# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMISSION OF PHARMACY April 19, 2017

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Commissioner Summa. The meeting was held in Plaza North Room C&D, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT

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.

Shinu Abraham Reciprocity from New York
Marut Gadani Reciprocity from Maryland
Sara Kissinger Reciprocity from New York
Silpa Mathew Reciprocity from Pennsylvania
Betty Philip Reciprocity from New Jersey
Gregory Sophis Reciprocity from Massachusetts

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

#### New Pharmacy Application(s)

Plainville Community Pharmacy 170 East Street Plainville, CT 06062 Suruchi Patel, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster 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)

Electric Boat Family Pharmacy

From: To:

60 Colver Street 32 Chicago Ave.

Groton, CT Groton, CT 06340 06340

Frank Toce, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin 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.

# Pharmacy Remodel(s)

CVS Pharmacy #2573 1425 Barnum Ave. Stratford, CT 16614

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

Price Chopper Pharmacy 251 Kennedy Drive Suite A Putnam, CT 06260

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

Option Care 100 Trap Falls Road Suite 200 Shelton, CT 06484

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray 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 pending drug control 797 inspection.

Walmart Pharmacy 474 Boston Post Rd. North Windham, CT 06256

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray 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**

Case Number 2016 - 975 CVS Pharmacy #459

Attorney Julianne Avallone presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved The Licensee is a pharmacy that has been investigated by the Drug Control Division for failure to maintain stocks of controlled substances in a manner to prevent theft or diversion. This Settlement Agreement calls for a \$1,000.00 dollar civil penalty.

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

Case Number 2016 - 1025

Attorney Julianne Avallone presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'.

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 5-1 to deny the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Case Number 2016 - 1557 CVS Pharmacy #2278

Attorney Julianne Avallone presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved The Licensee is a pharmacy which has been investigated by the Drug Control Division for failing to notify the Drug Control Division of a change in Pharmacy Manager. Allegations included licensee's failure to be managed by a full-time pharmacist practicing at the pharmacy that is registered as a manager with DCP and failing to provide the commission with the name of a designated pharmacy manager.

This Settlement Agreement calls for a \$1000.00 dollar civil penalty.

**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.

Case Number 2016 – 1560 CVS Pharmacy #343

Attorney Julianne Avallone presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved The Licensee is a pharmacy which has been investigated by the Drug Control Division for failing to notify the Drug Control Division of a change in Pharmacy Manager. Allegations included licensee's failure to be managed by a full-time pharmacist practicing at the pharmacy who is registered as a manager with DCP and failing to provide the commission with the name of a designated pharmacy manager. This is the Licensee pharmacy's third violation for failure to notify of a change in the pharmacy manager. Therefore, the civil penalty has been increased to reflect the repeated offense.

This Settlement Agreement calls for a \$4,000.00 dollar civil penalty.

**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.

#### <u>'First Time' Pharmacy Manager(s)</u>

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.

Steven Rotstein

Jordyn Magill

CVS Pharmacy – Stratford

CVS Pharmacy – Middletown

Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Bristol

Middletown

Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Bristol

Michael Davis CVS Pharmacy – Vernon

Monika Croteau The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy - Old Saybrook

Valerie Hardenbergh Rite Aid - Norwalk CVS Pharmacy - Lisbon Kaylyn Silva Caitlin Lurate Rite Aid - Manchester Jacek Wroblewski Walgreens - Hamden, CT Manna Wu Walgreens - Manchester, CT Walgreens - Hartford, CT Kristen Carleton Walgreens - Bridgeport, CT Oksana Kostryyuk CVS Pharmacy - Uncasville, CT Nicholas Lind CVS Pharmacy - Madison, CT Nicole Hodgdon CVS Pharmacy - Greenwich, CT Chi Hoang

Cheryl Tomastik Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Glastonbury, CT

Gamal Gawish

CVS Pharmacy - Hartford, CT

Laiting Palmer

CVS Pharmacy - Hartford, CT

Herquido Dasilva

CVS Pharmacy - Hartford, CT

Medicine Shoppe - Vernon, CT

Mario Ferreira Rite Aid - Fairfield, CT

Sarah Fisher CVS Pharmacy – Hartford, CT

# Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

C3 Healthcare Rx - Richmond, VA

Avella of Columbus - Columbus, OH

Conception Pharmacy - The Woodlands, TX

Family Care Pharmacies - Houston, TX

Family Pharmacy, LLC - Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Focused Care Pharmacy, INC - Syracuse, NY

Giannotto's Pharmacy - Newark, NJ

Integra Rx - Pompano Beach, FL

Lindenwood Rx Care, INC - Brooklyn, NY

MediSuite - Cary, NC

Meijer Specialty Pharmacy - Belleville, MI

The Nebraska Medical Center Clinic Pharmacy - Omaha, NE

Nex Med Pharmacy - Bronx, NY

One Point Patient Care, LLC - Morton Grove, IL

Preferred Compounding Pharmacy, INC - Granada Hills, CA

Southside Pharmacy 3 – Houston, TX

St. Simon Pharmacy - Sarasota, FL

Top Care Pharmacy, LLC - Middleburg, FL

Tops Pharmacy, INC - Brick, NJ

Tri-State Pharmaceutical, LLC - Lakewood, NJ

Vital RX, LLC - Pelham, AL

**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.

ASP Cares - Oklahoma City, OK

Bioworx - Green Cove Springs, FL

Medical Home Pharmacy - Trenton, NJ

**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)

March 15, 2017

**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,

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William Summa, Chairperson
Prepared by,
Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator