

**Commission of Pharmacy  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 28, 1011**

**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:**

Salah Khamis Awwad	Veeraiah Chowdary Bandarupalli
Richard Gubbiotti	Laurel Highberger
Agron Ismaili	Robert Jansing
Richard Lashever	Ed Mercadante
Jignesh Patel	Romil Shah
Jennifer Sheehan	Peter Tyczkowski
Elizabeth Wolfer	

**Meeting Called to Order:** State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 126  
Hartford, Connecticut

**Interview of Reciprocity Candidates**

Chairman Summa informed the group that the Commission no longer requires an in-person interview for all candidates. Most candidates are interviewed by telephone once successful completion of the MPJE (law exam) has been achieved. The following candidates being considered for licensure today are:

Brenda Bruns Loveland, OH	From Ohio
Brian Bruns Loveland, OH	From Ohio
Sabie Cherian Yonkers, NY	From New Jersey
Alexandra Faltaous Uxbridge, MA	From Massachusetts

Joseph Gatton  
Steamboat Springs, CO

From Indiana

\*Lucie Lajeunesse  
Auburn, MA

From Massachusetts

\*Allison Lawry  
Rensselaer, NY

From New York

Raghuram Nanduri  
Baltimore, MD

From Maryland

Sweta Patel  
Warwick, RI

From New York

\*Lauren Simonds  
East Longmeadow, MA

From Massachusetts

Mark Tran  
Saint Albans, ME

From Maine

\*Ryan Wineland  
Westerville, OH

From Ohio

\*Pending Reciprocity Interview

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 5-1 (Commissioner Goodmaster abstains) 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). Some responsibilities include licensing, leadership, and prescription error reporting.

Commissioner Inguanti provided those attending as first-time managers with a brief overview of properly reporting pharmacy and the Med Watch program.

Appearing before the Commission as first-time managers are:

Veeraiahchowdary Bandarupalli PCT.11772	Hancock Pharmacy Bridgeport
Richard Gubbiotti PCT.4794	Nelson's Pharmacy Naugatuck
Laurel Highberger PCT.11897	Walgreens Pharmacy Stamford
Agron Ismaili PCT.10315	CVS/pharmacy #2573 Stratford
Romil Shah PCT.11648	Rite Aid #10340 Bloomfield
Jennifer Sheehan PCT.11992	Target #1289 New Britain
Elizabeth Wolfer PCT.10323	Walgreens Pharmacy Plainville

**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?

The following candidates appeared before the Commission to request approval as an intern:

Salah K. Awwad  
New York, NY

Jignesh Patel (pending copy/verification of FPGEC)  
Stamford, CT

**Commission action:** The above applicants were approved for pharmacy intern permits as foreign pharmacy graduates.

### **New Pharmacy Applications**

None

### **Pharmacy Remodels**

Wal-Mart Pharmacy  
1100 New Haven Road  
Naugatuck, CT 06770

Ronda Morgan

### **Pharmacy Relocations**

#### **Arrow Pharmacy & Nutrition Center**

**PCY.1365**

**From:**

838 Farmington Avenue  
Farmington, CT 06032

**To:**

461 Cooke Street, Building 1  
Farmington, CT 06032

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Cangelosi, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy application and remodel.

### **Legal Matters**

**DN 11-649** CVS/pharmacy #1242 (PCY.1422) permitted a 4/1 pharmacy technician to pharmacist ratio. *The agreement requires the pharmacy to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty.* A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 6-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

**DN 11-678** Alana Toomey (PCT.8571) surrendered her license in July 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 Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Agency's recommendation.

**Pharmacy Regulations** – Attorney Schwane addressed the Commission regarding proposed amendments to various pharmacy regulations which address licensure by reciprocity, pharmacy manager responsibilities and quality assurance documentation. *Commissioner Goodmaster commented regarding the revision of Section 20-576-7(1), expressing her apprehension for the Commission to allow a candidate with insufficient intern hours to become licensed in Connecticut, hence her reason for abstaining from the approval of current reciprocity applications.*

### **Request for CE Waivers, etc.**

Marvin Cohn (PCT.4055) is requesting a waiver of his 2011 continuing education requirement due to a severe medical condition. *The request is approved pending receipt of physician documentation of medical condition.*

### **Miscellaneous**

**Pharmacy Technician Program** - John Gadea, Division Director of Drug Control, provided information regarding Pharmacy Technician program offered by the Urban League of Greater Hartford. Mr. Gadea gave a brief overview of the program which provides a pharmacy technician training program to Greater Hartford residents seeking employment assistance. However, Mr. Gadea informed the Commission that it had been determined that some pharmacies where the student techs were “interning” were not including the techs in their necessary ratios but were allowing the techs to fulfill pharmacy technician duties. Those pharmacies, along with the ULGH, have been informed that if the student techs are to perform duties within the pharmacies, they then must be included in the tech ratio as allowed.

**Prescription Drop Box Program** - Mr. Gadea also provided the Commission with an overview of the Prescription Drop Box Pilot Program which took place over a two-month period and was found to be effective. DCP Drug Control Division offered assistance to towns wishing to start a drug disposal drop-box program to remove unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications from residential households. The plan involved placing a locked, well-marked, drop-box in local police departments, where residents could discard their unwanted or unused medicines during police department lobby hours. Residents neither needed to complete forms nor answer questions about the items they dropped off.

When the collection container inside a drop-box becomes filled, two designated police officers or an evidence clerk and a police officer seal the container and place it into evidence as abandoned property, following the police department’s usual procedures. The collected medications are then periodically destroyed through witnessed incineration.

Mr. Gadea also noted that the cost to each town is minimal, requiring only a one-time cost for the drop-box. Some towns found corporate sponsorship for the drop-box and since the medicines are “law enforcement abandoned property,” towns are not charged for incineration.

**Prescription Monitoring Program** – Also, Mr. Gadea and Xaviel Soto, Program Manager for the PMP, were included in last month’s NABP steering committee meeting for PMP interstate data sharing. The committee discussed complex issues relating the way in which state PMPs will disburse information across state lines.

**NABP Law Update** - Commissioner Inguanti informed the Commission of the recent completion of the Connecticut Pharmacy Law update provided to/by the NABP as well as the MPJE state-

specific review. In reviewing the laws of various states, Commissioner Inguanti found that there were currently only two states providing in-person interviews to reciprocity candidates.

**Change of Meeting Date** – Because Yom Kippur is observed on September 26, 2012, the Commission of Pharmacy will meet on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> as well as Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Reminder** – The October 2011 Commission will be held at the St. Joseph College School of Pharmacy in Downtown Hartford.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Review and approval of August 31 meeting minutes

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the minutes of the August 31, 2011 meeting.

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

Coram Alternate Site Services, Inc.  
d/b/a Coram Specialty Infusion Services  
an Apria Healthcare Company  
1471 Business Center Drive, Suite 500  
Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Eastside Pharmacy, Inc.  
d/b/a Best Pet Rx  
1751 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
New York, NY 10128

Hartley Medical Center Pharmacy, Inc.  
113 W. Victoria Street  
Long Beach, CA 90805

Inverness Apothecary  
195 Inverness Plaza  
Birmingham, AL 35242

Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy  
1170 Perkiomen Avenue  
Reading, PA 19602

Royal Palm Specialty Pharmacy, LLC  
118 Main Street  
Webster, MA 01570

Town Total Compounding Centers, LLC  
532 Broadhallow Road, Ste 104  
Melville, NY 11747

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Vegliante, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

**Adjournment**