  
*Submit to UConn for approval as they offer CEUs for their programs.*

### **Miscellaneous**

The following are requesting an extension of their temporary permits:

- Melissa Cochran – in order to take the MPJE

- Edwin Gorham – in order to take the MPJE
- Sophia Paul – to be able to work until reciprocity interview

**Commission action:** Commissioner Goodmaster motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and passed a vote of 6-0 accepting extending the above temp permits.

Status of Collaborative Practice Pilot Program – Commissioner Inguanti reported that there is insufficient information for to write a report on the pilot program. Commissioner Inguanti will write a notice explaining why no report can be made at this time.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of October 2008 and November minutes

**Commission action:** Commissioner Goodmaster motioned, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed a vote of 6-0 approving the meeting minutes of October and November 2008.

### **Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications**

Center Pharmacy  
4900 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20016

Great Neck Chemists Inc of NY  
d/b/a Precision LTC Pharmacy  
665 Middle Neck Road  
Great Neck, NY 11023

Health Trans Pharmacy  
8300 E. Maplewood Avenue  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

ISORX, Inc.  
84 Marina Bay Pkwy, Unit #9  
Richmond, CA 94804

Mallinckrodt Inc.  
300 John Dietsch Boulevard  
North Attleboro MA 02763

PrarieStone Ppharmacy, LLC  
d/b/a DailyMed Pharmacy  
9525 Delegates Row  
Indianapolis, IN 46240-3807

**Commission action:** Commissioner Beaudin motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and passed a vote of 6-0 accepting the above non-resident pharmacy applications for approval.

**Adjournment**

A motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Veglianti and seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill. A 6-0 vote was passed for the meeting's adjournment.