# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMISSION OF PHARMACY September 17, 2014

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to

order by Commissioner Mary Inguanti. The meeting was held in Room 126, of The State Office Building 165 Capitol Avenue,

Hartford, CT 06106

Commissioners Present: William Summa, Chairperson

Mary Inguanti
Steve Beaudin
Richard Carbray
Debbie Chisolm
Angelo DeFazio
Edith G. Goodmaster

Staff Present: Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator

# Interview of Reciprocity Candidate(s)

The following candidate(s) were interviewed over the telephone and attested that the information provided was true and accurate to the best of their belief and understood that any misrepresentation of the facts could result in a fine and/or denial of pharmacist licensure in Connecticut.

Janna Curvey Reciprocity from Georgia
Amy Ehlers Reciprocity from Arizona

Mindy Jo Hyre Reciprocity from North Carolina Stuart Tolman Reciprocity from New York Gai Truong Reciprocity from Mississippi Joseph Soultatos Reciprocity from Virginia

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above application(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

### 'First Time' Pharmacy Manager(s)

Commissioner Summa provided a summary of the responsibilities that a first-time pharmacy manager has and appreciated their appearance before the Commission. Commissioner Summa emphasized the importance of the pharmacy manager's role in contrast to the front-store manager (in many retail settings). Some responsibilities include leadership, technician registration, license renewals, and prescription error reporting.

Commissioner Inguanti provided a brief overview of the Med Watch program and discussed properly reporting prescription errors.

Ashley Marcaurele Walgreens - Vernon
Cari Ziluck Rite Aid – New Milford
Robert Urban Wal-Mart – West Haven
Eric Halpern Walgreens - Glastonbury
Lauren Van Derveer CVS Pharmacy - Watertown

Sarah Rouslin Wal-Mart – Brooklyn Ryan Parenteau Walgreens – Bristol

### New Pharmacy Application(s)

Brass City Pharmacy 558 Chase Ave. Unit 2B Waterbury, CT 06704 Roy Ciarlo, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the above request for a new pharmacy premise provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

CVS Pharmacy #10317 8 Royce Circle Storrs, CT 06268 Amreen Josen, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the above request for a new pharmacy premise provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

### **Legal Matters**

Docket Number 14-421 Rite Aid #10359

Attorney Steven Schwane presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved the pharmacy failed to notify the Commission of Pharmacy of a change in pharmacist manager and enroll the name of the new manager. The department is recommending a civil penalty of \$1,000.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

### Docket Number 14-424 John Fontaine

Attorney Steven Schwane presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved the pharmacist committed a prescription error that also resulted in a breach of patient confidentiality. The investigation determined that pharmacist who committed the error was also at fault for the breach of confidentiality. The agreement calls for a \$500 civil penalty and completion of the continuing education course.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Goodmaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

## Docket Number 14-431Walgreens #9821

Attorney Steven Schwane presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved the pharmacy failed to notify the Commission in a timely manner that a new pharmacist was being appointed as pharmacist manager on two separate occasions. The department is recommending a civil penalty of \$2,000.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

### Docket Number 14-456 Bridgeport Chemists

Attorney Steven Schwane presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved the pharmacy breached patient confidentiality by dispensing a prescription to the wrong person. The agreement provides for a \$1,000 civil penalty to the pharmacy.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 14-466 CVS #1960

Attorney Steven Schwane presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved the pharmacy breached patient confidentiality by giving a prescription to the wrong person. The agreement provides for a \$1,000 civil penalty to the pharmacy.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Goodmaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 14-468 Walgreens #9521

Attorney Steven Schwane presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved the pharmacy failed to designate an acting pharmacist manager during the absence of the existing pharmacist manager. The department is recommending a civil penalty of \$1,000.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 14-507 Manchester Pharmacy

Attorney Steven Schwane presented this case. Commissioner Beaudin 'stepped down'. This case involved the Drug Control Division had inspected this pharmacy and found multiple violations of pharmacy statutes and regulations. Prior to the conclusion of the investigation, the owner of the pharmacy sold the pharmacy. This previous owner has agreed to a \$50,000 civil penalty.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

## Miscellaneous Matters

The commission voted to deny the request to modify the settlement agreement for Jessica L. Cavallaro.

The commission voted to deny the request to modify the settlement agreement for Garth Meadows

The commission granted Eric Lin a 6th attempt to take the MPJE

The commission conducted the hearing of Carl Mancini and will conduct the vote at the next commission meeting.

# Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

AllMed RX Specialty Pharmacy - Palm Beach Gardens, FL

American Specialty Pharmacy – Coral Gables, FL

Elwyn Specialty Care – Garnet Valley, PA

Exact Care Pharmacy, LLC - Valley View, OH

Gatti Compounding Pharmacy – Indiana, PA

MedWorx Compounding, LLC - Ridgeland, MS

Paradigm Healthcare Solutions, LLC dba Athena Pharmacy – Mt.Juliet, TN

Raindrop Pharmacy - Manhattan Beach, CA

Santa Barbara Specialty Pharmacy – Goleta, CA

Total Care Medical INC. dba Topical RX Pharmacy – Tallahassee, FL

Wright Specialty Pharmacy and Diabetic Supply – Collierville, TN

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Goodmaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications. Commissioner DeFazio stepped down from the vote.

Independence Holding Co. dba Complete Care Pharmacy – Chatham,IL Independence Holding Co. dba Complete Care Pharmacy – Springfield,IL Pentec Health – Mansfield, MA

Your Care Pharmacy Corp - Bronx, NY

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti is requesting additional documents for the above non-resident pharmacy applications for further review.

# Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)

August 20, 2014

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minutes.

There being no further business, Comm Respectfully Submitted,	issioner Summa adjourned the meeting.
William Summa William Summa, Chairperson	
Prepared by,	
<u>Heather Hoynes</u> Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator	