

**Commission of Pharmacy**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**WEDNESDAY, December 16, 2009**

**Commissioners and staff present:**

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

**Others present:**

Hossam Ahmed	Chris Cella
Chris Cretella	Laura Daley
David Errickson	Jean Jacob
Martin Konopko	Erin Lewis
Vincent Longo	Jim Manfred
Kirstin Parenteau	Megan Perez
Troy Ruff	Vijaya Ryali
Michelle Smith	Maria Summa
Frank Toce	Jack Yeung

**Meeting Called to Order**      State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 126  
10:00 a.m.                              Hartford, Connecticut

**Interview of Reciprocity Candidates**

Chairman Summa provided an 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 the pharmacy technician ratios for Connecticut.
5. What are Connecticut's continuing education requirements?

Kamala Devi Akkineni  
Gand Blanc, MI

From Michigan

Nima Bhatt  
Akron, OH

From Ohio

Christopher Cella  
Whitinsville, MA

From New Jersey

Ahmed Ibrahim  
Elmhurst, NY

From New Jersey  
(no show)

Sirisha Mallidi  
Paramus, NJ

From Maryland

Michelle Lynn Smith  
Bristol, IN

From Illinois

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Mulvihill, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and a vote of 6-0 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 Vegliante also informed managers that their responsibility for the pharmacy remain in effect even when they are off duty.

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.)

Jack Yeung  
PCT.10371

Main Street Pharmacy #2  
Danbury

Laura Daley  
PCT.11014

CVS/Pharmacy #123  
Old Saybrook

David Errickson  
PCT.11123

Rite Aid Pharmacy

Vincent Longo  
PCT.6884

Rite Aid Pharmacy #2089

Megan Perez  
PCT.11095

Rite Aid Pharmacy

Vijaya Durga Ryali  
PCT.11508

Wal-Mart

Frank Toce  
PCT.9727

Walgreens

### **Application for Pharmacy Internship**

Hossam Ahmed  
Milton Gordon

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

### **New Pharmacy Applications**

Electric Boat Family Pharmacy  
60 Colver Avenue  
Groton, CT 06340

Frank Toce, III

Main Street Pharmacy #2  
151 Main Street  
Danbury, CT 06810

Jack Yeung

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Goodmaster, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy applications.

### **Pharmacy Relocations**

CVS/Pharmacy 5450  
From:  
331 New London Tpke  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

To:  
776 New London Tpke  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above relocation.

### **Legal Matters**

**DN 09-1109** Varnum's Pharmacy (PCY.187) was inspected by Drug Control. The pharmacy was cited for having outdated prescription drugs. Also, a faxed prescription and an electronic prescription did not contain the appropriate

practitioner signature. *The Department recommended a civil penalty of \$2,000 which was approved by the Commission.*

**DN 09-1108** During a routine inspection of CVS/Pharmacy #231 (PCY.1085), Drug Control cited this pharmacy for multiple violations. A follow-up inspection found that three violations were not corrected. *The Department recommended a total penalty of \$6,000 which was approved by the Commission.*

**DN 09-1092** Walgreens Pharmacy #9071 (PCY.1396) breached patient confidentiality by giving a prescription to the wrong person. *The approved agreement provides for a \$500 civil penalty to the pharmacy.*

**DN 09-1093** Walgreens Pharmacy #3359 (PCY.1539) was closed by the only pharmacist on duty when his replacement failed to show due to an emergency. The pharmacy was reopened by the general store manager before a replacement pharmacist arrived. *The approved agreement requires the pharmacy to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty.*

**DN 09-1163** CVS/Pharmacy #2210 (PCY.1627) breached patient confidentiality by giving a prescription to the wrong person. *The approved agreement provides for a \$500 civil penalty to the pharmacy.*

### **Request for CE Program Approval**

“Advances in Atrial Fibrillation”  
Connecticut Society of Health-System Pharmacist  
Evidence-Based Practice Center  
80 Seymour Street  
Hartford, CT 06102  
January 19, 2010  
.1 CEU/1.0 Live Hour

The above program was approved

### **CE Waivers, etc.**

Sean Norton is requesting a waiver of 15 hours due to medical reasons.

Approved for waiver of 2009 and 30 credits are due for 2010.

### **Miscellaneous**

Request for Partial Closing of Pharmacy  
Rite Aid #10347      PIC: Steven W. Young  
657 Silas Deane Hwy  
Wethersfield, CT 06109

PCY.1325

Charter Oak Health Center appeared to request permission to be licensed as a specialty pharmacy. Letter of request was reviewed and approved. COHC must comply with both federal and state guidelines, including keeping samples separate from other medications and maintaining thorough documentation of such.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of November minutes

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Goodmaster, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above minutes.

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

Apothecary by Design Specialty and Retail  
84 Marginal Way, Ste 100  
Portland, ME 04101

Biomed Kansas, Inc.  
d/b/a Biomed Pharmaceuticals  
10633 Rene Street  
Lenexa, KS 66215

Preferred Rx, LLC  
1221 Corporate Drive East  
Arlington, TX 76006

**Commission action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above applications for non-resident pharmacies.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Vegliante motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and passed a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting.