

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
June 21, 2017

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Commissioner DeFazio. The meeting was held in the meeting was held in Plaza North Room C&D, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103

Commissioners Present: Angelo DeFazio, Acting Chairperson
Steve Beaudin
Richard Carbray
Debbie Chisolm
Edith G. Goodmaster
Mary Inguanti

Staff Present: Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator

Interview of Reciprocity Candidate(s)

The following candidate(s) were interviewed over the telephone and attested that the information provided was true and accurate to the best of their belief and understood that any misrepresentation of the facts could result in a fine and/or denial of pharmacist licensure in Connecticut.

Hiba Ahmad	Reciprocity from Florida
Kailynn Deronde	Reciprocity from Colorado
Amy Folta	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Mark Lovitz	Reciprocity from New York
Trang Mai	Reciprocity from Texas
Sandhya Patel	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Vrushank Patel	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Marta Stueve	Reciprocity from Oregon

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above application(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

New Pharmacy Application(s)

Community, A Walgreens Pharmacy #16548
300 Fairfield Ave, Suite 103
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Julian Koruni, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm Commissioner 'stepped down' Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of 4-0 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)

Walgreens #02858
633 Washington Street
Middletown, CT 06457

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the above pharmacy remodel plans provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Pfizer New Haven Clinical Research Unit
1 Howe Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the above pharmacy remodel plans provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Legal Matters

Docket Number 2016 – 742 Darrell Machir, RPh

Attorney Bryan Cafferelli presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved The Licensee is a pharmacist that voluntarily surrendered their license in 2016, after allegations of illicit drug use. The licensee did not have any violations prior to the surrender. This Reinstatement Agreement contains prerequisites for reinstatement and a three year probationary period with strict controls and oversight, including random drug screenings, substance abuse treatment, counseling, attendance at self-help group meetings and restrictions on working as a licensed pharmacist with regard to managing or ordering controlled substances.

Commission Action: Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 2016 – 897 Sang Woo Lee, RPh

Attorney Bryan Cafferelli presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved The Licensee is a pharmacist that has been investigated by the Drug Control Division for:

- (1) accepting, for return to regular stock, drugs already dispensed in good faith or delivered from a pharmacy, and exposed to possible contamination or substitution;
- (2) performing or been a party to a fraudulent or deceitful practice or transaction in billing returned prescriptions as dispensed; and
- (3) failing to maintain all equipment used for storage of controlled substances such as approved vault(s), approved safe(s), caged areas, cabinets, enclosures, etc., securely locked except for the actual time required to remove or replace, needed items.

The licensee does not have a history of any prior violations.

This Settlement Agreement calls for a \$5,000.00 dollar civil penalty, and reimbursement of any insurance money received on any billed prescriptions that were dispensed but returned by the consumer.

Commission Action: Commissioner Goodmaster abstained, Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 2016 – 969 Diane Servedio, RPh

Attorney Bryan Cafferelli presented this case. Commissioner Carbray ‘stepped down’. This case involved The Licensee is a pharmacist that voluntarily surrendered their license in 2016, after allegations of diversion of controlled substances. The licensee did not have any violations prior to the surrender. This Reinstatement Agreement contains prerequisites for reinstatement and a five year probationary period with strict controls and oversight, including random drug screenings, substance abuse treatment, counseling, attendance at self-help group meetings and restrictions on working alone as a licensed pharmacist, managing a pharmacy or ordering controlled substances.

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 2016 – 1742 Joseph Petricone, RPh

Attorney Bryan Cafferelli presented this case. No Commissioner ‘stepped down’. This case involved The Licensee is a pharmacist that has been investigated by the Drug Control Division for failure to maintain stocks of controlled substances in a manner to prevent theft or diversion and properly supervise technicians. The licensee has one prior prescription error violation (from 2015) for which they completed a continuing education course and received a letter of caution. This Settlement Agreement calls for a (1) \$5,700.00 dollar civil penalty and (2) stipulations that the licensee maintain the following policies that were implemented as a result of this investigation:

- a) lockers shall be maintained in a back room for employees to store their belongings;
- b) Pharmacy shall be monitored and recorded by cameras, including the back room;
- c) controlled substances shall not be stored or dispensed from the “robot” prescription filling device;
- d) all controlled substances shall be stored in a securely locked safe except for the actual time required to remove or replace items by a licensed pharmacist;
- e) all controlled substances are to be counted only by a licensed pharmacist;
- f) all controlled substance orders are to only be checked in by a licensed pharmacist;
- g) the pharmacy manager’s office shall be kept locked when not in use;

- h) Licensee shall perform monthly audits of Tylenol w/ Codeine #3®, Carisoprodol and 20 additional controlled substances (randomly selected by Licensee) and maintain records of audits; and
- i) Licensee shall keep a running inventory of all class II controlled substances on hand.

Commission Action: Commissioner Goodmaster abstained, Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

'First Time' Pharmacy Manager(s)

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.

Commissioner Carbray provided a brief overview of the Med Watch program and discussed properly reporting prescription errors.

Yasemin Malik	Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Waterbury
Vishal Patel	Rite Aid Pharmacy - Bloomfield
Elizabeth Jacob	Walgreens - Seymour
Michael Van Steeden	Walgreens – Bridgeport
Jason Deng	CVS Pharmacy – Bridgeport
Loida Montanez	Option Care – East Berlin
Gus Campos	Beacon Prescriptions – Bristol
Kasim Sallaj	CVS Pharmacy/Target – Orange
Ramonita Maldonado	Rite Aid – Hartford
Amanda Prashad	Arrow Prescription Center #11 - Hartford

Miscellaneous Matters

Charlie Caley from the UCONN School of Pharmacy talked about the Collaborative Practice Agreement Long-Acting Injectable Antipsychotics

Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

- 4M Pharmacy, Inc. – Pasadena, CA
- Achor Care Pharmacy, Inc. – Mitchellville, MD
- Acutus RX, LLC – Hicksville, NY
- AHF Pharmacy – Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Animart Livestock Pharmacy – Beaver Dam, WI
- Avella Patient Access Program, Inc. – Lake Mary, FL
- Bioworx – Green Cove Springs, FL
- Byram Healthcare Centers, Inc. – Salt Lake City, UT
- Carlisle Medical Inc. – Mobile, AL
- Creams N Caps Michigan – Novi, MI
- FortBend RX Pharmacy – Missouri City, TX
- Fountain Plaza Pharmacy – Morristown, TN
- Healthy Corner Pharmacy Inc – Forest Hills, NY

LeMed Pharmacy III, LLC – Bronx, NY
Lifepoint Pharmacy – Murfreesboro, TN
Medcart Specialty Pharmacy – Livonia, MI
Meds in Motion – Salt Lake City, UT
Medworld Pharmacy – Garland, TX
Mt. Laurel Pharmacy – Mount Laurel, NJ
Route 300 Pharmacy – Newburgh, NY
Specialty Care Pharmacy – Boca Raton, FL
Talca Pharmaceuticals Inc. – Camarillo, CA
The Pharmacie – Park City, UT
Veterinary Pharmacies of America – Houston, TX

Commission Action: Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Berkley Pharmacy – Warren, MI
Clinical Solutions Pharmacy – Franklin, TN
Family Pharmacy, LLC – San Juan Capistrano, CA
Farmacia Central – Forest Hills, NY
Fresenius Medical Care North America – Lake Bluff, IL
New Hyde Park Pharmacy, Inc. – New Hyde Park, NY
Omnicare of Plainview – Plainview, NY
PharmaCord – Louisville, KY
RTS Americas, Inc. – Deerfield, IL

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 17, 2017

Commission Action: Commissioner Goodmaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minutes.

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

Angelo DeFazio

Angelo DeFazio, Acting Chairperson

Prepared by,

Heather Hoynes

Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator