

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
August 28, 2024

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Commissioner DeFazio. The meeting was conducted by physical attendance.

Commissioners Present: Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Debbie Chisolm
Kristin Linder
Ann Taylor
Mary Inguanti

Not in Attendance: Richard Carbray

Staff Present: Gina Samples, Board Administrator

New Pharmacy Application (s)

Apotheco Pharmacy Glastonbury LLC
2848 B Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033
Nancy Passeri, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm, and passed by a vote of 5-0, 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 Relocation (s)

CVS Pharmacy #1153
From:
1875 Boston Avenue (Trailer)
Bridgeport, CT 06610
Jane Setias, District Manager

CVS Pharmacy #1153
To:
1875 Boston Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Pharmacy Relocation (s) Cont.

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the above relocation request passed, with the separation from the pharmacy clinic by a vote of 5-0 to and provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Legal

Case Number: 2024-573 **Pharmacist Thor Huntley; PCT.0011026**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacist who is the spouse of another Connecticut Pharmacist. The investigation into case number 2023-2147 led to this case being opened. Respondent is alleged to have been negligent in the performance of his pharmacist duties, including dispensation of fraudulently obtained prescriptions of non-controlled drugs to family members.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$4,000 and his pharmacy license shall be on probation for a period of one year from the date of the acceptance of the agreement. Respondent has also voluntarily completed two continuing education classes. Commissioner DeFazio stepped down on this case.

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

Case Number: 2023-477 **McKesson Corporation; CSW.0003956**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Wholesaler of Drugs, Cosmetics, and Medical Devices which was investigated upon discovery by a Drug Control Agent of an unsecured vehicle containing controlled substance delivery totes during an unrelated investigation. The delivery vehicle was found to be unlocked with no employees present during the time of the delivery.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$1,500, which has been paid.

Respondent has voluntarily addressed alleged violations to conform with their existing policies and law.

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

Legal Cont.

Case Number: 2023-1206 **CVS/Pharmacy #16603; PCY.0001790**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following a routine compliance inspection. Respondent pharmacy is alleged to have failed to report the absence of a pharmacist manager timely following more than sixteen consecutive days of absence, failed to conspicuously post the name of the pharmacist manager, and failed to maintain written records of pharmacy technician training. The location was operating with a de facto pharmacist manager following the departure of the previous pharmacy manager, however the Commission of Pharmacy was not notified of a change, nor was signage updated. The technician training records were not updated for approximately two years.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$1,000, which has been paid.

Respondent further agrees to notify the Commission of Pharmacy of changes in pharmacy management as required by law and ensure manager duties are carried out even during transition periods.

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.

Case Number: 2023-1206 **CVS Pharmacy #1098; PCY.0001020**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated based on information obtained in an unrelated investigation that indicated the pharmacy may have been staffed out of compliance with State of Connecticut regulations concerning pharmacy technician ratios. Respondent pharmacy is alleged to have staffed the retail pharmacy location at a ratio of up to six technicians to one pharmacist. None of the technicians were nationally certified. Pharmacy Technician staffing ratio was alleged to have occurred in more than one compliance inspection by Drug Control agents in a one month period, even after initial advisement.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$1,000, which has been paid.

Respondent pharmacy shall be issued a Letter of Reprimand.

'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, reporting pharmacy operation hours, and prescription error reporting. Provided Information on utilization of the Med-watch Program.

Seungchan Baik	CVS Pharmacy – Stamford
Chad Fuggi	Genoa Health Pharmacy – Bristol
Dana George	Norwich Pharmacy – Norwich
Woojin Jeon	CVS Pharmacy – Wilton
Jennifer Joseph	Anchor Health Initiative Corp – Stamford
Ariel Methoxha	Walgreens Pharmacy – Berlin
Pranchi Patel	Walgreens Pharmacy – Torrington
Collin Reily	CVS Pharmacy – West Hartford
Rebecca Snyder	Rite Aid Pharmacy – Danbury
Deanna Soja	CVS Pharmacy – Enfield
Monica Wong	Westport Apothecary LLC – Westport

Not in Attendance

Cindy Li	Walgreens Pharmacy – Bridgeport
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Presentation of National Healthcareer Association's ExCPT Exam

Chairman DeFazio Approved the Additional Agenda Item Submission

Department of Consumer Protection Drug Control Division
Lisa Meijer, Drug Control Agent
National Healthcareer Association's "ExCPT" examination equivalent to the PTCB exam.

