# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMISSION OF PHARMACY February 18, 2015

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

order by Commissioner William Summa. 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 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.

Roy Courchaine
Chad Forinash
Nabil Khan
Reciprocity from Missouri
Reciprocity from New York
Reciprocity from New Jersey
Cheryl Rashid
Reciprocity from Massachusetts

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of 5-0 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.

Deborah Reyes CVS Pharmacy - Glastonbury Hilary Williams Genoa Pharmacy - Milford

Hamid Samie Access Care Pharmacy – New Britain

Suraj Patel CVS Pharmacy – Branford

# Pharmacy Remodel(s)

PharMerica 77 Old Brickyard Lane Suite 1 Berlin, CT 06037

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the above pharmacy remodel plans 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 14-722 Anthony Alessio

Attorney Lynn Fiore presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved this pharmacist surrendered his license in April of 2014. The Department is satisfied that this pharmacist has taken the necessary steps to regain his license. He has the required record of drug counseling, negative drug screens and a letter from his treating physician recommending reinstatement.

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

#### Docket Number 14-731 CVS #71

Attorney Lynn Fiore presented this case. Commissioner Carbray 'stepped down'. This case involved Drug Control conducted a reinspection of this pharmacy after an initial inspection found multiple violations. The reinspection found some of the initial violations still uncorrected. In similar cases, the Commission of Pharmacy has assessed a civil penalty of twice the usual penalty for the specific violation (once for the first inspection and once for the second inspection). This agreement calls for an \$8,000 civil penalty (\$2,000 x 4 violations found on reinspection).

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

#### Docket Number 15-46 Robert Gaudette

Attorney Lynn Fiore presented this case. Commissioner DeFazio 'stepped down'. This case involved this pharmacy intern voluntarily surrendered his pharmacy intern registration in April of 2013. The Department is satisfied that this pharmacy intern has taken the necessary steps to regain his registration. He has a record of counseling, negative drug screens and a letter from his psychologist recommending reinstatement. The attached document is the standard reinstatement agreement.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

#### Miscellaneous Matters

The team from Roadrunner Veterinary Pharmacy, a Veterinary Exclusive Compounding Pharmacy located in Arizona, attended the Commission meeting to explain their practice, discuss the needs of their current Connecticut customers and to request a carve out in the State regulations allowing for office use of Sterile compounds, particularly compounded controlled drugs. The Commission advised the Roadrunner Pharmacy leadership of the role, responsibilities and authority of this Commission and suggested alternate regulatory and legislative pathways to use in making their request.

The task force will meet for the second time on second Tuesday of March and will give a full report at the next commission meeting.

#### Request(s) for CE Waiver

Commissioner Goodmaster reviewed the submitted requests. Commissioner Goodmaster recommended acceptance of each request as follows:

Tom Ptachcinski

12 CE's that were completed on January 1st 2015

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above recommendations

# Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

Alpha Pharmacy – Irving, TX
Apogee Bio-Pharm LLC – Edison, NJ
BriovaRX – Las Vegas, NV
Cardinal Health 414 LLC – East Rutherford, NJ
Irvine Wellness Pharmacy – Irvine, CA
Liberty for All Pharmacy 2, INC – Greenacres, FL
Main Are Pharmacy – Clifton, NJ
Palm Beach Pharma Corp. – Palm Beach, FL
Pharmacena LLC – Great Neck, NY
Red Chip of Nevada Pharmacy – Irvine, CA
River's Edge Pharmacy – Palm Desert, CA
Sunflower Discount Pharmacy LLC – Ruleville, MS
United Pharmacy Services – Havertown, PA

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

Agevital, LLC – Sarasota, FL Midwest I.V. LLC – Higginsville, MO Script Shop Miami, LLC – Miami Beach, FL

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

Cystic Fibrosis Services – Bethesda, MD Medication Management Program – Columbus, OH

**Commission Action:** The above pharmacies were denied because they are call centers and or do MTM and do not require a nonresident pharmacy license they must have their pharmacist be licensed in Connecticut.

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

January 21, 2015

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Goodmaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minutes.

There being no further business, Commissioner Summa adjourned the meeting. Respectfully Submitted,

William Summa
William Summa, Chairperson
Prepared by,
<u> Heather Hoynes</u>
Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator