<u>Commission of Pharmacy</u> <u>Meeting Minutes</u> <u>WEDNESDAY, November 17, 2010</u>

Commissioners and staff present: Steve Beaudin deLinda Brown-Jagne, Board Administrator Jim Cangelosi Steve Schwane, DCP Legal Counsel Edith Goodmaster Mary Inguanti William Summa, Chair Fred Vegliante

Others present:

Olusegun Awodele Melissa Bargione Chris Cretella Darlene Ende Meghann Jones Keith Lyke Kyle Murphy Casey Nowobilski Troy Ruff Jason Somma Maria Summa Zhanna Timakov Tiffany Battles Lucy Chang Natalie Dearing Robert Jansing Brian King Jennifer Morizio Karl Neiforth Mary Petruzzi Ed Sklanka Kelly Sullivan Bonny Stys Bob Wollenberg

<u>Meeting Called to Order</u> St. Joseph College School of Pharmacy 229 Trumbull Street, Room 304 Hartford, Connecticut

Interview of Reciprocity Candidates

Chairman Summa provided an overview of the telephone interview including the reasons why the following questions are asked during the interview process. The questions are asked of potential licensees in order to ensure proper communication skills since the pharmacist will need to interact with patients and community members, as well as give the pharmacist an opportunity to explain his or her past experiences and disciplinary action, if any.

The questions asked by the Commission are:

- 1. Have you ever been before a Board?
- 2. Have you ever had a problem with drugs or alcohol?
- 3. What is Connecticut's CE requirement?
- 4. What is the pharmacy technician ratio for Connecticut?
- 5. Why are you seeking licensure in Connecticut?

*Astrid Gomez Yonkers, NY

Bonnie Stys West Hartford, CT

Christy Varughese Grove, IL

*Frank Wang Center Valley, PA

*denotes telephone interview

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above applicants for licensure by reciprocity.

First Time Managers

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Commissioner Summa summarized the responsibilities of a first-time pharmacy manager and the reason for their appearance before the Commission. 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 provided first-time managers with a brief overview of reporting errors and the Med Watch program.

Appearing before the Commission as first-time managers are:

Melissa Bargione	CVS/Pharmacy #691
PCT.11273	Newington
Darlene Ende	Beacon Prescriptions
PCT.6424	Bristol
Brian King	Walgreens #6992
PCT.10359	Vernon
Jennifer Prushko	CVS/Pharmacy #333
PCT.11301	West Hartford
Zhanna Timakov	CVS/Pharmacy #2153

CVS/Pharmacy #2153 West Hartford

Application for Pharmacy Internship

There were no applicants for internships.

New Pharmacy Applications

Beacon Prescriptions Darlene Ende, PIC 25 Mellen Street Bristol, CT 06010

Killingworth Family Pharmacy 183 Route 80 Killingworth, CT 06419 K. Lyke, PIC

Meghann Jones, PIC

Pharmacy Remodel

Walgreens #13969

55 Park Street, Ste 1A New Haven, CT 06511

There were no remodels presented.

Pharmacy Relocations

Big Y Pharmacy #17 (PCY.2093) From: 87C West Stafford Rd, Rte 190 Stafford Springs, CT 06076

To: 87 West Stafford Rd, Rte 190 Stafford Springs, CT 06076

Rite Aid 1087 (PCY.357) was approved for relocation in September; however, a partial closing is being requested.

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Goodmaster, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy applications, remodel, and partial closing.

Legal Matters

DN 10-1319, 10-1336, and 10-1365 These pharmacies Rite Aid (PCY.717), CVS/Pharmacy #671 (PCY.1205) and Rite Aid (PCY.1231) breached patient confidentiality by giving a prescription to the wrong person. Each pharmacy is paying a \$500 civil penalty.

DN 10-1309 Grade A Shop Rite supermarket (PCY.33) held a Nonlegend Drug Permit (PME.752) and was cited for having outdated over-the-counter drugs. The department's recommendation of a civil penalty of \$1,000 has been accepted by the Commission. DN 10-1379 This agreement resolves an investigation of a pharmacy concerning losses of controlled substances. CVS/Pharmacy #288 (PCY.331) was investigated for: 1) failing to store controlled substances in such a manner as to prevent theft or diversion, 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. The approved agreement requires the pharmacy to pay a civil penalty of \$8,000.

DN 10-1341 Melissa Evanosky (PCY.9006) admitted to the momentary illegal possession of several tablets of a controlled substance. The Department of Consumer Protection obtained a surrender of the license pending an investigation to determine if there was a more serious diversion issue. The department is now satisfied that there was not any additional drug diversion or drug abuse. The Licensee's pharmacist license will be reinstated and placed on probation for one year. During this one year probation, the Licensee will attend counseling and submit to drug screens as a precaution.

Other Legal

Kyle Murphy is appearing before the Commission of Pharmacy to request that he be able to work alone (instead of alongside another pharmacist as paragraph 11(b) of his consent agreement states) as he is finding it difficult to obtain employment.

Commission action: The Commission denied Mr. Murphy's request.

Hearing: Dale Salmonese (DN 10-1351) 2:00 p.m. 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 126, Hartford

Dale Salmonese was not in attendance for hearing. Department presented various documents for exhibit:

Exhibit 1:	Notice of Hearing and Marshal's return document	
Exhibit 2:	Letter to Mr. Salmonese from Atty. Schwane with	
	tracking information	
Exhibit 3:	CAVU Credential View Screen	
Exhibit 4:	Photocopy of two (2) Lorazepam 1mg tablet and one	
	(1) Alprazolam 0.5 mg tablet	
Exhibit 5:	Handwritten documentation from Dale Salmonese	
	Regarding tablets removed from his pocket	
Exhibit 6:	Agent Jones' investigative documents which include:	
	1. Electronic CAVU report printout	
	2. Mr. Salmonese's prescriptions from 2007	

- 3. Copy of seized tablets
- 4. Written statement from Mr. Salmonese

- 5. Pharmacy printout of 2007 prescription refills
- 6. Copy of camera till of Mr. Salmonese allegedly taking something from his pocket and placing it in his mouth

Drug Control Agent Pamela Jones was questioned by Agency Counsel and provided testimony regarding the case.

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Vegliante, seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 5-0 was cast to find that the Department proved its case against Mr. Salmonese.

Fact finding/final decision will take place at a later date.

Request for CE Waivers, etc.

None

Miscellaneous

Review of request for specialty pharmacy protocol from Health Complex Respiratory Care Services.

Commission action: Request for status change to specialty pharmacy approved; change of hours to 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of October minutes

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Goodmaster, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the October meeting minutes.

Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications

California Pet Pharmacy 3250 Arden Road Hayward, CA 94545

Embrace Pharmacy 842 N. Westhill Boulevard Appleton, WI 54914

Northern New England Benefit Trust d/b/a Teamsters Rx Pharmacy 51 Goffstown Road Manchester, NH 03102 Partners Pharmacy, LLC 70 Jackson Drive Cranford, NJ 07016

Revival Animal Health 1700 Albany Place SE Orange City, IA 51041

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Vegliante, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.