# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMISSION OF PHARMACY January 15, 2020

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to

order by Commissioner DeFazio. The meeting was held in Plaza North Room C&D, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103

Commissioners Present: Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Richard Carbray Debbie Chisolm Mary Inguanti Kristin Linder

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.

Brian Connolly Jr. Reciprocity from New Jersey
Sasha Dorzin Reciprocity from New York
Bilal Hussain Reciprocity from Illinois

Muhammad Ishtiaq Reciprocity from South Carolina Deedar Karim Reciprocity from South Carolina

Julie Launsbach

Justin Machia

Adil Rehman

Heather Satayakul

Reciprocity from Ohio

Reciprocity from New York

Reciprocity from South Carolina

Reciprocity from Massachusetts

Vinay Sawant Reciprocity from Florida

Rebecca Smith
Paing Soeaung
Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Reciprocity from New York
Ashley Tewksbury
Reciprocity from Indiana
Thomas Walczyk
Reciprocity from Maryland

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by

Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above

application(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

#### Request(s) for Pharmacy Internship(s)

Weam Hussein appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a pharmacy internship. The Commission of Pharmacy granted Weam Hussein permission to apply for a pharmacy internship.

## New Pharmacy Application(s)

Yale New Haven Health Home Infusion 600 Derby Ave. West Haven, CT 06516 David Hughes, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisholm and passed by a vote of 5-0 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)

CVS/pharmacy #1960 1279 West Main Street Waterbury, CT 06708

**Commission Action:** This pharmacy did not show for the meeting.

CVS/pharmacy #750 875 Enfield Street Enfield, CT 06082

**Commission Action:** This pharmacy did not show for the meeting.

CVS/pharmacy #2220 3514 Main Street Coventry, CT 06238

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisholm 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.

CVS/pharmacy #1043 525 Buckland Rd. South Windsor, CT 06074

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisholm 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.

CVS/pharmacy #1180 358 W. Main Street Avon, CT 06001

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisholm 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.

CVS/pharmacy #288 839 Farmington Ave. Bristol, CT 06010

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisholm 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.

CVS/pharmacy #775 2045 Dixwell Ave. Hamden, CT 06514

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisholm 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.

Shoreline Integrative Pharmacy 1835 Post Road East Westport, CT 06880

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisholm 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**

Case Number 2016-1487

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case. Commissioner Inguanti 'stepped down'. This case involved Licensee is a Connecticut pharmacy that had significant losses of controlled substances, in the amount of roughly 9,000 dosage equivalents. Several issues were uncovered during investigation, including accessibility/security problems, reporting problems, and general lack of oversight. During the pendency of this case, a second case, less significant loss case arose. These cases have been combined in this proposed agreement. Proposed Resolution: Counsel for the Drug Control Division proposes an agreement in which the licensee will be placed on a period of probation. Terms of this probation will include: complete and accurate inventory, video surveillance of the pharmacy, maintenance of certain controlled substances in safes with access limited to pharmacists, and daily opening and closing counts for listed drugs. Additionally, the licensee will generate a daily report of all filled controlled substances yet to be picked up by the patient, with daily reconciliation by a pharmacist at closing. The licensee will perform audits to reconcile controlled substances, and maintain these records for at least three years following completion of probation. The licensee will also designate a representative to assume responsibility for ongoing compliance on behalf of the corporation, and to act as a readily available contact point. Further, the

licensee will hire and retain a third party monitor to assess compliance for a period of three years. The licensee must submit the name and resume of the proposed monitor within 60 days, and within 60 days the Commission must accept or reject the proposed monitor. This monitor will conduct assessments and complete written reports on a set schedule. Finally, the Licensee shall pay a civil penalty of \$101,000 to the Consumer Protection Enforcement Fund.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder 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.

Yale New Haven Health Home Infusion – West Haven **David Hughes** 

Remya Christison Shoprite Pharmacy - Shelton

Pamela Miranda Uconn Health Pharmacy Services – Farmington

CVS Pharmacy - Madison Haley Steigerwald CVS Pharmacy - Cheshire Eva Kamianowski CVS Pharmacy - Riverside Stephanie Ramirez Nancy Babbar CVS Pharmacy - Greenwich Kyle Margison CVS Pharmacy - Bristol

Shelika Drummond CVS Pharmacy - West Hartford

Option Care - Shelton Warren Rogers Ambereen Sadiq Rite Aid - Ridgefield

CVS Pharmacy - Westport Gina Difilipo Sarsvati Patel Walgreens - Plainville Brittany Cyr Walgreens - Meriden

Linda Posta Annex Pharmacy - Hamden

#### Miscellaneous Matters

Costco Wholesale waiver request for 20-576-16, was heard and the commission requested that Costco come back and give an update about the shorter shut off time on computers.

WENO Exchange LLC ePrescribing intermediary request was reviewed and the commission requested that they appear in person to review the information.

### Request(s) for CE Waiver

Commissioner DeFazio reviewed the submitted requests. Commissioner DeFazio

recommended acceptance of each request as follows:

Ludwig RosiclairFei WangCeleste KarpowSameerah DayHayley MainellaMilena Rydzewski

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by

Commissioner Chisholm and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above

recommendations.

## Request(s) for Continuing Education Program Approval

Mi-Corporation

Mobile Application Software Seminar, 12 CE December 9 & 10, 450 Columbus Blvd. Hartford

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept Commissioner Inguanti's recommendation to approve the above continuing education program.

## Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

BioScrip Infusion Services - Bedford, NH

Blink Health Pharmacy, LLC - Pittsburgh, PA

Boulevard Pharmaceutical Compounding Center - Worcester, MA

Coram CVS/Specialty Infusion Services - Springfield, MA

Cordant Pharmacy Solutions - Avon, IN

Costco Pharmacy #1348 - Jeffersonville, IN

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Ethical Factor Rx - Moosic, PA

Ousia Pharmacy - Tampa, FL

Pharmscript of MA LLC - Marlborough, MA

Powerhouse Pharmacy - Dallas, TX

Senderra Rx Partners LLC - Morrisville, NC

Westchester Apothecary LLC - Irvington, NY

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

Advanced Infusion Solutions - Dallas, TX

Dania Discount Drugs - Dania, FL

Revive Rx – Houston, TX

**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)

November 20, 2019

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio 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,

<u> Angelo DeFazio</u>

Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by,

Heather Hoynes

Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator