# Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minutes WEDNESDAY, January 26, 2011

Commissioners and staff present:

Steve Beaudin deLinda Brown-Jagne, Board Admin.

James Cangelosi Steve Schwane, DCP Legal Counsel

**Edith Goodmaster** 

Mary Inguanti Absent:

William Summa, Chair Fred Vegliante

Others present:

Patricia Brennan John Cannarella
Amy Celetti Annik Chamberlin
Debbie Chisolm Dmitri Daniarov
Robert Dowling Joseph Ganto
Peter Gray John Irons

Robert Jansing Dheeraj Khurana Gregg Kirkman Katarzyna Kozubal

Kenneth H. Lee Erin Lewis
Ann Linskey Karl Nieforth
Una Paek Jignashu Pariteh
Sara PourShahriari Dalia Sidhom
Nancy Sumberaz Peter Tyczkowski
Karen Umali Mitch Yeon

Meeting Called to Order State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue

Room 126, 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?

\*Shawn Andrus From Texas
Oklahoma City, OK

\*Giridhar Venkata Naga Athmakuri

Edison, NJ

From New Jersey

\*Stacie Gordon From New Hampshire

Bedford, NH

Peter Gray From Kansas

Gales Ferry, CT

\*Bhaveshkumar Laxmanbhai Patel Fro

Miami, FL

From Michigan

\*Nicholas Plumeri From New York

Massapequa, NY

Sara Pourshahriari From Pennsylvania

Elkins Park, PA

Dalia Sidhom From New Hampshire

Norwood, MA

Karen Umali From Maryland

Hamden, CT

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

#### Legal Matters

DN 10-1450 and 10-1472 CVS Pharmacy #865 (PCY.1289) and CVS Pharmacy #1123 (PCY.1367) permitted either a 3/1 pharmacy technician to pharmacist ratio, or a 4/1 ratio with one certified technician. The agreements require each pharmacy to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty. A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

DN 11-31 CVS Pharmacy #172 (PCY.1414) breached patient confidentiality by giving a prescription to the wrong person. The agreement provides for a \$1,000 civil penalty to the pharmacy. A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 4-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

DN 10-1393 Thomas Dailey (PCT.6416) committed four prescription errors within a three-year period. The agreement calls for a one year probation, a Letter of Reprimand and a \$200 civil penalty. This pharmacist has completed the continuing education course concerning prescription errors. A motion was

<sup>\*</sup>denotes telephone interview

made by Commissioner Goodmaster, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 4-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

DN 10-1404 Paul Lukomski (PCT.10168) was the manager of a pharmacy that was investigated by Drug Control for failure to maintain effective controls against the diversion of controlled substances and failure to report controlled substance losses in a timely manner. The department is recommending a Letter of Reprimand to the pharmacist manager. The department is seeking a civil penalty against the pharmacy. A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and a vote of 4-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

DN 11-48 John Gold (PCT.4372) did not initiate a QA review after notification of a prescription error. The agreement is for the issuance of Letter of Reprimand to the licensee. A motion was made by Commissioner Cangelosi, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and a vote of 4-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

#### Other Legal

Carl Mancini was scheduled to appear before the Commission of Pharmacy to request that further consideration be given to his settlement agreement of January 2008; however, he did not show.

Dan Luce and Michael Simko of Walgreens presented to the Commission regarding Walgreens Pharamcy's dispensing process when more than one pharmacist is involved in the completing the prescription as well as the workload balancing process (when part of the process is completed by a pharmacist in a second pharmacy).

#### First Time Managers

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:

Amy Celetti Rite Aid Pharmacy #10345

PCT.10768 Warehouse Point

Annik Chamberlin Beacon Prescriptions

PCT.10103 Southington

Gregg Kirkman CVS/Pharmacy

PCT.11683 Stratford

Katarzyna Kozubal Target Pharmacy #1289

PCT.11621 New Britain

Kenneth H. Lee CVS/Pharmacy

PCT.10851 Fairfield

Una Paek Stamford Pharmacy

PCT.11596 Stamford

Jignashu Parikh Rite Aid Pharmacy #4759

PCT.10621 Stafford Springs

Nancy Sumberaz CVS/Pharmacy

PCT.11333 Wilton

Mitchell Yeon CVS/Pharmacy

PCT.10487 Monroe

# Application for Pharmacy Internship

Dheeraj Khurana Woodside, NY

Surya Lakoji Flushing, NY

Ramasamy Venkatasamy

Jersey City, NJ

The above candidates were approved for internships

## **New Pharmacy Applications**

QualiCare Pharmacy 340 Main Street Manchester, Ct 06040

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This approval of this application is pending additional information. (Additional information was received and approved via e-mail by Commissioners Goodmaster and Inguanti on 2/09/2011.)

Reliance Pharmacy dba Reliance Bloomfield, LLC 699 Cottage Grove Road Bloomfield, CT 06002 Radhakrishna Katragadda, PIC

Lynne Robinson, PIC

There was no representation for this pharmacy in attendance.

Stamford Pharmacy, LLC 1055 High Ridge Road Stamford, CT 06905 Una Paek, PIC

Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Goodmaster and seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy applications.

#### Pharmacy Remodel

Walgreens #11620 w/temporary pharmacy 1203 High Ridge Road Stamford, CT 06905

Wal-Mart Pharmacy #10-2170 220 Salem Turnpike Norwich, CT 06360

#### **Pharmacy Relocations**

CVS/pharmacy #1966 PCY.1510

From: To:

1057 Boston Post Road1057 Boston Post RoadGuilford, CT 06437Guilford, CT 06437

RxHealth PCY.1961

From: To:

234 Murphy Road 70 Inwood Road Hartford, CT 06114 Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Goodmaster and seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above pharmacy remodels and relocation applications.

#### Request for CE Waivers, etc.

Sarah Alicea is requesting an extension to obtain 5 written credits.

Karen Diaz is requesting an extension to complete 5 written credits.

Renee LaPlante is requesting an extension to complete 1 credit.

Due to health concerns, Ronald Moleski is requesting a waiver of 10 written/law credits.

Neha Ostrosky is requesting an extension to complete 0.5 credits.

Michelle Rychalsky is requesting her enrollment in a pharmacy residency program be accepted in lieu of completing the CE requirement.

Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Beaudin and seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above continuing education waivers and extensions.

#### Miscellaneous

Patricia Fritz is requesting reinstatement of her pharmacist license after allowing it to be inactive for a period greater than five years. Ms. Fritz moved to Minnesota and neglected to inform the Commission of her address change and, subsequently, did not receive renewal notices resulting in a lapsed status. She has completed the CE requirement necessary for reinstatement.

Denise Walker is requesting reinstatement of her pharmacist license after allowing it to be inactive for a period greater than five years. Ms. Walker was both living and practicing out of state during this time. She has completed the CE requirement necessary for reinstatement.

Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Inguanti and seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above requests for reinstatement.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of December 2010 minutes

Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Goodmaster and seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving meeting minutes of December 15, 2010.

#### **Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications**

Alere Home Monitoring, Inc. 6465 National Drive, Ste B Livermore, CA 94450-8808

AxelaCare Health Solutions, LLC 9730 Pflumm Road Lenexa KS 66215

BioScrip Pharmacy, Inc. 2100 Lyndale Ave South, Ste A Minneapolis, MN 55405

Caremark Illinois Mail Pharmacy, LLC d/b/a CVS Caremark 800 Biermann Court Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 Catalyst Mail 6225 Annie Oakley Drive, Ste 400 Las Vegas, NV 89120

Catalyst Mail 255 Phillipi Road, Ste 400 Columbus, OH 43228

Dialysis Clinic, Inc. d/b/a DCI Pharmacy - Kansas City 650 Carondelet Drive Kansas City, MO 64114

Diamoto Medical, Inc. 159 Memorial Drive, Unit E Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Diplomat specialty Pharmacy 3320 Beecher Road Flint, MI 48532

Prime Aid Pharmacy Corp 3915 Bergenline Avenue Union City, NJ 07087

Specialty Pharmacy Management, LLC d/b/a Reliance Rx 45 Earhart Dr, Ste 110 Amherst, NY 14221

Stearns Vet Outlet Store, Inc. 222 East County Road 173 Melrose, MN 56352

Steltec Pharmacy d/b/a ePharmPro Services 601 Upland Avenue, Ste 112 Brookhaven, PA 19015

Triad Therapeutics, Inc. 333-A Route 46 West, Ste 130 Fairfield, NJ 07004

Vets First Choice 14333 S. Hwy 31 Gretna, NE 68028

Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Beaudin and seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

#### <u>Adjournment</u>