

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY  
September 27, 2023

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Commissioner DeFazio. The meeting was conducted by physical attendance and virtually on TEAMS.

Commissioners Present: Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Richard Carbray  
Debbie Chisolm  
Mary Inguanti  
Kristin Linder  
Ann Taylor

Staff Present: Gina Samples, Board Administrator

**New Pharmacy Application (s)**

Genoa Healthcare LLC  
22 5<sup>th</sup> St RM P  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Kevin Ehl, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio stated for record the change of Pharmacy Manager for this location. Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm 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.

Kabila Wellness, LLC  
4 Corporate Drive, Suite 392  
Shelton, CT 06484  
Jillann Knowlton, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 6-0, to approve the above request for a new pharmacy premise, and pharmacy manager's request that until pharmacy is open for business, pharmacy manager does not need remain for the 35 minimum operation hours provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

### **Pharmacy Relocations (s)**

Community Health Pharmacy LLC

From:

210 Dixwell Avenue

New Haven

06511

Christopher Ryan, Pharmacy Manager

Community Health Pharmacy LLC

To:

224 Dixwell Avenue

New Haven

06511

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm the above remodel request passed by a vote of 6-0 to and 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)**

Dixwell Pharmacy LLC dba Apex Pharmacy

2380 Dixwell Avenue

Hamden, CT 06541

Lakshman Padi, Representative

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray recused, Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm the above remodel request passed by a vote of 5-0 to and provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Main Street Pharmacy #2

345 Main

Danbury, CT 06810

Justin Burturla, Pharmacy Representative

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

Mohegan Pharmacy

67 Sandy Desert Road

Uncasville, CT 06382

Kristine Lariviere, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm the above remodel request passed by a vote of 6-0 to and 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) Cont.**

Price Chopper #232  
855 Washington Street  
Middletown, CT 06457  
Dan Gallagher, Pharmacy Manager

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm the above remodel request passed by a vote of 6-0 to and 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:* 2022-1377 **Procure; PCY.0002214**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated for distribution of controlled substances to an individual with an inactive federal registry number, on the basis of information obtained in a separate investigation. Additional violations were alleged including record keeping violations. Respondent immediately and voluntarily instituted substantive changes to address all allegations. Both the investigation and resolution involve parallel activity at the federal level.

### **Proposed Resolution:**

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$30,000, which has been paid. The agreement recognizes significant voluntary corrective actions taken by the Respondent, which Respondent shall maintain through updated processes.

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

*Case Number:* 2022-19033 **Ryan Christopher Bango; PCT.0010221**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacist investigated following an error complaint. This is the second error in a three year period, however Respondent has an error history. Commissioner Linder stepped down in a Compliance Meeting with Respondent.

### **Proposed Resolution:**

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall be placed on a one year probationary status in which Respondent acknowledges that subsequent errors in such period may result in the reopening of the instant case and additional discipline. Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$2,000, which has been paid. Additionally, within 60 days Respondent shall complete online continuing education courses related to Medical Safety/Reconciliation, and Medical Errors. These hours will not be credited to the Respondent for his annual requirement.

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

The following pharmacists presented themselves to the Commission of Pharmacy as 'first time' pharmacy managers in the State of Connecticut:

Commissioner DeFazio provided a summary of the responsibilities that a first-time pharmacy manager has and appreciated their appearance before the Commission. Commissioner DeFazio 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, reporting pharmacy operation hours, and prescription error reporting. Provided Information on utilization of the Med-watch Program.

Linda Camirand	Walmart Pharmacy – Putnam
Kevin Ehl	Genoa Healthcare LLC – Stamford
Kayleigh Giannini	CVS Pharmacy – Naugatuck
Albert Morgan	CVS Pharmacy – Enfield
Christina Verbetsky	CVS Pharmacy (Target Store) – Manchester
Yelena Vishnepolskaya	Walgreens Pharmacy – Canaan
Not in Attendance	
Tyler Veno	Rite Aid Pharmacy – Monroe

### **Reciprocity Interview Candidate (s)**

The following candidates(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 fact could result in a fine and/or denial of pharmacist licensure in Connecticut.

Farah Ahmed	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Dianne P Buchman	Reciprocity from New York
Caroline Gander	Reciprocity from Illinois
Tanya Golovanoff	Reciprocity from Colorado
Joshua Hendrickson	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Matthew Liaw	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Joanne Ruggiero	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Malgorzata Szerszen	Reciprocity from Massachusetts

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

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

Classic Compounding Pharmacy LLC – York, ME  
Everspring LLC – Saint Louis, MO  
Hebron Pharmacy – Carrollton, TX  
Hometown Pharmacy – Crestview, FL  
Stellus RX LLC– Frisco, TX  
Super Health Pharmacy – Staten Island, NY  
TELYRX LLC – Clearwater, FL

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

Bioplus Specialty Pharmacy Services LLC – Chandler, AZ  
Brighton Pharmacy – Sandy, UT  
Cardinal Health 414 LLC – Plainview, NY  
Cross Pharmacy – Holiday, FL  
Konfeti Inc. – Astoria, NY  
Salamen & Worthering Enterprises LLC – Ann Arbor, MI

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

## **Drug Control Updates**

Rodrick Marriott, Director DCP Drug Control Division

- Law Updates
- Renewal Calendar Reminder
- Website Information
- 35-hour requirement for Pharmacist Manager

Roderick Marriott, Director of the Drug Control Division spoke about updates and answered questions about bulleted topics.

Drug Control Division Website Hyperlink

<https://portal.ct.gov/DCP/Agency-Administration/Division-Home-Pages/Drug-Control-Division>

## **Request (s) for Continuing Education Program Approval**

Department Consumer Protection, Drug Control Division  
2023 Drug Control Division Legislative update  
Rodrick Marriott, Director DCP Drug Control Division  
2.0 CEU Live Law TBD

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the continuing education program credit.

## **Miscellaneous Matters**

### **NABP MPJE UPDATE**

Agent Rachel Brown and Commissioners Kristin Linder and Mary Inguanti completed the August – September 2023 MPJE State Specific Review and Pretest Item Selection assignment.

This annual assignment consists of two tasks:

1. Select newly written items to add to the CT question pool
2. Review our current CT pool of test questions (these are previously selected pretest and scored items/questions)

The review and selection assignment was completed and submitted on the due date of September 8, 2023.

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

August 23, 2023

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Inguanti moved and seconded by Commissioner Linder passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept.

**There being no further business, Commissioner DeFazio adjourned the meeting.**

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio seconded, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn.

Respectively Submitted,

*Angelo DeFazio* \_\_\_\_\_

Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by

*Gina Samples* \_\_\_\_\_

Gina Samples, Board Administrator