

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
May 22, 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

Richard Carbray
Kristin Linder
Ann Taylor

Virtual Attendance Debbie Chisolm

Not in Attendance Mary Inguanti

Staff Present: Gina Samples, Board Administrator

Pharmacy Remodel (s)

Genoa Healthcare LLC
47 Town Street, Suite C
Norwich, CT 06360

Julia Burkhardt, Director of Operations

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray 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.

SWC Pharmacy Inc. dba Southwest Corporation Pharmacy
24 Stevens Lobby
Norwalk, CT 06850

Amy Kurzafkowski, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray 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.

Legal Matters

Case Number: 2022-984 **Walgreens #06914; PCY.0001943**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Summary: Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following a complaint of unscheduled closures.

Respondent pharmacy is alleged to have closed the prescription department more than one calendar day for any such unscheduled closure, and to have had more than two unscheduled closures in a 30 day period. Such closures were appropriately reported to the Commission, and each was a partial closure.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$1,500, which has been paid.

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

Case Number: 2022-1802 **Walgreens #10310; PCY.0002120**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Summary: Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy subject to a routine pharmacy inspection. Respondent is alleged to have had deficiencies including failure to maintain an orderly pharmacy area, failure to appropriately maintain prescription records and perpetual inventory of scheduled controlled substances, failure to have a current registration and training documentation for all pharmacy technicians, to have outdated non-prescription drug stock, to have had unscheduled pharmacy closures without appropriate notification to the Commission of Pharmacy, and failures related to the reporting and quality assurance monitoring of prescription errors. Voluntary corrective measures were undertaken by the Respondent during and following the inspection.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent agrees to appropriately reconcile and maintain records of prescriptions as required by law, appropriately inventory controlled substances and maintain records in an order state, ensure out of date or adulterated drugs are removed from stock, ensure all staff have current licensing, training documentation, and identification, and maintain pharmacy premises in a clean and orderly fashion. Additionally Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$10,000, which has been paid.

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

Legal Matters Cont.

Case Number: 2023-459 **Nutmeg Pharmacy Moodus LLC, PCY.0002395**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Summary: Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy which was investigated following a patient dispensing error complaint. Respondent is alleged to have failed to indicate in records the name of the pharmacist who dispensed or refilled a drug, rendering the audit trail incomplete.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall be issued a Letter of Reprimand and pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$500, which has been paid.

Case Number: 2023-943 **Nutmeg Pharmacy, PCY.0002191**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Summary: Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy which was investigated based on evidence gathered in a distinct investigation. Respondent is alleged to have failed to indicate in records the name of the pharmacist who dispensed or refilled a drug, rendering the audit trail incomplete.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall be issued a Letter of Reprimand and pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$500, which has been paid.

Case Number: 2023-945 **Nutmeg Pharmacy, PCY.002367; (Case No. 2023-943)**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Summary: Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy which was investigated based on evidence gathered in a distinct investigation. Respondent is alleged to have failed to indicate in records the name of the pharmacist who dispensed or refilled a drug, rendering the audit trail incomplete.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall be issued a Letter of Reprimand and pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$500, which has been paid.

Case Number: 2023-946 **Nutmeg Pharmacy, PCY.0002380**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Summary: Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy which was investigated based on evidence gathered in a distinct investigation. Respondent is alleged to have failed to indicate in records the name of the pharmacist who dispensed or refilled a drug, rendering the audit trail incomplete.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall be issued a Letter of Reprimand and pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$500, which has been paid.

Legal Matters Cont.

Case Number: 2023-947 **Nutmeg LTC Pharmacy, PCY.0002422**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Summary: Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy which was investigated based on evidence gathered in a distinct investigation. Respondent is alleged to have failed to indicate in records the name of the pharmacist who dispensed or refilled a drug, rendering the audit trail incomplete.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall be issued a Letter of Reprimand and pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$500, which has been paid.

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreements for Case(s) 2023-459; 203-943; 2023-945; 2023-946; 2023-947.

Case Number: 2023-1768 **Nutmeg LTC Pharmacy, PCY.0002191**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Summary: Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy which was investigated for allegations of dispensing controlled substances to house stock.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall be issued a Letter of Reprimand and shall pay a voluntary settlement payment in the amount of \$500, which has been paid.

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

'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.

Rami Anklis
Emma Donnell
Nataly Domitrz

Shop Rite Pharmacy – Cromwell
CVS Pharmacy – Niantic
Walgreens Pharmacy – Cromwell

'First Time' Pharmacy Manager (s) Cont.

Lori Deslandes-Paz	CVS Pharmacy – New Britain
Anisha Lui	Walgreens Pharmacy – Milford
Jeannette Moran	Grand Pharmacy – Branford
Elma Omeragic	Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Bristol
Kylie Price	Walgreens Pharmacy – Bristol
Shalini Sahu	Slavins-Hancock Pharmacy – Stamford
Michael Sherman	Shop Rite Pharmacy – Orange
Jackson Yost	Community Walgreens – Waterbury

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.

Kayla B Gibson	Reciprocity from New Mexico
Hyunah Jee	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Juna Jovani	Reciprocity from California
Tyler J Leroy	Reciprocity from South Carolina
Gregory V Mainella	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Derek C McConnell	Reciprocity from Maine
Jacob A Salee	Reciprocity from Minnesota
Austin Schumacher	Reciprocity from Minnesota
Antonio Sica	Reciprocity from New York
Charles Thompson	Reciprocity from Tennessee

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

Non-Resident New Application Request (s) Pharmacy Approval

Advanced Medical dba Health Care Medical Infusion Specialties –
Ridgeland, MS
Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Inc. dba SMP Mid-Atlantic – Rockville, MD
Costco Pharmacy #1710 – Madison, WI
Meier's Pharmacy LLC – Holladay UT
OSRX INC (2675 PALMER ST STE D) – Missoula, MT
SAKRX LLC dba Kohlls RX – Omaha, NE
The Drugstore on East LLC – Athens, OH

Non-Resident Applications – Approved with Additional Documentation

Cure Stat RX – San Diego, CA
Cardinal Health 414 LLC – Plainville, NY
Conley's Drug Store – Ipswich, MA
RescueMeds LLC – Annapolis MD
Salamen & Worthing Enterprises LLC – Ann Arbor, MI
Valiant Pharmacy Holdings LLC – Ypsilanti, MI

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

Non-resident Applications Pharmacy Not Approved

DVB INC dba Main Street Chemist – Ridgefield Park, NJ
Taylors Pharmacy LLC – Winter Park, FL
Belmar Pharmacy Florida LLC – Odessa, FL

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

Request (s) for Non-Resident Sterile Compounding Services

Prosperity Pharmacy Med Center INC dba Hann's Pharmacy – Fairfax, VA

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved Commissioner Linder seconded passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the request to add Non-sterile compounding services to the license.

Request (s) for Non-Resident Non-Sterile Compounding Services

XE Care LLC – New Albany, OH

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved Commissioner Taylor seconded passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the request to add Sterile compounding services to the license.

Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)

April 24, 2024

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Linder moved and seconded by Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Carbray Abstained the motion passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept.

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

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor 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