

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
April 24, 2024

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

Debbie Chisolm
Mary Inguanti
Ann Taylor
Kristin Linder

Not in Attendance Richard Carbray Not in Attendance

Staff Present: Gina Samples, Board Administrator

New Pharmacy Application (s)

Avon Infusion Center
80 Fisher Drive
Avon, CT 06001
Richmond Kelley, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, and passed by a vote of 5-0, to approve and Commissioner Linder recused in 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.

Yale New Haven Health Bridgeport Hospital
267 Grant Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610
Debbie Chisolm, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 4-0, to approve the above and Commissioner Chisolm recused in 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 Remodel (s)

Nutmeg Pharmacy
23 Killingworth Road
Higganum, CT 06441

Gregory McKenna, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve 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.

Wal-Mart Pharmacy #10-577
450 Providence Road
Brooklyn, CT 06234

Garrett Cavanaugh, Representative

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve 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.

Pharmacy Internship Request(s)

Sai S.L. Akkineni appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a pharmacy internship. The Commission of Pharmacy granted Sai S.L. Akkineni permission to apply for a pharmacy internship.

Mai M.H. Ashour appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a pharmacy internship. The Commission of Pharmacy granted Sai S.L. Akkineni permission to apply for a pharmacy internship.

CE Waiver Request (s)

Richard Kolanda is in the military and has scheduled deployments; upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Mr. Kolanda did not complete the continuing education requirement for the 2023 and 2024 calendar years. An audit was conducted of the 2022 license renewal CE Credits were not completed for the 2020 and 2021 calendar years.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 5-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2024/2023 and 2021/2020 calendar years to be in compliance for the 2024 and 2022 license renewals. If the CE credits are not completed a case will be opened with the Drug Control Division and needs to be verified by the Commission of Pharmacy continuing education has been completed by October 1, 2024.

'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.

Nathalie Brown
Dredhza Dauti
Bao Nguyen

Rite Aid Pharmacy – Ridgefield
CVS Pharmacy – Waterbury
CVS Pharmacy – Canon

Not in Attendance – Commission Role Call

Anita Li

CVS Pharmacy – Cromwell

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.

Sabahat S Ahmed	Reciprocity from Pennsylvania
Chaohao Chen	Reciprocity from Maryland
Tharima Choudhury	Reciprocity from New York
Muhammed Dagher	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Rachel A Galbo	Reciprocity from Maryland
Jessica Kang	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Jordan A Navalle	Reciprocity from South Carolina
Monali K Patel	Reciprocity from Georgia
Liang Ding Roeser	Reciprocity from New York
Samia Sabir	Reciprocity from Illinois
Spruha D Shah	Reciprocity from California

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above application(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

Request (s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

Pharma Group Select LLC dba Nextrx Pharmacy – Columbia, MO
Steltz Pharmacy INC dba Consolidated RX – Paol, PA
White Label Pharmacy – Denton, TX

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

Epiphany Compounding LLC – Scottsdale, AZ
New England Infusions Services LLC dba Vital Care of Hopkinton, MA
Realo Specialty Care Pharmacy INC – Morrisville, NC
Valescent Pharmaceuticals INC dba VPI Compounding – Centennial, CO

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

Non-resident Applications – Approved with Additional Information

JKR Pharmacy Ventures LLC dba Doc Lanes Veterinary Pharmacy – Lexington, KY
Little Neck RX Corp dba Pharmaconic – Little Neck, NY

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

Request (s) for Pharmacy Community Services

Genoa Healthcare LLC – Hartford, CT

Julia Burkhard, Representative

Request to add Community Services to the pharmacy license;
confirmed there are no compounding services.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved Commissioner Taylor seconded passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the request to add Community Services.

Miscellaneous Request (s)

MPJE Law Meeting Update (subject correction to meeting agenda)

Commissioner Kristin Linder participated remotely in the 2024 MPJE item development workshop. The annual item development workshop consists of reviewing item development training materials and writing new questions for the CT MPJE exam for competencies outlined by the NABP. All item writing and submission was completed using NABP's secure, electronic platform and new items were submitted by the deadline March 15, 2024.

Pharmacist Applications / New Graduates

Gina Samples, Board Administrator gave an overview to the new pharmacist graduates in collaboration using the website online portal for submitting new applications and timeframes for processing.

Commission Live and Virtual Meetings Discussion

The Commission Members discussed the pros and cons of meeting in person versus virtual meetings. It was decided that the Commission Meetings would reconvene in person, for anyone speaking or first time manager(s).

An exception to attend virtually for out of state attendees and Commission Members circumstance to attend virtually.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved and seconded by Commissioner Linder passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the last hybrid meeting would be June 26, 2024, meeting and attendance to convene in person would be effective on August 28, 2024; with review of circumstantial waiver requests to attend virtual.

Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)

March 27, 2024

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Inguanti moved and seconded by Commissioner Linder passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept.

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

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti seconded, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn.

Respectively Submitted,

Angelo DeFazio _____

Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by

Gina Samples _____

Gina Samples, Board Administrator