#### STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMISSION OF PHARMACY May 21, 2014

- 10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Commissioner William Suma. The meeting was held in Room 126, of The State Office Building165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106
- Commissioners Present: William Summa, Chairperson Steve Beaudin Richard Carbray Angelo DeFazio
- 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.

Praveen KaluvalaReciprocity from New JerseyStephanie KrukReciprocity from Rhode IslandJennifer ManionReciprocity from TexasKruti NaikReciprocity from MassachusettsArin PassmoreReciprocity from TexasErmioni XidasReciprocity from New YorkBernedette WeitzReciprocity from Massachusetts

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept the above application(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

#### 'First Time' Pharmacy Manager(s)

Commissioner Summa provided a summary of the responsibilities that a first-time pharmacy manager has and appreciated their appearance before the Commission. Commissioner Summa 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 Beaudin provided a brief overview of the Med Watch programand discussed properly reporting prescription errors.Nghia HuynhWalgreens - MiddletownTaylor LucicCVS Pharmacy - CoventryDaniel BaxterHeritage Village Pharmacy - Southbury

Razanne Abdalla Megan Cooke Sandhya Jinesh Liz Mathew Steffy George CVS Pharmacy – Monroe CVS Pharmacy – Fairfield West Haven Pharmacy – West Haven Target – Stamford Target – Bethel

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

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

#### New Pharmacy Application(s)

Big Y Pharmacy #58 28 Spencer Plain Rd. Old Saybrook, CT 06475 David Argento, Pharmacy Manager

> **Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray 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.

West Haven Pharmacy

764 Campbell Ave.

West Haven, CT 06516

Sandhya Jinesh, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray 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 Relocation(s)

Arrow Prescription Center From: 2660 Main Street Ste. 119 Bridgeport, CT 06606 Ralph Rotondo, Pharmacy Manag

To: 4699 Main Street Bridgeport, CT

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Ralph Rotondo, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 4-0 to approve the above relocation request 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

1279 Main Street

Waterbury, CT 06708

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of 4-0 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.

Rite Aid Pharmacy

113-115 Mill Plain Road

Danbury, CT 06811

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of 4-0 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.

Nathan Hall Pharmacy 26 Falls Road Moodus, CT 06469

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of 4-0 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 13-857 Maria Popp

Attorney Steven Schwane presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved this pharmacist committed three prescription errors within a three-year period. The agreement calls for a \$500 civil penalty and a Letter of Reprimand. The pharmacist has completed the continuing education course concerning prescription errors.

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

Docket Number 14-169 Jenny Li

Attorney Steven Schwane presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved this pharmacist permitted the disclosure of a customer's confidential pharmacy information. The agreement calls for a \$500 civil penalty.

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

Docket Number 14-191 CVS Pharmacy #691

Attorney Steven Schwane presented this case. Commissioner DeFazio 'stepped down'. This case involved this pharmacy failed to include the prescription error disclosure on prescription receipts or bags, as required by Connecticut General Statutes, Section 20-635(c). The department is recommending a civil penalty of \$500.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 3-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 14-213 Jon Gold

Attorney Steven Schwane presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved this pharmacist manager permitted a pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio greater than permitted by Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Section 20-576-36(a). The agreement calls for a \$500 civil penalty.

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

Docket Number 14-214 Price Chopper Pharmacy #221 Attorney Steven Schwane presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved this pharmacy breached patient confidentiality by giving a prescription to the wrong person. The agreement provides for a \$1,000 civil penalty to the pharmacy.

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

Docket Number 14-228 CVS Pharmacy #343

Attorney Steven Schwane presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved these two pharmacies allegedly failed to notify the Commission that a new pharmacist was being appointed as pharmacist manager. The department is recommending a civil penalty of \$1,000 for reach pharmacy. The two agreements are identical.

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

Docket Number 14-229 CVS Pharmacy #6702

Attorney Steven Schwane presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved these two pharmacies allegedly failed to notify the Commission that a new pharmacist was being appointed as pharmacist manager. The department is recommending a civil penalty of \$1,000 for reach pharmacy. The two agreements are identical.

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

Docket Number 14-238 Walgreens Pharmacy #3579

Attorney Steven Schwane presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved this pharmacy breached patient confidentiality by dispensing a prescription to the wrong person. The agreement provides for a \$1,000 civil penalty to the pharmacy.

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

# Miscellaneous Matters

Due to not have a quorum the Discussion on whether or not to grant Carl Mancini a new hearing was rescheduled to the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The request to modify the settlement agreement for Pantelis Demestihas was heard and discussed. The commission decided to waive Paragraph 12 Sub Section A of the agreement to be able to be a Pharmacy Manager the rest of the agreement stands.

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

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

Apothecary Shop – Dallas, TX Atlantic Medical, LLC – Hernando, MS Auxilium Specialty Apothecary Pharmacy – Hattiesburg, MS Care RX Pharmacy Group LLC – Boynton Beach, FL CCP RX – Lake, OR Chronos Pharmacy – Astoria NY Distinguished Pharmacy – Houston, TX Emilior Pharmaceutical Compounding Inc. - Bronx, NY Goldtree RX LLC dba Hillmoor Pharmacy – Point Saint Lucie, FL HM Compounding – Bayonne, NJ Infinity Compounding Solutions, LLC – Bentonville, AR Lakeland Pharmacy – Netcona, NJ Lenoxhill Pharmacy Inc. – New York, NY Life Q LLC – Nashville, TN Longevity Drugs LLC dba Tru-Valu Drugs – Lake Worth, FL New Life LLC – Sandy, UT Ohm Pharmacy Services Inc dba RX Care Pharmacy – Auburndale, FL PRN Rx – New Berlin, WI Purtell Specialty Pharmacy – Las Vegas, NV Synergy Pharmacy Services Inc – Palm Harbor, FL Tropical Pharmacy – Plantation, FL White Drug #61 – Fargo, ND

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Airport McKay Pharmacy – Humble, TX ARJ Infusion Services – Lenexa, KS CCP RX – Lake, OR Magnolia Specialty Pharmacy Inc. – Hattiesburg, MS Olympia Pharmacy – Orlando, FL One Stop Rx LLC – Tulsa, OK Rx To Go Pharmacy LLC – Fort Myers, FL Y Medical Associates Inc. – Irving, 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)

April 16, 2014

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept the above Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minutes.

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

<u>Wílliam Summa</u> William Summa, Chairperson

Prepared by,

<u>Heather Hoynes</u> Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator