# Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minutes WEDNESDAY, June 24, 2009

# **Commissioners and staff present:**

Steve Beaudin deLinda Brown-Jagne, Board Administrator

Edith Goodmaster Steve Schwane, DCP Legal Counsel

Mary Inguanti

William Summa, Chair Absent:

Fred Vegliante Jean Mulvihill

#### **Others present:**

Madhavi AnnmandlaJennifer BirardiKatalin CarrieriBradley CarsonRudy DajieElisabeth DrevetMichael GemmaMarghie Giuliano

Edwin Gorham Sanil John

Nicole Kaminski Vincent Marzilli Jeffrey Miele Sharad Murdande Christina Orlyn Mahesh Patel Susan Roarty Troy Ruff

Jon Thiboutot Abdullah Yaylagul

#### Miscellaneous

Overview of Smoking Cessation project currently co-sponsored by the Connecticut Pharmacists Association, Department of Public Health and Purdue University School of Pharmacy.

Marghie Giuliano provided an overview of the proposed Smoking Cessation Project outcome study. In the proposal, Pharmacy Technicians will provide information (not consultation) services to patients/customers. Part of CPAs role will include randomly selecting pharmacies (both chains and independents).

**Commission action:** The Commission is not able to accept the current proposal as written and suggests more details be sent to the Commission for review.

#### **Interview of Reciprocity Candidates**

Commissioner Summa provided a brief overview of the reasons why the following questions are asked during the interview process. The reasons for the interview includes to ensure proper communication skills since the pharmacist will need to interact with patients and consumers, as well as give the pharmacist an opportunity to explain past experience and/or any disciplinary action.

The questions asked by the Commission are as follows:

- 1. Have you ever been before a Board for anything other than routine matters?
- 2. Have you ever had a problem with alcohol or drugs?
- 3. Why are you interested in being licensed in Connecticut?
- 4. What are Connecticut's continuing education requirements?
- 5. What are the Pharmacist/Pharmacy Technician ratios?

Elisabeth Drevet From Massachusetts

Boston, MA

Edwin Gorham From Rhode Island

Cranston, RI

Sanil John From Vermont

Northampton, MA

Vincent Marzilli From Rhode Island Narragansett, RI \*Pending MPJE Result

Debbie Nolan From New York

Brooklyn, NY \*Pending MPJE Result

Sharad Murdande From Rhode Island

Waterford, CT

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Richard Flores From Texas

Milford, CT

Meredith Wills Harper From Massachusetts

Longmeadow, MA

Ashwani Sharma From Maine

Lincoln, ME

Gregory Winglosky From New York

Mt. Pleasant, SC

**Commission action**: A motion was made by Commissioner Vegliante, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above applicants for licensure by reciprocity.

# **First Time Managers**

Commissioner Summa summarized the responsibilities of those appearing as first-time pharmacy managers and the reason for their appearance before the Commission. (A handout which has answers to questions first-time managers may have is being sent via email directly to the pharmacists who appear today.) 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 also provided a brief overview of reporting errors and the MedWatch program. (A link to the web site is being sent to managers via e-mail as well.)

Madhavi Anumandla Walgreens #9821 PCT.11031 New Canaan

Jennifer Birardi CVS/Pharmacy #623

PCT.10871 Westport

Katalin Carrieri Rite Aid #1375 PCT.10500 Naugatuck

Nicole Kaminsky CVS/Pharmacy #1097

PCT.10980 Torrington

Jeffrey Miele Stop and Shop #659 PCT.10426 Danbury, CT

Mahesh Patel CVS/Pharmacy #798

PCT.10699 Danbury, CT

Susan Roarty Target Pharmacy #2434

PCT.7491 Southington

Mark Yerushlaimi CVS/Pharmacy #3373

PCT.6827 Fairfield

## **Application for Pharmacy Internship**

Michael Egégé Stamford, Ct

Aneta Kantcheva Bronx, NY

The above applicants were accepted for internships as foreign pharmacy graduates.

## **New Pharmacy Applications**

Target Store T-2433 195 River Road Lisbon, CT 06351 Katherine Andorfer

Walgreens #12120 157 Main Street East Haven, Ct 06512

**Commission action**: A motion was made by Commissioner Goodmaster, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy applications.

#### **Pharmacy Remodel**

\*Wal-Mart 10-3548 PCY.1813

910 Wolcott Street Waterbury, CT 06705

\*Wal-Mart 10-2331 PCY.1581

155 Waterford Parkway No. Waterford, CT 06385

Pharmacy representatives were not prepared for presentation to the Commission

## **Pharmacy Relocations**

None

#### **Legal Matters**

**DN 09-431** This pharmacy, Walgreens #4490, breached patient confidentiality by giving a prescription to the wrong person. *The approved agreement provides for a \$500 civil penalty to the pharmacy*.

**DN 09-577** This pharmacist, Nicole Guarrasi (PCT.10598), committed a prescription error that also resulted in a breach of patient confidentiality. The investigation determined that this was a case in which the pharmacist was at fault for the breach of confidentiality. *The approved agreement is for a \$500 civil penalty and completion of the continuing education course.* 

**DN 09-568** This pharmacist, Cynthia Cruser, applied for licensure by reciprocity. On her application, she failed to disclose the formal disciplinary action taken against her Rhode Island pharmacist license. She answered "no" on the question asking about past disciplinary actions. This pharmacist had two past cases in Rhode Island. In the first case, she received a Letter of Reprimand for a prescription error. In the second, she was placed on probation for one year and was required to take an ethics and law course for dispensing drugs without a prescription.

The Department and Commissioner Beaudin met with the applicant. She stated that she completed the application form quickly and was uncertain how to include the information concerning her disciplinary history. After reviewing this matter, the Department and Commissioner Beaudin believe that the equivalent of a suspension and a financial penalty

are appropriate. The approved agreement delays the issuance of the Connecticut license for six months and imposes a \$1,000 civil penalty.

**DN 09-606** This matter involved a pharmacist, Milton Lurie (PCT.3149), who allegedly dispensed Schedule III and IV controlled substances to himself without obtaining authorization from a practitioner. Commissioner Inguanti and the department met with the pharmacist and his attorney.

The pharmacist had been prescribed these drugs in the past, and he claimed he had authorizations for the prescriptions in question, but acknowledges he did not make hardcopies of all the prescriptions. The doctors' records did not document all the prescriptions dispensed by the pharmacist.

The approved agreement is for a two-week suspension, and a one year probation. The Licensee also agrees never to dispense prescriptions prescribed for himself or his family. This penalty is consistent with other similar cases.

# Request for CE Waivers, etc.

None

#### Miscellaneous

Drug Control Agent, Michelle Sylvestre, presented the discrepancies in prescriptions "on hold" in Connecticut pharmacies. *Drug Control and Legal services to follow along with informal committee consisting of Commissioners Veglianti, Beaudin, and Inguanti.* 

Surburban Pharmacy Long Term Care, Inc (PCY.2051) is appearing before the Commission of Pharmacy to petition for additional pharmacy technician(s)/increased ratio due to being a long-term care pharmacy. *Commission asked for request to be submitted in writing for consideration.* 

OmniCare of Connecticut will presented and overview of their dispensing robot, ALV (Automated Label Verification). *The Commission must speak with DCP Legal Division regarding Connecticut laws regarding final checks by pharmacists.* 

Review of anonymous e-mail sent to Drug Control Agent regarding concerns about the size of pharmacies being remodeled at Wal-Mart (including patient safety, possible OSHA and DPH issues). *Commission to suggest Drug Control Director to have an Agent assess the situation.* 

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of April and May meeting minutes

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Goodmaster, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above minutes.

# **Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications**

DRG Pharmacy LLC d/b/a Hueneme Family Pharmacy 248 E. Scott Street Port Hueneme, CA 93041

ESI Mail Pharmacy Service, Inc. d/b/a Express Scripts 4610 E. Cotton Center Blvd, Ste 105 Phoenix, AZ 85040

KRS Global Biotechnology d/b/a GBTRx 791 Park of Commerce Blvd, Ste 600 Boca Raton, FL 33487

San Ysidro Pharmacy 1498 East Valley Road Santa Barbara, CA 93108

The Compounding Center 4045 E. Bell Rd, #163 Phoenix, AZ 85032

United Pharmacy Services, Inc 5744 W. Irving Park Rd Chicago, IL 60634

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Vegliante, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above applicants for non-resident pharmacy licensure.

## **Adjournment**