Reciprocity Interview Candidate (s)

The following candidates(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 fact could result in a fine and/or denial of pharmacist licensure in Connecticut.

Corrine A Allen	Reciprocity from Tennessee
Lauren C Bleggi	Reciprocity from New York
Constance Chan	Reciprocity from New York

Reciprocity Interview Candidate(s) Cont.

Roobina Didarians	Reciprocity from North Carolina
Anna C Eckrich	Reciprocity from New York
Mahmoud O Elhendawy	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Mina F Fahmy	Reciprocity from California
Alyssa M Falleni	Reciprocity from Minnesota
Madison F Fielding	Reciprocity from Georgia
Emily K Gammill	Reciprocity from Colorado
Carl H Gerdine	Reciprocity from Pennsylvania
Julie Gray	Reciprocity from Utah
Richard M Guernsey	Reciprocity from Rhode Island
Aubree J Houston	Reciprocity from Kansas
Andrew Hwang	Reciprocity from Texas
Gyanedra Raj Joshi	Reciprocity from Indiana
Yemena R Kawasaki	Reciprocity from Washington
Chistian Kim	Reciprocity from California
Jill M Logel	Reciprocity from New York
Brian T McGonigle	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Sarah G McGoodwin	Reciprocity from District of Columbia
Shaine E Ninan	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Evanthia Panaghi	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Huy Pham	Reciprocity from Oklahoma
Rose Pszonka	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Victoria Russell	Reciprocity from New York
Kimberly M Tsou	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Donald Waddell	Reciprocity from Washington
Yifan Wang	Reciprocity from Illinois
Brian R Young	Reciprocity from New York

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above application(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

Request (s) for Continuing Education Program Approval

Legislative Update 2024
Mary Inguanti, Commission Board Member of Pharmacy
Rodrick Marriott, Drug Control Director
1.0 CEU Live Law
October 24, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Presentation: CT 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the continuing education program credit.

Non-Resident New Application Request (s) Pharmacy Approval

Angel Pharmacy – Hudson, FL
Chewy Pharmacy DFW8 LLC – Dallas, TX
OPRX Pharmacy #10709 LLC dba Onpoint Pharmacy of Eastchester –
Eastchester, NY
Owl Specialty Pharmacy – Covina, CA

Non-Resident Applications – Approved with Additional Documentation

AHMA RX – Garfield, NJ
BioPlus Specialty Pharmacy Services LLC – Morrisville, NC
Cross Pharmacy – Holiday, FL
Diabetes Corporation of America dba DCA Pharmacy – Franklin, TN
Drug Mart Pharmacy – South Plainfield, NJ
DVB Inc dba Main Street Chemist – Ridgefield Park, NJ
Realo Specialty Care – Morrisville, NC
RLS (USA) Inc – Wooddale, IL
SBH Medical Limited LTG – Worthington, OH

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved Commissioner Linder seconded passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the above new non-resident pharmacy applications and submitted with non-resident applications with additional information.

Non-resident Applications Pharmacy Not Approved

Accord Specialty LLC – Orange City, FL
ADYA LLC SmartcarRX dba SmartcareRx – Ococee, FL
Adegen Pharmacy LLC – Grove City, OH
Alegria Pharmaceutical & Infusion Services – Bronx, NY
A&S Pharmacy LLC dba Specialty RX Care – Sugarland, TX
Mountain Care Pharmacy LLC – Boise, ID
NE Infusion Services – Hopkinton, MA
Premium Health Care LLC – Miami, FL
Sapphire Enterprises dba Pet's First Choice – Columbia, SC
Sbarro America dba PRXP of CA LLC – Columbia, SC
Selah Mountain Pharmacy – Pagosa Springs, CO
Spring Creek Pharmacy – Plano, TX
Shields Pharmacy – Dunedin, FL

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

Request (s) for Non-Resident to Add Non-Sterile Compounding Services

Puformance Wellness Pharmacy LLC dba Seven Cells – Stuart, FL

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved Commissioner Linder seconded passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the request to add Non-sterile compounding services to the license.

MISC Request

Brianna Whitlow

Amendment Approved appeared on January 31, 2024 for First Time Manager's Training.

Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)

June 26, 2024

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Linder moved and seconded by Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Chisolm Abstained the motion passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept.

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

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio seconded, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn.

Respectively Submitted,

Angelo DeFazio

Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by

Gina Samples

Gina Samples, Board Administrator