# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMISSION OF PHARMACY August 19, 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

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

Mary Inguanti

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.

Rebecca Abramovitz

Costadina Aneziris

Christina Becker

Reciprocity from New York
Reciprocity from Illinois
Reciprocity from Illinois

Jeffrey Chan

Christie Clauss

Reciprocity from Massachusetts

Reciprocity from New York

Richard Debartolo

Trisha Hernandez

Reciprocity from Illinois

Reciprocity from Arizona

Christopher Ivanoski Reciprocity from Massachusetts

Neethu James Reciprocity from Florida

Mercy Marawiti Reciprocity from North Carolina Abdul Naz Reciprocity from New Jersey Elaine Nguyen Reciprocity from Idaho Olaonipekun Oyetayo Reciprocity from Texas Clayton Reeves Reciprocity from Arkansas Allison Smith Reciprocity from Virginia Alena Tarabrina Reciprocity from Illinois Bernadette Timungwa Reciprocity from California Mabel Wai Reciprocity from New York

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster 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.

Shaye Stone Costco Pharmacy - Enfield
Samantha Chu CVS Pharmacy - Stamford
Abiola Danmola CVS Pharmacy - Naugatuck
Karl Lussier Stop & Shop Pharmacy - Madison

Hannah Lupinacci Target Pharmacy - Bethel

Sharon Masayda Brass City Pharmacy – Waterbury
Courtney Desjardins CVS Pharmacy - Middletown
Stephen Waters Walgreens – East Haven

Christopher Cardoni Shop Rite Pharmacy – New London

Erin Wissler Walgreens – Coventry

The following pharmacist also appeared as first time managers but did not have 6 months of experience working in Connecticut which is a requirement of the Connecticut Commission of Pharmacy. Commissioner Summa stressed the importance of having the 6 months experience in Connecticut but still sworn them in as first time managers. The companies were advised that having this experience is a requirement of the commission.

Minal Patel Walgreens - Waterbury
Harold Scheidel Walgreens - Torrington
Jesse Owen Walmart Pharmacy – Bristol

### New Pharmacy Application(s)

Bridgeport Community Pharmacy LLC 192 Fairfield Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06604 Stanley Fidler, 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.

Costco Pharmacy #1196 405 Hartford Rd. New Britain, CT 06053 Robert Trimani, 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.

ValueRX Pharmacy Services 54 Tuttle Place Middletown, CT 06457 Michael Yawgel, 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.

# Pharmacy Relocation(s)

CVS Pharmacy #1276

From: To:

59 North Main Street 81 North Street Bristol, CT Bristol, CT 06010 06010

Patricia Brennan, Pharmacy Manager

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

Kent Station Pharmacy

From: To:

3 Maple Street #279 38 North Main Street

Kent, CT Kent, CT 06757 06757

Peter D'Aprile, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: This Pharmacy did not show for the meeting

# Pharmacy Remodel(s)

Walgreens #07522 4083 Main Street Bridgeport, CT 06606

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 6-0 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 15-393 CVS Pharmacy #459

Attorney Lynn Fiore presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved on three different dates this pharmacy failed to include the prescription error disclosure on prescription receipts or bags as required by Connecticut General Statutes, Section 20-635(c). This agreement calls for payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000.

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

Docket Number 15-416 CVS Pharmacy #172

Attorney Lynn Fiore presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved Drug Control investigated this pharmacy for permitting a pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio greater than that allowed, and permitting a pharmacy technician to prepare prescriptions without wearing a name tag or similar form of identification identifying her as a pharmacy technician. This agreement calls for payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000

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

Docket Number 15-428 CVS Pharmacy #364

Attorney Lynn Fiore presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved Drug Control investigated this pharmacy for failing to immediately enroll pharmacy a manager. This agreement calls for payment of a civil penalty in the amount 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.

# Miscellaneous Legal Matters

Attorney Fiore discussed that she will be stepping down as the Attorney for the Commission of Pharmacy and that Attorney Antonio Santoro will be taking over the responsibilities of the Commission of Pharmacy.

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Commissioner DeFazio and Commissioner Carbray briefly went over highlights of a survey that was geared towards workplace environment in the community pharmacy setting. Over 450 pharmacists concluded the survey which highlighted many concerns in workload management. Commissioner DeFazio and Commissioner Carbray are to meet with DCP Commissioner to discuss next steps concerning potential stakeholders. A full analysis of the survey will be reported by Dr. Laura Schlessman at the New England pharmacist convention.

### Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

904 Prospect Pharmacy Inc. - Bronx, NY

APS Pharmacy #801, LLC - Southaven, MS

Care Zone Pharmacy – Richmond, CA

Deerfield Healthcare LLC dba Republic RX Specialty Pharmacy – San Antonio, TX

DeliverCare RX Pharmacy LLC – Skokie, IL

Encompass RX – Atlanta, GA

Infinite Care Pharmacy – Cave Creek, AZ

Jay Pharmacy of Jay Fla, Inc - Jay, FL

Manhasset Park Drug Corp. – Manhasset, NY

Med Care Inc. - Franklin, TN

Mirra Pharmacy – White Plains, NY

Mission Pharmacy – San Antonio, TX

Park Compounding – Irvine, CA

Pasco Pharmacy – Wesley Chapel, FL

Performs Specialty LLC - Orlando, FL

PharmBlue Massachusetts LLC – Attleboro, MA

Resource Pharmacy – San Bernardino, CA

Safe Pharmacy – Mesquite, TX

Soleo Health Inc. - Canton, MA

Specialty RX Inc. – Roselle, NJ

Speedy RX LLC - Linden, NJ

Total Vein Pharmacy – Houston, TX

White Oak Pharmacy – Nutley, NJ

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

AllCare Pharmacy Inc. – Worcester, MA
AssuraScript – Center Line, MI
Capital RX Pharmacy LLC – Lakewood, NJ
Catamaran Home Delivery – Lisle, IL
DivvyMED LLC dba Divvy Dose – Rock Island, IL
HDK Enterprises Inc. dba Southside Infusion – Houston, TX
Source One Pharmacy Services LLC – West Chester, PA
Time Square Drug Inc. – Jupiter, FL
Warner West Pharmacy & Supplies – Canoga Park, CA
Wellmart Pharmacy Inc. – Stafford, TX

**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)

June 17, 2015

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

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

<u>William Summa</u>	
William Summa, Chairperson	
Prepared by,	
<u>Heather Hoynes</u>	
Heather Hovnes, Board Administrate	or