

Commission of Pharmacy
Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, July 29, 2009

Commissioners and staff present:

Steve Beaudin
Edith Goodmaster
Jean Mulvihill
William Summa, Chair
Fred Vegliante

deLinda Brown-Jagne, Board Administrator
Steve Schwane, DCP Legal Counsel

Absent:
Mary Inguanti

Others present:

Richard Anderson
Bradley Carson
Andrea Denis
Sara Harrington
Richard Hurd
Erin Lewis
Christina Orlyn
Anil Puligilla
Kevin Riveroll
Nancy Sumberaz
Kunjal Vyas
Robert Zirlis

Ayoola Awosika
Gregg Casarona
Rosalba Gugliotti
Heather Harris
Victorine Jacques
Dr. Joseph Ofosu
Bhargavi Patel
Dr. Pamela Trotman Reid
Troy Ruff
Jonah Tyler
Kirstin Watson

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 past experience and/or any 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 alcohol or drugs?
3. Why are you seeking licensure in Connecticut?
4. What are Connecticut's continuing education requirements?
5. What are the Pharmacist/Pharmacy Technician ratios?

Ayoola Awosika
Providence, RI

From Rhode Island

*Barge Flores, Deborah Milford, CT	From Texas
Andrea Denis Chestnut Hill, MA	From Massachusetts
Richard Hurd Rocky Hill, CT	From New Jersey
Victorine Jacques Chelmsford, MA	From New York
Stefanie Nigro Marblehead, MA	From New York
*David Shapera Hummelstown, PA	From Pennsylvania
Bhargavi Patel Flushing, NY	From Florida
Nancy Sumberaz Ridgefield, CT	From New Jersey

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above applicants for licensure by reciprocity.

Chairman Summa took a brief pause in the agenda to welcome and acknowledge Dr. Pamela Trotman Reid, President of St. Joseph's College, and Dr. Joseph Ofosu, Dean of St. Joseph's College School of Pharmacy, who were in attendance.

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 will be sent via e-mail directly to the pharmacists who appear today.) Commissioner Summa also emphasized the importance of the pharmacy manager's role as opposed to the front-store manager (in many retail settings).

In Commissioner Inguanti's absence, Commissioner Beaudin provided first-time managers with a brief overview of reporting errors and the MedWatch program. (A link to the web site is being sent to them via e-mail as well.)

Sara Harrington
PCT.10988

CVS/Pharmacy
East Lyme

Anil Puligilla
PCT.11100

Manchester Pharmacy
Manchester

Kimberly Riveroll
PCT.9211

CVS/Pharmacy 1912
Stamford

Kunjai Vyas
PCT.10989

CVS/Pharmacy #1149
Norwalk

Application for Pharmacy Internship

Michael Grant appeared before the Commission to request an internship as a graduate of a foreign pharmacy program. Discussion involved Mr. Grant explaining his reasons for wanting to become a pharmacist in Connecticut, his Ghanaian education, as well as his experience as a pharmacist in Ghana's military environment.

Commission action: The above applicant was accepted for an internship as foreign pharmacy graduate.

New Pharmacy Applications

CVS/Pharmacy #4473 Sara Harrington, Manager
15 Chesterfield Road
East Lyme, CT 06333
*with partial closing application

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Goodmaster, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 4-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy applications (Commissioner Mulvihill could not vote the matter).

Pharmacy Remodel

CVS/Pharmacy #718 PCY.1239
24-36 Pershing Drive
Ansonia, CT 06401

CVS/Pharmacy #1153 PCY.1435
1875 Boston Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06610

CVS/Pharmacy #288 PCY.331
839 Farmington Avenue, Rte 6
Bristol Shopping Center

Bristol, CT 06010

CVS/Pharmacy #760 PCY.1242
713 West main Street
New Britain, CT 06053

CVS/Pharmacy #1897 PCY.1625
6 Queen Street
Newtown, CT 06470

CVS/Pharmacy #1123 PCY.1388
22 Depot Hill Road
Southbury, CT 06488

CVS/Pharmacy #231 PCY.1085
142 Talcottville Road
Vernon, CT 06066

Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-3545 PCY.1809
2300 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514

Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-3548 PCY.1813
910 Wolcott Street
Waterbury, CT 06705

Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2331 PCY.1581
155 Waterford Pkwy North
Waterford, CT 06385

Pharmacy Relocations

CVS/Pharmacy #1960 Rosalba Gugliotti, Manager
1279 West Main Street
Waterbury, CT 06708
*with partial closing application

(The) Medicine Shoppe #1758 PCY.1772
From: **To:**
166 West Broad Street 296 Bedford Street
Stamford, CT 06906 Stamford, CT 06901

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Vegliante, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 4-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy remodels and relocations (Commissioner Mulvihill could not vote the matter).

Legal Matters

DN 09-640 Drug Control investigated a prescription error and noted that the pharmacy, Target Pharmacy #1544 (PCY.1897) failed provide, after several requests, the Quality Assurance report that was claimed to have been completed. *The Department is recommended a civil penalty of \$1,000, which was granted/approved by the Commission.*

HEARINGS:

1:30 p.m. DN 09-661 In the Matter of Holland Nguyen: The complaint has been dismissed as this pharmacist does not have an active license to practice pharmacy in Connecticut.

Miscellaneous

St. Joseph's College School of Pharmacy overview – Dr. Reid thanked the Commission for the invitation to today's meeting and provided the Commission with a brief history and overview of St. Joseph's College and the reason(s) for opening a School of Pharmacy. SJC currently offers programs in nursing, nutrition, social work and counseling. However, the new school will be the first professional degree program offered.

Dr. Ofosu provided his brief personal and professional history as well as provided a detailed explanation of the School of Pharmacy's entry requirements. The school is currently seeking accreditation and has an anticipated opening date of Fall 2010 in which 60-65 students will initially be enrolled. A rigorous application and selection process is scheduled to begin as early as January 2010.

Dr. Ofosu also reiterated that the School's mission is to train and educate students for the community.

Suburban Pharmacy's request for increased technician ratio – There was discussion regarding written request (appeared in person at June meeting) to increase Pharmacy Technician ratio to 4:1. *Decision will be voted in August*

Omnicare follow-up to ALV proposal – Chairman Summa informed Mike Gemma that the Commission, due to current laws and regulations, is unable to grant a waiver of the final check by a pharmacist and, therefore, is unable to approve the use of the ALV without a pharmacist providing the final check. However, the Commission will assign a Commissioner to work with Drug Control, Mr. Gemma, and other pharmacy representatives, with the intent to change current regulations in order to allow for technological advancements in the pharmacy field.

UConn – Dr. Hritcko provided follow-up to last month's presentation regarding Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences and Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences and the new ACPE standards for professional pharmacy students.

Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes will take place at the August meeting

Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications

Covance Specialty Pharmacy, LLC
500 Eagles Landing Drive, Ste A
Lakeland, FL 33810

Home Infusion Solutions, LLC
d/b/a Home Solutions
3 Regent Street, Ste 306
Livingston, NJ 07039

Hometech Terapies, Inc.
501 Elmwood Avenue, Ste A
Sharon Hill, PA 19079

One Stop Pharmacy Creations, Inc., LLC
3193 Tech Drive, Ste B
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

PVPL Pharmacy
10077 South 134th Street
Omaha, NE 68138

QPharma, Inc.
45 Horsehill Road, Suite 103
Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927

Steven's Pharmacy
1525 Mesa Verde Dr. E
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

US Compounding
2515 College
Conway, AR 72034

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Mulvihill, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above applicants for non-resident pharmacy licensure.

Adjournment