

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
August 31, 2022

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

Richard Carbray
Debbie Chisolm
Mary Inguanti
Kristin Linder

Bryan Cafferelli – Not in Attendance

Staff Present: Gina Samples, Board Administrator

Request for Pharmacy Internship(s)

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

New Pharmacy Applications (s)

Branford Pharmacy Inc
972 W Main Street
Branford, CT 06405
Fady Grace, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: The above pharmacy was tabled until September

Genoa Healthcare LLC
525 Wolcott Street
Waterbury, CT 06705
Arthur Tipton, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: The above pharmacy was tabled until September

Barnum Ave Pharmacy, LLC
1853 Barnum Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06610
Mahboob UR Rehman, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote 5-0 to table to next month's meeting. The floor plan submitted was inconsistent and with original floor plan submitted. A new application and fee will need to be submitted.

Pharmacy Remodel (s)

CVS #2018 Pharmacy
540 West Main Street
Meriden, CT 06451

Commission Action: The above pharmacy was tabled until September

Walgreens Pharmacy
359 Main Street
Southington, CT 06489

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm asked to recuse as an employee of Walgreens, Commissioner Linder instead. Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the above remodel request provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Big Y Pharmacy #34
141B Storrs Road
Mansfield, CT 06250

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the above remodel request 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 No. 2021-1617 **Walgreens #12120**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case. Summary: Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy which was determined to have been operating without a pharmacist manager practicing on a full-time basis. For a period of approximately three months, multiple pharmacists acted as pharmacy manager in succession, and the pharmacy did not timely inform the Commission of staffing changes. Additionally, there were periods during this time that there was no formal acting pharmacist manager while the pharmacy sought a new manager and candidates awaited Commission approval.

Proposed Resolution: Counsel for the Drug Control Division proposes an agreement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary settlement payment of \$2,000. Additionally, Respondent shall timely inform the Commission about any changes to management or persons acting as manager.

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

Case No. 2022-62 **Walgreens #05134**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case. Summary: Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy which was determined to have been operating without a pharmacist manager practicing on a full-time basis for a period of approximately four months. During this period, the pharmacy did not timely inform the Commission of pharmacist manager staffing changes. During this period, the acting pharmacist manager of record changed twice, and for some of this period there was no acting pharmacist manager. Pharmacy leadership was in contact with Drug Control regarding their inability to staff a pharmacy manager, and their attempts to fill the position during the period.

Proposed Resolution: Counsel for the Drug Control Division proposes an agreement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary settlement payment of \$2,000. Additionally, Respondent shall timely inform the Commission about any changes to management or persons acting as manager.

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

Case No. 2022-62 **Walgreens #07333**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case. Summary: Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy that was investigated for failing to maintain all stocks of controlled substances in a secure area or location. Following the receipt of a Controlled Substance Theft/Loss Notification Form from Respondent, an investigation was conducted regarding an unaccounted-for theft/loss discovered subsequent to a delivery from a wholesaler/distributor. Investigation could not determine the moment of loss, nor account for the controlled substances. During the investigation, Respondent improved video security functionality and procedures surrounding drug counts and storage.

Proposed Resolution: Counsel for the Drug Control Division proposes an agreement in which Respondent shall maintain the security improvements voluntarily implemented following the loss and subsequent investigation and shall pay a voluntary settlement payment of \$2,000.

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti 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, and prescription error reporting.

Valentine Anaedo	CVS Pharmacy – Hartford
Kenneth Bisch	Walgreens Pharmacy – Middletown
Cara Cifarelli	CVS Pharmacy – Trumbull
Briana Flint	Walgreens Pharmacy – East Lyme
Muhammad Furgan	Bristol Pharmacy – Bristol
Mingming Gao	Walgreens Pharmacy – East Fairfield
Kimberly Jackman	Geer Pharmacy – Canaan
Stephen Kim	CVS Pharmacy – Norwalk
Shelby Lanese	CVS Pharmacy – Newtown
Andrew Lin	CVS Pharmacy – Wilton
Jenny Lin	CVS Pharmacy – Stamford
Muhammed Malik	Walgreens Pharmacy – Westbrook
Angelika Misterek	Lofts Chemists Pharmacy – Bridgeport
Chelsea McKeivitt	Rite Aid Pharmacy – Stratford
Nicholas McInnis	Walgreens Pharmacy – Hamden
Lakshman Padi	Dixwell Pharmacy – Hamden
Hermali Patel	CVS Pharmacy – Windsor
Salwa Saif	CVS Pharmacy – Bethel
Bhumi Shah	Walgreens Pharmacy – Newington
Jeffrey Talbot	Walgreens Pharmacy – Jewett City
Bill Troung	Walgreens Pharmacy – Glastonbury
Justine Walicki	CVS Pharmacy – Greenwich
Kristine Wiese	Walgreens Pharmacy – Vernon

'First Time' Pharmacy Manager(s) Not in Attendance

Michelle Jones	Danielson Pharmacy – Danielson
Janell Morales-Alarcon	CVS Pharmacy – Oakville
Karen Roones	CVS Pharmacy – Darien
Ashley Smith	Big Y Pharmacy – Mystic

Request NABP Score Transfer

Lucas Clari is requesting to approve the Score Transfer of his NAPLEX exam from Georgia. Mr. Clari contacted NABP in regard to filing his application, that his intent was to file by score transfer. NABP sent a request to Commission of Pharmacy, that they would allow the late score transfer and fee with the approval of the Commission of Pharmacy Board.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve NABP to allow the Score Transfer NAPLEX Exam from Georgia.

Request Electronic Data Intermediary

Razor Metrics

Casey DeMoss, Director

Tom C. Dorsett, Chief Executive Officer

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the above company as an electronic data intermediary.

FDB Vela

Jason Reed, Senior Director

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the above company as an electronic data intermediary.

Miscellaneous Matters

Long Term Services Request

St. Francis RX #2 Pharmacy – Hartford, CT

Commission Action:

Commissioner DeFazio recused for this request. Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the long-term services to be added to the current license.

Request(s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

Brava NC LLC Pharmacy – Morrisville, NC

Elevation Pharmacy LLC – North Palm Beach, FL

Greenhill Specialty Pharmacy LLC – Wilmington, DE

Kroger Pharmacy #011 – Jefferson, IN

Lightning RX – Delray Beach, FL

National Pharmacy – West Hollywood, CA

Peak Pharmacy – Tampa, FL

Roman Health Pharmacy LLC – Buffalo Grove, IL

Silverpoint Pharmacy LLC dba Preferred Pharmacy – Houston, TX

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

Agios Corp– Eustis, FL
dba St. Mary Pharmacy Compounding & Medical Supplies
Always RX Pharmacy Inc – Los Angeles, CA
AvevoRX LLX – Greensboro, NC
Magnum Compounding – Medley, FL
Meiya Pharmacy Inc – Greenville, SC
Optum Infusion Services 501 Inc – Las Vegas, NV
Personalized Skin Solutions Inc – Imperial, PA
Pharmacy Alternatives LLC – Christiansburg, VA
Queen City Pharmacy LLC – Charlotte, NC

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

Commission Future Meeting Venue Discussion

Meeting discussion on conducting meetings hybrid.

The September 28, 2022 meeting is first meeting to reconvene "live", it will be held at 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford CT, in conjunction virtually using the zoom application.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 5-0 to hold the Commission Meetings hybrid until March 2023.

Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)

August 31, 2022

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minutes.

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

Respectively Submitted,

Angelo DeFazio _____

Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by

Gina Samples _____

Gina Samples, Board Administrator