

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
June 20, 2018

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Commissioner DeFazio. The meeting was held in the meeting was held in Plaza North Room C&D, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103

Commissioners Present: Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson
Debbie Chisolm
Kristin Linder

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.

Kofi Appiah	Reciprocity from Louisiana
Bailee Binks	Reciprocity from Utah
Iris Chen	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Stephen Farley	Reciprocity from New York
Anthony Giuliani	Reciprocity from Rhode Island
Syed Haider	Reciprocity from Illinois
Stacy Longo	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Sean McGonigle	Reciprocity from Pennsylvania
Messaoud Oumeddour	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Joseph Soliman	Reciprocity from New York
Grant Stimes	Reciprocity from Iowa
Charles Upton	Reciprocity from Tennessee
Run Xue Wang	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Mitch Sobel	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Amanda Wojtusik	Reciprocity from Pennsylvania
Jennifer Zhao	Reciprocity from Pennsylvania

Commission Action: Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 3-0 to accept the above application(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

Request(s) for Pharmacy Internship(s)

Deema Hassan appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a pharmacy internship. The Commission of Pharmacy granted Deema Hassan permission to apply for a pharmacy internship.

New Pharmacy Application(s)

Department of Veterans Affairs Pharmacy
287 West Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
Sara Shermer, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 3-0 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.

Genoa Healthcare, LLC
45 Wadsworth Street, Suite P
Hartford, CT 06106
Suzanne Tamer, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 3-0 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.

Genoa Healthcare, LLC
43 Woodland Street, Suite G100
Hartford, CT 06105
Jason Kan, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 3-0 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 Remodel(s)

Wal-Mart Pharmacy
910 Wolcott ST.
Waterbury, CT 06705

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 3-0 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 2018-367 **KUNJAL ANAND NAIR**

Attorney Bryan Cafferelli presented this case. Commissioner Chisholm 'stepped down'. This case involved The Licensee is a pharmacy manager that has been investigated by the Drug Control Division for: failure to maintain records indicating the date of filling, the name and address of the prescribing practitioner, the name and address of the patient and the name of the pharmacist who dispensed the drug; failure to include on the label of each prescription container: (1) The quantity of prescribed drug placed in such container and (2) a prominently printed expiration date; misbranding prescriptions by not having the package form, unless it bears a label containing (1) the name of the manufacturer and (2) an accurate statement of the quantity of the contents in terms of numerical count; failure to dispense on a written or oral prescription of a practitioner if such drug bears a label containing the name and place of business of the dispenser, the serial number and date of filling or refilling of such prescription, the name of such practitioner licensed and the name of the patient; failure to have all prescriptions labeled and contain all information required by federal and state statutes and regulations; failure to maintain a written record documenting the initial and continuing training of pharmacy technicians; failure to maintain all stocks of controlled substances in all schedules in a secure area or location accessible only to specifically authorized personnel; and failure to maintain all equipment used for storage of controlled substances such as approved safe.

Proposed Resolution: This Settlement Agreement calls for: corrective actions, including maintaining a safe for the storage of controlled substances, and locking the same when not properly accessing controlled substances contained therein; maintaining a written record documenting the initial and continuing training of pharmacy technicians; properly utilization of a reverse distributor for destruction of drugs, including maintaining and keeping the required records; ceasing any and all improper inventory or maintaining improper stocks of patient drugs as identified in the investigation; a letter of caution; and payment a civil penalty of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 2-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 2018-674 **MEDICINE SHOPPE #1758**

Attorney Bryan Cafferelli presented this case. Commissioner Chisholm 'stepped down'. This case involved The Licensee is a pharmacy that has been investigated by the Drug Control Division for failure to maintain records indicating the date of filling, the name and address of the prescribing practitioner, the name and address of the patient and the name of the pharmacist who dispensed the drug; failure to include on the label of each prescription container: (1) The quantity of prescribed drug placed in such container and (2) a prominently printed expiration date; misbranding prescriptions by not having the package form, unless it bears a label containing (1) the name of the manufacturer and (2) an accurate statement of the quantity of the contents in terms of numerical count; failure to dispense on a written or oral prescription of a

practitioner if such drug bears a label containing the name and place of business of the dispenser, the serial number and date of filling or refilling of such prescription, the name of such practitioner licensed and the name of the patient; failure to have all prescriptions labeled and contain all information required by federal and state statutes and regulations; failure to maintain a written record documenting the initial and continuing training of pharmacy technicians; failure to maintain all stocks of controlled substances in all schedules in a secure area or location accessible only to specifically authorized personnel; and failure to maintain all equipment used for storage of controlled substances such as approved safe. Proposed Resolution: This Settlement Agreement calls for: corrective actions, including maintaining a safe for the storage of controlled substances, and locking the same when not properly accessing controlled substances contained therein; maintaining a written record documenting the initial and continuing training of pharmacy technicians; proper utilization of a reverse distributor for destruction of drugs, including maintaining and keeping the required records; ceasing any and all improper inventory or maintaining improper stocks of patient drugs as identified in the investigation; a letter of caution; and payment a civil penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 2-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

'First Time' Pharmacy Manager(s)

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, and prescription error reporting.

John Del Debbio	Rite Aid - Waterbury
Tyler Veno	Rite Aid - Monroe
Daniela Alzate-Molina	Rite Aid - Cheshire
Asa Tsoi	Rite Aid - New Haven
Jessica Wierzbicki	Rite Aid - East Haven
Jacqueline Varnyan	CVS Pharmacy - East Haven
Deb Roberts	Big Y Pharmacy - Mansfield
Salvatore Ruggiero	Stop & Shop Pharmacy - Danbury
Michelle Brennan	CVS Pharmacy - Southington
Paul Barry	ValisureRX - New Haven
Michelle Tong	Wal-Mart Pharmacy - Shelton
Susan Boronese	CVS Pharmacy - Bloomfield
Nga Le	Walgreens - New Haven
Shaymaa Salamaa	CVS Pharmacy - Stratford

Miscellaneous Matters

UConn Health Pharmacy Services did not show at this time.

Request(s) for Continuing Education Program Approval

Rodrick J. Marriott, Director, Drug Control Division

PulseLight, 6 CEU's

May 16, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 450 Columbus Blvd. Hartford

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 3-0 to accept Commissioner DeFazio's recommendation to approve the above continuing education program.

Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

Am Ex Pharmacy – Melbourne, FL

AmeriPharma – Orange, CA

Bell Pharmacy – Camden, NJ

Clermont Community Pharmacy – Clermont, FL

Imperial RX – Londonderry, NH

Medical Centre Pharmacy – White Plains, NY

Midtown Express Pharmacy – Nashville, TN

MP Pharmacy II – Los Alamitos, CA

SRX Pharmacy – Tampa, FL

Tombigbee Pharmacy – Amory, MS

United RX, LLC – Hillside, IL

Valuable Drugs – White Plains, NY

Value Specialty Pharmacy – Duncansville, PA

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 3-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Gaston Pharmacy #1 – Dallas, TX

Roman Health Pharmacy – New York, NY

Valley Pharmacy – Succasunna, NJ

VitaCare Prescription Services – Boca Raton, FL

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)

May 16, 2018

Commission Action: Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 3-0 to accept the above Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minutes.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Angelo DeFazio

Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by,

Heather Hoynes

Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator