

**Commission of Pharmacy**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2009**

**Commissioners and staff present:**

Steve Beaudin	deLinda Brown-Jagne, Board Administrator
Edith Goodmaster	Steve Schwane, DCP Legal Counsel
Mary Inguanti	
Jean Mulvihill	<b>Absent:</b>
William Summa, Chair	Fred Vegliante

**Others present:**

Deborah Barge-Flores	Valentino Caruso
Jeffrey Cone	Karen D'Arco
Frank Dogali	Marghie Giuliano
Karen Hudman	Yu Hui Hung
Ani Jacob	Jean Jacob
Ravindra Rao Konakanchi	Nicholas LaRiviere
Christopher Morales	Kimberly Mu-Chow
Karl Nieforth	Rebecca Rogers
Troy Ruff	John Skinnon
Peter Tyczkowski and students	Kirstin Watson

**Interview of Reciprocity Candidates**

Commissioner Summa provided a brief overview of the reasons why the following questions are asked during the interview process. The reasons for the interview includes to ensure proper communication skills since the pharmacist will need to interact with patients and consumers, as well as give the pharmacist an opportunity to explain past experience and/or any disciplinary action.

The questions asked by the Commission are as follows:

1. Have you ever been before a Board for anything other than routine matters?
2. Have you ever had a problem with alcohol or drugs?
3. Why are you seeking licensure in Connecticut?
4. What are Connecticut's continuing education requirements?
5. What are the Pharmacist/Pharmacy Technician ratios?

Jeffrey S. Cone	From Massachusetts
Weymouth, MA	

Yu Hui Hung	From Florida
Boston, MA	

Kimberly Mu-Chow	From Massachusetts
Franklin, MA	

Anitha Palamakula  
Rockville, MD

From Michigan

Rebecca D. Rogers  
Rocky Hill, CT

From New York

Cheryl L. Sullivan  
Greene, RI

From Rhode Island

John H. Voorhies  
Kent, WA

From Louisiana

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above applicants for licensure by reciprocity.

### **First Time Managers**

Commissioner Summa summarized the responsibilities of those appearing as first-time pharmacy managers and the reason for their appearance before the Commission. (A handout which has answers to questions first-time managers may have will be sent via e-mail directly to the pharmacists who appear today.) Commissioner Summa also emphasized the importance of the pharmacy manager's role as opposed to the front-store manager (in many retail settings).

Commissioner Inguanti provided first-time managers with a brief overview of reporting errors and the MedWatch program. (A link to the web site is being sent to them via e-mail as well.)

Deborah Barge Flores  
PCT.11135

Target Pharmacy #2361  
Trumbull

Nicholas Lariviere  
PCT.10150

Walgreens #3359  
Stratford

Karen D'Arco  
PCT.10954

CVS/Pharmacy #893  
Plainville

### **Application for Pharmacy Internship**

Rashmi Gupta  
Ravindra Rao Konakanchi

**Commission action:** The above applicants were accepted for internships as foreign pharmacy graduates.

### **New Pharmacy Applications**

Main Street Pharmacy  
1005 Main Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Jean Jacob, PIC

Rite Aid Pharmacy  
500 Queen Street  
Southington, CT 06489

Benjamin Timakov, PIC

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Goodmaster, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy applications.

### **Legal Matters**

#### **DN 09-702 and 09-703**

**Summary:** In this matter, the Drug Control Division investigated the theft or diversion of drugs from a The Medicine Center/Senior Care pharmacy (PCY.1815). The department tried to determine if the pharmacy failed to store drugs in a manner to prevent this diversion or failed to properly supervise the technician involved in the diversion.

*The pharmacy is placed on probation for two years and is required to pay a \$7,500 civil penalty. During the probationary period, the pharmacy must conduct drug audits and inventories. The pharmacist manager, William Carlone (PCT.6074) receives a Letter of Reprimand.*

#### **DN 09-790**

**Summary:** Pharmacist John Morassi (PCT.8620) dispensed a generic drug even though the prescription stated that no substitution for the brand name drug should be made.

*After reviewing all the facts in this case, the department believes that a Letter of Reprimand is the appropriate remedy. This recommendation was accepted/approved by the Commission.*

#### **DN 09-831**

**Summary:** Pharmacist Gerard Bepko's license (PCT.6472) was suspended by agreement on June 18, 2008. The Department is satisfied that this Mr. Bepko has taken the necessary steps to regain his license. He has a record of drug counseling, negative drug screens, and has provided the department with a letter from his counselor recommending reinstatement.

*The approved agreement is typical for this kind of situation.*

#### **DN 09-612**

**Summary:** Pharmacist Jeffrey Parkosewich (PCT.8415) was allegedly negligent in filling a prescription at a hospital pharmacy. An administrative Complaint was issued and a hearing had been scheduled for the August meeting. In lieu of a hearing, the Mr. Parkosewich has agreed to settle this matter.

*The approved agreement is for six month probation, a Letter of Reprimand and a continuing education course.*

### **Other Legal**

John P. Skinnon appeared before the Commission to request a change in one of the conditions of his current probation (per e-mail to Commissioner Goodmaster and Attorney Schwane). Mr. Skinnon requested that he return to work as a pharmacist with very strict conditions, including not filling prescriptions for him or family members.

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving Mr. Skinnon's request to return to work as a pharmacist.

### **CE Waivers and Program Applications**

Grace Hafner is requesting a waiver for Live CE credits for 2009. She currently lives in Mexico and will obtain the 15 written credits upon approval. *Request approved; must look for live credits to complete online*

William L. Baker, Pharm. D., is applying for approval of 1.0 live contact hours (0.1 CEUs) for "Leadership in Health-System Pharmacists: Reaching our Vision for Practice" to be held on Friday, October 30, 2009. *Request approved*

### **Miscellaneous**

Review of Genoa Healthcare Pharmacies' request to distribute samples (Request is approved; vote 5-0)

Review of Suburban LTC Pharmacy's letter of request for additional Pharmacy Technician (Request is denied, vote 5-0)

Review of Sang-Eun Cho's request to apply for licensure in Connecticut (1500 hours must be verified/obtained by school or state board; therefore, intern must have valid intern registration in state that will verify hours.)

Overview of Smoking Cessation Program (Request is approved; vote 4-1)

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of June and July meeting minutes

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above minutes.

### **Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications**

Aapex Community Pharmacy  
6065 Hillcroft Street, #612  
Houston, TX 77081

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and a vote of 5-0 was passed approving the above applicants for non-resident pharmacy licensure.

### **Adjourned**