

**Commission of Pharmacy
Meeting AgendaMinutes
WEDNESDAY, June 29, 2011**

Commissioners and staff present:

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

Others present:

Robin Bogner	Penny Cheatle
Robert Jansing	Mike Lettmoden
Michael Olzinski	Sara Pourshahriari
Allison Rappoport	Amanda Silva
Betty Staniulis	Caroline Thomas
Peter Tyczkowski	Jonah Tyler
Sowmya Chimakurti Venkata	

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

Interview of Reciprocity Candidates

Commissioner Beaudin addressed the group informing that in-person interviews are no longer required and the Commission will provide license transfer/reciprocity candidates with telephone and/or written interviews. The interviews consist of similar questions previously asked by the Commission as well as focus on the candidate's ability to communicate effectively. Commissioner Beaudin also noted that there is a candidate who had a prior disciplinary action and after his review, he recommends Commission approval.

Reciprocity candidates approved for reciprocity are:

Ravi Amirishetti Naugatuck, CT	From Texas
Mustaque Chowdhury Ann Arbor, MI	From Florida
Ajay Desai Cresskill, NJ	From New York
Rachel Eyler Ann Arbor, MI	From Michigan
Bruce Fitzpatrick North Attleboro, MA	From Massachusetts

Daniela Gurian Foxboro, MA	From Massachusetts
Umapathi Jagarlamudi Keasbey, NJ	From New Jersey
Bonnie Loos Halifax, MA	From Indiana (prior disciplinary action)
Pushpa Mistry Mount Kisco, NY	From New York
Ginger Morris Charlotte, NC	From North Carolina
Naveen Parupalli Totowa, NJ	From Maryland
Priya Paul Lewisville, TX	From Texas
Jennifer Sheehan Waltham, MA	From Massachusetts
Christopher Stanton Bellarose, NY	From New York

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

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:

Erica Cywar PCT.11715	CVS/pharmacy #623 Westport
Sara Pourshahriari PCT.11852	Walgreens #11533 Glastonbury
Allison Rappoport PCT.11365	Target T-2432 Killingly

Amanda Silva
PCT.11877

Target T-2156
Waterbury

Betty Staniulis
PCT.8444

Varnum's Pharmacy
New Canaan

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:

Caroline Chennadu Thomas
Sowmya Chimakurti Venkata

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

New Pharmacy Applications

Reliance Pharmacy
699 Cottage Grove Road
Bloomfield, CT 06002

Washington Health Center & Pharmacy*
5 Bryan Hall Plaza
Washington Depot, CT 06794

*The Commission suggested that WHC representatives contact the Department of Public Health to obtain approval of the blood drawing station included in the pharmacy's layout/plans.

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

Pharmacy Remodel

There were no pharmacy remodels on this month's agenda.

Pharmacy Relocations

There were no pharmacy relocations on this month's agenda.

Legal Matters

DN 11-198 Walgreen's Pharmacy #6966 (PCY.1812) 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 6-0 was passed accepting the Department's recommendation.

DN 11-364 Pharmacist Frank Page (PCT.5393) 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 agreement calls for a \$500 civil penalty and completion of the continuing education course.* A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 6-0 was passed accepting the Department's recommendation.

DN 11-446 In 2008, pharmacist Robert Berlin (PCT.5195) was convicted in United States District Court, District of Connecticut, of health care fraud for submitting false prescriptions to insurance companies. By an agreement approved by the Commission of Pharmacy on December 17, 2008, Mr. Berlin's Pharmacist License was suspended through his period of incarceration in federal prison. He has been released from federal prison. As permitted by his earlier agreement, Mr. Berlin has requested the reinstatement of his license. *The proposed agreement reinstates the license when the pharmacist completes his continuing education requirement. The pharmacist will be placed on probation for five years. The pharmacist may never have an ownership interest in a pharmacy and cannot be a pharmacist manager for at least five years.* A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Department's recommendation.

John Patrick Skinnon (PCT.10192) has requested to appear before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a change of conditions with his current agreement. Mr. Skinnon was in attendance to request that part of his current agreement be modified to state that he does not have to verify Schedule II prescriptions as it has become very time consuming and is affecting his ability to obtain full-time employment. *This issue has been referred to Commissioner Goodmaster to both review and make a recommendation to the Commission.*

The Commission was made aware that there is a new law regarding anti-seizure medications. Marghie Giuliani was concerned as the law may not allow pharmacists to substitute brands and this may cause liability issues.

Request for CE Waivers, etc.

Gregory Konan (PCT.7156) is requesting a 6-month extension to complete his 2010 continuing education requirement.

Lisa Stump (PCT.8720) is requesting a 6-month extension to complete her 2010 continuing education requirement.

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Goodmaster and seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi, and a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Inguanti not present) was passed approving the above continuing education waivers.

Miscellaneous

Update on Connecticut Pharmacy Regulation Sec. 20-576-7 (1) – The Board Administrator informed the group that correspondence was sent to the Attorney General's office for interpretation and she is awaiting a response. Chairman Summa has and will be copied on all correspondence regarding this matter. *Commissioner Goodmaster would like the minutes to*

reflect the she raised this issue at the April meeting because of a reciprocity candidate's number of intern hours on file and not because the candidate is a foreign graduate, and resents the implication(s) of discrimination against foreign graduates. Commissioner Goodmaster stated that she questioned representatives from other states and those states responded that they would require additional hours from the candidate. Also, Commissioner Goodmaster stated that this was not a dialog between her and the Board Administrator, but that she was addressing the Commission and believes that this is a decision that must be made by the Commission and not the Board Administrator or anyone else. (Chairman Summa suggested that the Commission continue to wait for the AG's interpretation.)

Mike Lettmoden appeared before the Commission regarding his interested in obtaining approval as a specialty pharmacy for the compounding of experimental drugs. *The pharmacy has a complex protocol as well as physician ownership and, therefore, the Commission is unable to approve a specialty pharmacy. However, it has been suggested that the Director of Drug Control be contacted, perhaps, for a manufacturer's license.*

Commission's review and/or discussion of letter from pharmacist dated May 10, 2011 regarding pressure on filling prescriptions. *Chairman Summa addressed the group regarding the correspondence and reiterated that these issues are difficult for the Commission to monitor as they are labor issues.*

Approval of Minutes

Approval of May 25, 2011 minutes – Commissioner Goodmaster would like the minutes to reflect her absence was due to being at the NABP annual meeting.

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti and seconded by Commissioner Veglianti, and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the May minutes for acceptance.

Approval of April 27, 2011 minutes (*Though the minutes were approved at the May 25th meeting, however, the Board Administrator failed to include a lengthy discussion between she and Commissioner Goodmaster regarding Connecticut Pharmacy Regulation Sec. 20-576-7 (1), therefore, the minutes were updated to reflect a brief summary of the discussion.*)

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti and seconded by Commissioner Veglianti, and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the May minutes for acceptance.

Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications

Custom Pharmacy Solutions, LLC
2637 Valleydale Road
Birmingham, AL 35244

Serquinox LLC
d/b/a Equinox Healthcare
3240 B Corporate Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Forest Hills Rx
101-04 Queens Boulevard
Forest Hills, NY 11375

IBA Molecular North America, Inc.
11 Rogers Road, Ste. 6
Haverhill, MA 01835

King Pharmacy
2100 West Cambria Street
Philadelphia, PA 19132

Ocean Breeze Healthcare
235 Dongan Hills Avenue, Ste. 2B
Staten Island, NY 10305

Pet's Choice Pharmacy, LLC
814 K. Street
Belleville, KS 66935

Restore Health Pharmacy, LLC
1289 Deming Way
Madison, WI 53717

Safeway Pharmacy 4702
4550 B Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90807

Transdermal Therapeutics, Inc.
216 Aquarius Drive, Ste. 323
Birmingham, AL 35209

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin and seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi, and a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Inguanti not present) was passed approving the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.