

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY  
August 21, 2019

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 sworn in and interviewed individually by the Commissioners.

Nicole Pavlik Reciprocity from Ohio  
**Commission Action:** Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept the above application(s) for licensure by reciprocity. Commissioner Chisolm excused herself from the vote.

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.

Leslie Asanga	Reciprocity from Nevada
Himani Asani	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Samantha Brongiel	Reciprocity from Nebraska
Anshu Chen	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Maria Cusanno	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Heather Goodwin	Reciprocity from Vermont
Patricia Jackson	Reciprocity from Michigan
Maxwell Lasko	Reciprocity from Wisconsin
Roger Murray	Reciprocity from Louisiana
Avni Patel	Reciprocity from New Mexico
Tejashkumar Patel	Reciprocity from Michigan
Benoni Quansah	Reciprocity from Arizona
Cody Ray	Reciprocity from Washington
Catherine Richwine	Reciprocity from Virginia
Manal Saad	Reciprocity from Texas
Lucinda Schmidt	Reciprocity from Ohio
Joseph Stokinger	Reciprocity from Maine

Kimberly Walker  
Brianna Whitlow  
Albert Zichichi

Reciprocity from North Carolina  
Reciprocity from Florida  
Reciprocity from Pennsylvania

**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.

**New Pharmacy Application(s)**

Westport Apothecary LLC  
125 Post Road East  
Westport, CT 06880

Jan DeGuzman, 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 #840  
908-910 Maple Ave.  
Hartford, CT 06114

**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.

Reliant Pharmacy  
200 Main Street S  
Southbury, CT 06488

**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. Pending a 797 inspection.

Arrow Pharmacy  
500 Farmington Ave.  
Hartford, CT 06105

**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.

Woodmark Pharmacy  
41 Northwest Dr.  
Plainville, CT 06062

**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. Pending a 797 inspection.

### **Legal Matters**

Case Number 2018-1312 Gagandeep Singh

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved: The former Licensee seeks reinstatement of his pharmacist license following a voluntary surrender in June of 2018. The voluntary surrender followed an investigation by the Drug Control Division involving an alleged theft of drugs with a non-pharmaceutical substance abuse issue. The former licensee seeks reinstatement in Connecticut as a prerequisite to reinstatement in New Jersey, where the former licensee desires to practice.

Proposed Resolution: This agreement calls for a reinstatement of the former licensee's license to practice pharmacy, beginning with a five year probation period including documented substance abuse treatment at prescribed intervals, self-help group treatment, reporting, urine and/or blood screens at prescribed intervals, abstinence from substances,

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

Case Number 2019-382 Health Care Pharmacy

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case. Commissioner Chisholm 'stepped down'. This case involved The Licensee is a pharmacy that has been investigated by the Drug Control Division for ownership by a non-pharmacist spouse of a prescribing practitioner in violation of Section 20-596(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as well as a number of violations primarily stemming from a failure to have a registered pharmacist on duty during normal business hours, failure to provide direct supervision of a pharmacy technician, and permitting a person not licensed to practice pharmacy in CT to practice pharmacy.

Proposed Resolution: This agreement calls for the sale and divestiture of ownership interest in Health Care Pharmacy and Uncas Pharmacy by the owner on or before November 27, 2019, a civil penalty of \$17,000, the owner shall not own/operate a pharmacy in Connecticut unless in compliance with relevant laws and regulations, and the department shall approve paperwork regarding the sale of the pharmacy in a timely manner to expedite the process (provided new buyer has no prior history of discipline).

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio recused himself from the vote. Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 3-0 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.

Stacy Longo	CVS Pharmacy – Norwich
John Kummer	CVS Pharmacy- Stamford
Racha Al-Amir	Walgreens – Dayville
Nina Fong	Walgreens – Shelton
Peter N Symochko	Walgreens – Hamden
Justin Smith	Walgreens – Clinton
Terri Augustine	Walgreens – Groton
Brenden Quilty	CVS Pharmacy – New Canaan
Ashley Fan	North Street Pharmacy – Greenwich
Thomas Tamul	CVS Pharmacy – Greenwich
Vladlena Kovalevskaya	Greenwich RX – Greenwich
Jessica Navalli	Walgreens – Rockville
Nidhi Faldu	Walgreens - Rockville
Vanessa Simoes	Walgreens – Hartford
Entela Curri	Rite Aid – North Haven

**Miscellaneous Matters**

The Following CVS stores have been approved for waiver of 20-567-16, with some clarifications to the questionnaire.

Store #	Address	City	State	Zip
85	972 Silver Ln	EAST HARTFORD	CT	06118
145	188 Main St, Rt 10, Post Office Square	FARMINGTON	CT	06032
343	14 Highridge Rd	STAMFORD	CT	06905
364	308 Main Street Extension	MIDDLETOWN	CT	06457
916	1650 Watertown Avenue	WATERBURY	CT	06708
942	542 Providence Rd.	BROOKLYN	CT	06234
1027	313 West Main Street	NORWICH	CT	06360
1098	47 Hazard Ave	ENFIELD	CT	06082
1219	229 Hope Street	STAMFORD	CT	06906
1244	73 Waterbury Road	PROSPECT	CT	06712
1276	59 North Main Street	BRISTOL	CT	06010
1941	535 Monroe Turnpike, Rt 111, Century Plz	MONROE	CT	06468
2099	479 Blue Hills Ave.	HARTFORD	CT	06112
2140	526 Meriden Road	WATERBURY	CT	06705
2153	150 South Main Street	WEST HARTFORD	CT	06107
2253	111 Albany Turnpike	CANTON	CT	06019
2259	215 Whalley Avenue	NEW HAVEN	CT	06511

2573	1425 Barnum Avenue	STRATFORD	CT	06614
2896	675 Washington Street	MIDDLETOWN	CT	06457
3835	72 Berlin Rd.	CROMWELL	CT	06416
4149	54 East High St.	EAST HAMPTON	CT	06424
4436	241 Middle Turnpike	MANCHESTER	CT	06040
5263	150 Washington St	HARTFORD	CT	06106
5450	766 New London Turnpike	GLASTONBURY	CT	06033
5881	969 High Ridge Rd	STAMFORD	CT	06905
6702	644 West Putnam Ave	GREENWICH	CT	06830
6807	679 East Main Street	MERIDEN	CT	06450
7856	261-281 Connecticut Ave	NORWALK	CT	06854
10462	720 Branchville Rd	RIDGEFIELD	CT	06877
10605	37 West Main Street	STAFFORD SPRINGS	CT	06076
840	908-910 Maple Avenue	HARTFORD	CT	06114
1912	1968 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairway Plaza	FAIRFIELD	CT	06825
2143	3710 Main Street	BRIDGEPORT	CT	06606
2525	323 Cromwell Avenue	ROCKY HILL	CT	06067
953	45 South Main St, Farmington Plaza	UNIONVILLE	CT	06085
1898	225 Sound Beach Avenue	OLD GREENWICH	CT	06870
10130	Main St and John E Horton Blvd	HEBRON	CT	06248

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

Aberdeen Pharmacy LLC, - Boynton Beach, FL  
Apotheco Rx - New York, NY  
BDRN, LLC - Riverdale, NJ  
BriovaRx Infusion Services, Inc. - Pine Brook, NJ  
Chewy Pharmacy, LLC - Jeffersontown, KY  
Grand Rx - Richmond, TX  
Integrity Compounding Pharmacy - Sandy Springs, GA  
Mathew Management IV, Inc. - Palm Harbor, FL  
Maxcare Pharmacy - New Port Richey, FL  
Metro West Pharmacy - Framingham, MA  
Millennium Pharmacy - Mt. Juliet, TN  
Patient Choice Pharmacy - Sugar Land, TX  
PHD Pharmacy - Cleveland, TN  
Placida Rx LLC - Englewood, FL  
Propel Pharmacy - Cicero, NY  
Rare Med Solutions - Pittsburgh, PA  
Rite Away Pharmacy & Medical Supply - San Antonio, TX  
US Vet Meds LLC - Novato, CA

**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.

American Pharmacy Services, Inc. – Moosic, PA  
ZipHealth – Jupiter, FL

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti is requesting additional documents for the above non-resident pharmacy applications for further review.

CVS/specialty #48640 – Boise, ID

**Commission Action:** The above pharmacy application was denied because the pharmacy is a call center. The pharmacists need to be licensed in Connecticut.

**Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)**

June 19, 2019

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio 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, Chairperson

Prepared by,

Heather Hoynes

Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator