

Commission of Pharmacy
Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, March 30, 2011

Commissioners and staff present:

Steve Beaudin	deLinda Brown-Jagne, Board Administrator
James Cangelosi	Steve Schwane, DCP Legal Counsel
Edith Goodmaster	
Mary Inguanti	
William Summa, Chair	
Fred Vegliante	

Others present:

Vincent Addorisio	Julie Chen
Wendy Chen	Sonia Dawkins-Blair
Peter D'Aprile	Robert Jansing
Sukhvir Kaur	Jing Lu
Jason Niles	Meaghan Nolan
Casey Nowobilski	Deborah Quartararo
José Rivera	Troy Ruff
Jason Spears	Misook Katie Suh
Jordan Welch	William Zaleha
Brian Zikaras	

Meeting Called to Order 10:00 a.m.
State Office Building
165 Capitol Avenue, Room 126
Hartford, Connecticut

Legal Matters

**Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Dale F. Salmonese, R.Ph.
Docket No. 10-1351**

Assistant Attorney General Dan Shapiro appeared to inform the Commission of the Memorandum of Decision regarding the above case.

The MOD includes two counts against Dale Salmonese. Originally, the Commission discussed a third count, however, Attorney Shapiro did not find interpretation of the law that would allow for the third count.

An order for a 90-day suspension and 1 year probation has been issued.

Commission action: Commissioner Beaudin motioned, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the Memorandum of Decision (Commissioner Inguanti stepped down to review the case).

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?

Patrickia Ann Brennan
Southington, CT

Tsz-Yi Wendy Chen
Rocky Hill, CT

*Laurel Highberger
Charlotte, NC

**Ahmed Ibrahim
Elmhurst, NY

*Michael Joseph
N. Brunswick, NJ

Sukhvir Kaur
Westborough, MA

*Srinivasa Rao Komirisetty
Jacksonville, FL

*Sonal Mistry
Providence, RI

Meaghan Nolan
Darien, Ct

*Mahesh Paladugu
Philadelphia, PA

*Denise Payette
Fitchburg, MA

*Uday Vadapalli
Wayne, NJ

*Sharath Chandra Vemuganti
Hillsborough, NJ

*denotes telephone interview

**denotes no show

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

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:

Jeffrey Aberle PCT.10818	Walgreens #4490 Wethersfield
Julie Yong Ju Chen PCT.10584	Walmart #2965 Newington
Jason Niles PCT.8797	Rite Aid #4772 Enfield
Deborah Quartararo PCT.9759	Walmart #2331 Waterford
José Rivera PCT.11263	CVS/Pharmacy #798 Danbury
Jordan Welch PCT.11426	Walmart #2232 Branford
William Zaleha III PCT.11702	CVS/Pharmacy #1241 Milford
Brian Zikaras PCT.11665	CVS/Pharmacy #2018 Meriden

Application for Pharmacy Internship

Graduates of foreign pharmacy schools must appear before the Commission to be interviewed prior to being approved for internships. During the interview, the Commission asks the potential intern questions regarding the experience in the field of pharmacy. Those questions include:

- 1) Where did you attend pharmacy school?
- 2) Explain your experience as a pharmacist (retail, hospital, or community)?
- 3) How is the practice of pharmacy different in the country where you gained experience?

Those who appeared before the Commission to request approval as an intern are:

Sonia Dawkins Blair
Jing Lu
Ushasree Panuganti

Commission action: The above candidates were approved for internships as foreign pharmacy graduates.

New Pharmacy Applications

Big Y Pharmacy #88
562 South Broad Street
Meriden, CT 06451

Casey Nowobilski, PIC

English Apothecary
140 Greenwood Avenue
Bethel, CT 06801

Peter D'Aprile, PIC

MedStat Pharmacy
41 Northwest Drive
Plainville, CT 06062

Edwad Pelc, PIC

Walgreens #12315
49 South Main Street
Newtown, CT 06470

Vincent Addorisio, PIC

Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Goodmaster and seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy applications.

Pharmacy Relocations

Charter Oak Health Center Pharmacy
From:
21 Grand Street
Hartford, CT 06106

PCY.1835
To:
21 Grand Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Goodmaster and seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy applications (Commissioner Inguanti recused herself).

Legal Matters

DN 10-1401 During a routine inspection, Drug Control cited Costco Pharmacy #324 (PCY.1751) for a 3/1 technician to pharmacist ratio, and for several other minor violations. *The department is recommending a civil penalty of \$2,000.* A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

DN 11-80 CVS/pharmacy #1280 (PCY.1432) was investigated for controlled substances security issues, failure to report a controlled substance loss in a timely manner, and failure to report a change of pharmacist manager. *The department is recommending a total penalty of \$4,000.* A motion was made by Commissioner Goodmaster, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

DN 11-103 During a routine inspection, Drug Control cited CVS/pharmacy #2153 (PCY.1638) for multiple violations. A follow-up inspection found that many of the violations were not corrected. *The department is recommending a substantial civil penalty.* A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

DN 11-60 and DN 11-61 These two agreements resolve an investigation of Hancock's Pharmacy (PCY.897) and Gregory Hancock (PCT.6281) its pharmacist manager/owner. These Licensees were investigated for expired drugs, improper storage of controlled substances and pharmacy technician violations. *These agreements require the pharmacy to pay a civil penalty and the pharmacist to receive a Letter of Reprimand.* A motion was made by Commissioner Goodmaster, seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

DN 11-91 This pharmacist, Kimberly Bartholomew (PCT.7364) voluntarily surrendered her pharmacist license in November of 2004. The Department is satisfied that this pharmacist has taken the necessary steps to regain her license. She has a record of counseling, negative drug screens and a letter from her counselor recommending reinstatement. *Since this pharmacist's license has been suspended twice, the proposed agreement is stricter than the normal reinstatement agreement.* A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

DN 11-94 Drug Control investigated a prescription error and noted that the pharmacy had failed to perform a Quality Assurance review. *The department is recommending a Letter of Reprimand to the pharmacist (Nitha Mathai, PCT.11472) who failed to initiate the Quality Assurance review.* A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

DN 11-123 Jessica Cavallaro (PCT.9592) surrendered her license in August of 2010. The Department is satisfied that this pharmacist has taken the necessary steps to regain her license. She has a record of drug counseling, negative drug screens and a letter from her counselor recommending reinstatement. *The proposed agreement is typical for this kind of situation.* A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

DN 11-122 Pharmacist Christopher Sexton (PCT.7574) surrendered his license in September of 2009 for drug diversion. The Department is satisfied that this pharmacist has taken the necessary steps to regain his license. He has the required record of drug counseling and negative drug screens. *The proposed agreement is typical for this kind of situation.* A motion was made by Commissioner Cangelosi, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

DN10-1403 Wadim Timakov (PCT.9785) 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 pharmacy has already paid a civil penalty.* A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

DN 11-88 and DN 11-121 Walgreens Pharmacy #2976 (PCY.1471) and Walgreens Pharmacy #10647 (PCY.1376) breached patient confidentiality by giving a prescription to the wrong person. *Each pharmacy is paying a \$1,000 civil penalty.* A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

DN 11-90 Stop & Shop Pharmacy #674 (PCY.1248) 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 Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

DN 11-129 This agreement resolves an investigation of New Milford Pharmacy (PCY.1881) concerning losses of controlled substances. The pharmacy was investigated for: 1) failing to maintain effective controls against the diversion of controlled substances, 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 agreement requires the pharmacy to pay a civil penalty of \$6,000.* A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

Other Legal:

Carl Mancini made an informal appearance before the Commission regarding DN 08-19, along with his counsel Attorney Summa (who is no relation to the Commission's Chair).

Mr. Mancini and his counsel recognized the agreement not to seek reinstatement. However, because of his personal addiction, Mr. Mancini believes he has paid a severe price, which includes bankruptcy and the inability to find work, and is asking the Commission to reconsider the agreement. Though Mr. Mancini did possess legal counsel, he states the decision to sign the agreement was both rash and haste.

Mr. Mancini states he has turned his life around and is now married with one child and would like to contribute to and become a part of the community. He has attended detox, rehabilitation, and attends AA/NA meetings three times weekly, as well as volunteers with the addictions population and DEER program.

Attorney Schwane, DCP Counsel, stated the Agency's opposition of this request as allowing reinstatement would set a precedent that any agreement may not be permanent.

Commission action: The Commission will consider the request and make a decision based on information received regarding the criminal case charges from both the State's Attorney's Office and the Commission's legal counsel.

Request for CE Waivers, etc.

Fariheen Haque (PCT.11141) requests a CE extension to complete four (4) live credits as she was unable to retrieve information regarding her credits in a timely manner. *Note: Fariheen Haque has since completed the requirement.*

Nicholas Haralabikas (PCT.11057) is requesting a waiver of CE credits as he is enrolled in medical school. *Note: letter from school Registrar confirming enrollment since 2008 is attached.*

Kristin McMahon (PCT.10649) is requesting an extension to complete one (1) hour of law. *Note: Ms. McMahon fulfilled the requirement on 1/22/11.*

Ronald Moleski (PCT.4447) is requesting a waiver of his 2010 CE credits due to medical reasons.

Daksha Patel (PCT.6486) is requesting an extension to complete her 2010 CE requirement. *Note: Ms. Patel fulfilled the requirement prior to 2/28/11.*

Commission action: Motion made by Commissioner Beaudin and seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above continuing education waivers and extensions.

Request for CE Program Approval

"Antiplatelet Therapy in ACS"
Hartford Hospital
Conklin Building, Rooms 139&140
80 Seymour Street
Hartford, CT 06102

May 12, 2011
Speaker: Anisa Naka
1.0 Hour/0.1 CEU (Live)

“Regional Anesthesia and Anticoagulation”
Hartford Hospital
Conklin Building, Rooms 139&140
80 Seymour Street
Hartford, CT 06102
May 26, 2011
Speaker: Danielle Henry
1.0 Hour/0.1 CEU (Live)

“Anemia and Chronic Kidney Disease”
Hartford Hospital
Conklin Building, Rooms 139&140
80 Seymour Street
Hartford, CT 06102
June 9, 2011
Speaker: Ana Delgado
1.0 Hour/0.1 CEU (Live)

“At Your Service...Caring for your Customer”
Partners Pharmacy
Crowne Plaza Cromwell
100 Berlin Road
Cromwell, CT 06416
June 9, 2011
5.0 Hours/0.5 CEUs (Live)
*will be approved upon receipt of post test

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 programs, unless otherwise noted.

Miscellaneous

Acceptance of License Transfer from California-licensed Pharmacists - Chairman and Board Administrator gave a brief overview of the reciprocity process and the state of California's process for pharmacist licensure. It has been agreed that the state of Connecticut will now accept applications for licensure by reciprocity from California for those candidates who obtained licensure after January 1, 2004.

Ed Pelc, Pharmacy Manager at MedStat Pharmacy, along with Jason Spears, Long-term Care Director of Talyst, addressed the Commission to provide an overview of the Talyst System.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of January 26, 2011 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 January 26, 2011.

Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications

Advanced Pharmacy, LLC
107 Kiowa Lane
Piedmont, SC 29673

Animal Care Pharmacy, LLC
33420 Alvarado Niles Road
Union City, CA 94587

Bond Pharmacy, Inc.
d/b/a Advanced Infusion Solutions
132 Fairmont Street, Ste. B
Clinton, MS 39056

Crescent Healthcare, Inc.
11B Commerce Way
Totowa, NJ 07512

Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy
405 Lake Cook Road, Ste. A20
Deerfield, IL 60015

Louis & Clark Drug Inc
471 Breckwood Blvd
Springfield, MA 01109

Paragon Hemophilia Solutions, LLC
17111 Preston Road, Ste 100
Dallas, TX 75248

Veterinary Mart, Corp.
9500 NW 79 Avenue #6
Hialeah, FL 33016

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

Additional Item Not on the Agenda

Prior to the meeting's adjournment, Commissioner Goodmaster wanted to go on record to state:

“In the 23 years I have been on the Pharmacy Commission, I have attended the Annual NABP meetings at least twenty times, most of them at my own expense. For the past several years, Chairman Summa and I have been the only ones to attend and for the past three or four years, I have been the only one. Fortunately, a few years ago, NABP instituted a grant to be given to the states that did not fund these meetings in order to make it possible for more Board members to attend as opposed to Board execs who were primarily funded by their State boards. I have been given to understand that this year the decision as to who is to represent the Connecticut Commission of Pharmacy has been made by the Director of Drug Control. This no reflection the very good work done by our Board Administrator, but I wish to go on record as objecting this decision in that the Connecticut Commission of Pharmacy will be represented by a voting delegate who is not an actual member of the Commission. Furthermore, I do not feel that the Division of Drug Control has the authority to make this decision unless, unknown to me, the Pharmacy Commission is now under the jurisdiction of Drug Control.”

Adjournment