

**Commission of Pharmacy**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**WEDNESDAY, February 25, 2009**

**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:**

Anthony Ajegba	John Athanasatos
Arthur Aylaroff	Maimoona Chinwala
Jessica Dion	Lucrezia Finegan
James Kilgus	Carly Kruchten-Sheriden
Kevin McGonicle	Deb de Melo
Diane Monte	Katherine Nowak
Fred Polseno	Madhusudhan Samprathi
Bill Schomer (Genoa Healthcare)	Marijana Stefanovic
Peter Tyczkowski	Jonah Tyler

**Interview of Reciprocity Candidates**

Commissioner Summa 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?

John Athanasatos Brooklyn, NY	From New Jersey
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Arthur Aylaroff Rego Park, NY	From New Jersey
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Jessica Dion Broad Brook, CT	From Massachusetts
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James Kilgus  
Brooklyn, CT

From Pennsylvania  
Pending MPJE results

Kevin McGonigle  
Oreland, PA

From Pennsylvania

Diane Monte  
Orange, CT

From Tennessee  
Pending MPJE results

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

### **First Time Managers**

Commissioner Summa summarized the responsibilities of those appearing as first-time pharmacy managers and the reason for their appearance before the Commission. (A handout which has answers to questions first-time managers may have is being sent via e-mail to the pharmacists.) Commissioner Summa also emphasized 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. A link to the web site was sent via e-mail as well.

James Kilgus  
Pending CT Licensure

Genoa Healthcare of CT  
Dayville

Carly Kruchten-Sheriden  
PCT.11033

CVS  
Meriden

Katherine Nowak  
PCT.10953

Walgreens #1826  
West Hartford

### **Application for Pharmacy Internship**

Maimoona Chinwala  
Madhusudhan Samprathi  
Marijana Stefanovic

The above individuals were approved for internships.

### **New Pharmacy Applications**

\*Genoa Healthcare of Connecticut, LLC  
1007 North Main Street  
P.O. Box 839  
Dayville, CT 06241

James Kilgus



## **Legal Matters**

**DN 09-17** Rite Aid Pharmacy #10384 (PCY.1883) was subject to a scheduled inspection by Drug Control and was cited for having outdated prescription and over-the counter drugs. These conditions were not satisfactorily resolved during a re-inspection. *The recommended civil penalty of \$1,000 was approved.*

**DN 09-18** Rite Aid Pharmacy #10384 was managed by Mark Osowski (PCT.4880) and was subject to a scheduled inspection by Drug Control. The pharmacy was cited for having outdated prescription and over-the counter drugs. These conditions were not satisfactorily resolved during a re-inspection. *The recommended Letter of Reprimand to the pharmacist manager was approved. The pharmacy will pay a civil penalty.*

**DN 08-1263** Drug Shoppe Health Solutions of Connecticut, Inc. (PCY.2068) was investigated for allowing a pharmacist with only a temporary permit to act as pharmacist manager and to practice without the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist, and for certain recordkeeping and other pharmacy law violations. *The recommended one-year probation with additional inspections, a requirement for written pharmacy procedures, and a civil penalty of \$10,000 was approved.*

**DN 09-08** This agreement resolves an investigation of Grieb's Darien Pharmacy (PCY.118) and its pharmacist manager/owner, Charles Hibben (PCT.4972). These licensees were investigated for: 1) permitting a person to work as a pharmacist whose Connecticut pharmacist license was surrendered, and 2) failing to notify the federal Drug Enforcement Administration and the Department of Consumer Protection of a loss of controlled substances within the time period required by law. This case was delayed because of a companion action by the United States Attorney's Office. *The agreement requiring the pharmacist to serve an active 15-day suspension and requiring the pharmacy to pay a \$10,000 civil penalty was approved.*

**DN 09-224** This agreement concerns a John Wahlberg (PTN.11422), Pharmacy Technician, who applied for a pharmacy technician registration in 2006. This application was denied because of an incident involving a prescription at a Vermont pharmacy brought to the attention of the Drug Control Division. The applicant reapplied recently and met with this department to present reasons why his present application should be granted. The applicant presented letters of support, including one from the pharmacy manager of the pharmacy willing to hire him. *This agreement grants the applicant a registration and places it on probation for three years. The department believes the restrictions during the probationary period are sufficient to protect the public and permit the applicant to be registered.*

**DN 08-1473** Stephen Piechota (PCT.4013) owns a health and nutrition store that is not a licensed pharmacy. In a previous matter, the pharmacist was penalized for using the terms "pharmacy" and "drugs" in connection with this store. Drug Control again observed signs using these terms long after the pharmacist was instructed to remove the

signs. *The agreement calling for the payment of a \$2000 civil penalty and an Order of Immediate Discontinuance was approved..*

**DN 09-173** Typical reinstatement of licensure.

**HEARING:**

**DN 08-926** James S. Beaumariage

**DISMISSALS:**

2008-2477

**Request for CE Waivers, etc.**

Alpa Patel is requesting a waiver of five live credits for 2008 and the acceptance of additional written credits obtained. Approved 2008; do webinars for 2009

Ethan Stier is requesting acceptance of CEUs obtained when attending a three-day workshop entitled, "An Introduction to the Design, Role, and Utility of Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics in Drug Development." Approved

**Commission action:** Commissioner Beaudin motioned, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed a vote of 6-0 accepting the above CE waiver requests.

**Miscellaneous**

Debra deMelo is requesting direction from Commission as to how to obtain work experience necessary for licensure. *Commission advised Ms. deMelo to register as a Pharmacy Technician and obtain necessary experience.*

Yadwinder Singh (PTP.310) is requesting a 3-month extension of his temporary permit in order to pass the MPJE. *Extension granted.*

Electronic Data Intermediary Application for eHealth Solutions, Inc., New York, NY – *Commission determined that this entity was not classified as an EDI.*

Check w/NABP re: acceptance of reciprocity application from FL and CA. *Most states are allowing transfer as long as applicant has taken the NAPLEX/NABPLEX to become licensed.*

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of minutes of January 28, 2009

**Commission action:** Commissioner Goodmaster motioned, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and passed a vote of 6-0 accepting the above minutes with revisions.

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

Ameridose, LLC  
50 Fountain Street  
Framingham, MA 01702

Ameridose, LLC  
205 Flanders Road  
Westborough, MA 01581

Caremark Florida Specialty Pharmacy, LLC  
7930 Woodland Center Blvd. Ste 500  
Tampa, FL 33614

Critical Care Systems  
191 Bay State Drive  
Braintree, MA 02184-5203

RxStat  
3251 Tech Drive North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

The RX Co.  
550 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue East  
West Fargo, ND 58078

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned following James Beaumariage hearing.