

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
September 29, 2021

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Commissioner DeFazio. The meeting was held virtually on Zoom.

Commissioners Present: Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson
Bryan Cafferelli
Richard Carbray
Mary Inguanti

Staff Present: Heather Hoynes, Board Administrator

New Pharmacy Application(s)

Costco Wholesale Corporation

1220 Tamarack Ave.

South Windsor, CT 06074

Vanessa Bys, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: The above pharmacy did not show for the meeting.

Unity Pharmacy

1351 Whalley Ave

New Haven, CT 06515

Justin Buturla, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Cafferelli and passed by a vote of 4-0 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.

Fair Haven Community Health Care

374 Grand Ave.

New Haven, CT 06513

Britannie Miller, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: The above pharmacy was tabled until October

Pharmacy Relocation(s)

Brookfield Pharmacy Compounding

From: To:

60 Old New Milford Rd. Ste1B

60 Old New Milford Rd. Ste 2B

Brookfield, CT

Brookfield, CT

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Melissa McFarland, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action The above pharmacy was tabled until October

Pharmacy Remodel(s)

CVS/Pharmacy #11072
344 North Main Street
West Hartford, CT 06117

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Cafferelli and passed by a vote of 4-0 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 2021-30 Shri Tiwari

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacist, acting as a Pharmacy Manager, who was investigated following a report of controlled substance losses. During the course of investigation, deficiencies were found in record keeping of controlled substance prescriptions, maintenance of dispensing records, maintenance of controlled substances in a secure area or location, adequate locking of controlled substances, timely reporting of losses, and failure to store controlled substances in an approved safe, cabinet, or dispersed throughout stock within the compounding area.

Proposed Resolution: Counsel for the Drug Control Division proposes an agreement in which Respondent shall be placed on a probationary status for a period of three months from the effective date of this agreement. During this period, Respondent shall maintain all security measures ordered or implemented during the investigation and shall not serve as a pharmacy manager. Respondent shall take the CE Manager Course. The agreement also calls for a voluntary settlement payment in the amount of \$1,500.

Commission Action: Commissioner Cafferelli moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Case Number 2021-74 Mathew Chaber

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case. No Commissioner 'stepped down'. This case involved Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacist who was investigated following a report of controlled substance losses. Respondent was investigated for failure to insure adequate security of the prescription department.

Proposed Resolution: Counsel for the Drug Control Division proposes an agreement in which Respondent shall maintain security measures ordered or implemented during the investigation and shall not serve as a pharmacy manager for three months along with a three-month probation. Respondent shall take the CE Manager Course and pay a voluntary settlement in the amount of \$1,000.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 4-0 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.

Britannie Miller	Fair Haven Community – New Haven
Blake Detterman	Riverside Pharmacy - East Hartford
Melinda Fragomeli	Walgreens – Roxbury
Kofi Appiah	Rite Aid – Norwalk
Mia James	CVS Pharmacy – Stamford
Kevin Leigh	CVS Pharmacy – Torrington
Arooj Ahmed	CVS Pharmacy – West Hartford
Suzanne Sliker	Rite Aid – Waterbury
Alexander Boukas	CVS Pharmacy – Orange
Samantha Copeland	Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Bristol
Wafaa E Soliman Ewis	Walgreens – West Hartford
Ajai Paul	Rite Aid – Ridgefield
Mohammed Sarpas	CVS Pharmacy – Fairfield

Miscellaneous Matters

Mylyfe Pharmacy request to be open less than 35 hours a week has been granted through January 26, 2022. The commission will revisit this request again at that time.

NABP MPJE UPDATE

Agent Gina Abdelghany and Commissioner Mary Inguanti completed the August – September 2021 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 17, 2021.

A total of 3,212 questions were reviewed.

Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

BCare Pharmacy, LLC – Oakland, CA
Covetrus Pharmacy Services, LLC – Fort Worth, TX
Crozer Health Pharmacy – Upland, PA
Direct Success Pharmacy Department – Farmingdale, NJ
Golden Gate Veterinary Compounding Pharmacy – Novato, CA
InfuCare Rx – Aston, PA
Saveway Compounding Pharmacy – Newark, DE

Commission Action: Commissioner Cafferelli moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Gifthealth Pharmacy – Columbus, OH
Heartland Pharmacy of Pennsylvania – Allentown, PA
Trillium Health Pharmacy – Rochester, NY

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)

August 25, 2021

Commission Action: Commissioner Cafferelli moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio and passed by a vote of 4-0 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