

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
March 26, 2025

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

Richard Carbray (virtually via TEAMS)
Ann Taylor
Mary Inguanti
Kristin Linder

Commissioner(s)

Not Present: Debbie Chisolm

Staff Present: Gina Samples, Board Administrator

New Pharmacy Application (s)

Westport Pharmacy LLC dba Westport Pharmacy
1260 Post Road East
Westport, CT 06880
Derrek Krasnicki, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, 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 Remodels (s)

CVS Pharmacy #718
24 Pershing Drive #36
Ansonia, CT 06401
Robert George, District Leader

Commission Action: Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the above remodel request passed, 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.

Pharmacy Remodels (s) Cont.

Walgreens Pharmacy #09521
100 Park Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Julien Koruni, District Representative

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio, change from agenda that Julien Koruni to present blueprint floor plan to Commission. Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the above remodel request passed, 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: 2022-1896 and 2022-1472 **Kenneth H Lee; PCT.0010851**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacist with a combined settlement stemming from two separate investigations. In the first case, Respondent was investigated following a suspicious order report from a drug wholesaler. It is alleged that the pharmacist failed to comply with all applicable federal laws and failed to exercise sound professional judgement in the dispensing of controlled substances to family members of the prescriber. In the second case, Respondent was investigated following a routine pharmacy inspection which implicated allegations of failures to manage a pharmacy appropriately. Commission of Pharmacy Chairperson Angelo DeFazio stepped down.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$10,000, which has been paid.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio recused from this motion, Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement(s).

Legal Cont.

Case Number: 2022-1471 **Black Rock Pharmacy; PCY.0002386**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following a routine pharmacy inspection. It is alleged that the pharmacy failed to: maintain appropriate record keeping and inventory, post required signage and employee training logs, maintain drug stock in an orderly and appropriately branded manner, establish vaccine protocols, maintain quality assurance protocols following dispensing errors, and complete Prescription Monitoring Program uploads; Respondent also allowed a pharmacy technician to offer counseling. Commission of Pharmacy Chairperson Angelo DeFazio stepped down.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$8,000, which has been paid.

Respondent shall further heed all advisements and maintain all ordered measures and voluntary improvements made during and following the investigation.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio recused from this motion, Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Case Number: 2024-1985 **Community Health Pharmacy; PCY.0002341**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following a routine pharmacy inspection. It is alleged that the pharmacy failed to: immediately notify the Commission of Pharmacy that the pharmacist who manages the pharmacy ceased such management and failed to immediately to immediately enroll with the Commission of Pharmacy the name, address and license number of the pharmacist who assumed management of said pharmacy; reconcile perpetual inventory and maintain records available upon request; maintain technician training records and name tags; and offered adulterated drugs for sale to the public. Commission of Pharmacy Member Debbie Chisholm stepped down.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$10,000, which has been paid, and shall be issued a Letter of Reprimand.

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

Legal Cont.

Case Number: 2024-1146 **Christopher William Ryan; PCT.0010523**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following investigation into the pharmacy which Respondent managed. It is alleged that Respondent made false, misleading statements to Drug Control Agents; failed to make records available for inspection and adequately maintain records and inventory; offered adulterated drugs for sale to the public; and failed to maintain technician training logs and name tags. Commission of Pharmacy Member Debbie Chisholm stepped down.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$5,000, which has been paid, shall be issued a Letter of Reprimand, and shall complete a continuing education course on the topic of Pharmacy Management within 180 days of the execution of this agreement.

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

Request for Pharmacy Internship (s)

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

Maha H. Elgendy appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a pharmacy internship. The Commission granted Maha H. Elgendy permission to apply for a pharmacy internship.

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

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

Lama Hasan did not appear before the Commission of Pharmacy when called upon.

'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.

Israa Ali	Walgreens Pharmacy – Vernon
Kelly Carucci	CVS Pharmacy – Vernon
Laura Hamadi	CVS Pharmacy – Hebron
Carleen Huynh	CVS Pharmacy – Meriden
Faria Iqbal	Stop & Shop Pharmacy – New Milford
Anum Khan	CX Pharmacy – Shelton
Amanda Marotta	Walgreens Pharmacy – Guilford
Van Nguyen	Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Glastonbury
Terrin Pierce	CVS Pharmacy – Shelton
Dea Toska	CVS Pharmacy – Norwalk

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.

Folorunsho T Ayeni	Reciprocity from Maryland
Julie E Barber	Reciprocity from Rhode Island
Jasmine Bazinet	Reciprocity from Idaho
Wenjing Chen	Reciprocity from Texas
Allissa Gronotte	Reciprocity from Indiana
Margaret M Guinta	Reciprocity from Illinois
Daniel C Kendierski	Reciprocity from Indiana
Leah Moore	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Khushbu A Patel	Reciprocity from California
Visha P Patel	Reciprocity from Florida
Pamela J Pupka	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Robert J Rivera	Reciprocity from New York
Francesca Rossi	Reciprocity from Minnesota
Carla M Sousa	Reciprocity from New York

Reciprocity Interview Candidate (s) Cont.

Tiffany Tang	Reciprocity from Pennsylvania
Matthew R Tocco	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Brianne Williams	Reciprocity from Tennessee

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

Non-Resident New Application Request (s) Pharmacy Approval

Clearmedix Pharmacy LLC – Worthington, OH
Farmakeio AR LLC – Conway, AR
Harkness Health Pharmacy – Central Pharmacy Services LLC – Mason, OH
dba Harkness Health Pharmacy #330
Harkness Health Pharmacy – Central Pharmacy Services LLC – Mason, OH
dba Harkness Health Pharmacy #331
Polaris Pharmacy Services of Tennessee LLC – Nashville, TN
SelectRx KS LLC – Olathe, KS
Ziphealth INC – Delray Beach, FL

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved Commissioner seconded by Commissioner Linder passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the above new non-resident pharmacy applications for licensure.

Non-Resident Applications – Approved with Additional Documentation

Get Relief RX, LLC – Billings, MT
IVI Pharmacy INC dba Femme Fatal RX – Calabasas, CA
MWI Veterinary Supply CO dba Animal RX Pharmacy – Lebanon, IN
Rare Specialty Pharmacy – Rahway, NJ
Sunrise RX INC – East Patchogue, NY

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved Commissioner seconded by Commissioner Linder passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the above new non-resident pharmacy applications for licensure.

Non-resident Applications Pharmacy Not Approved

Artisan Drug INC – Plano, TX
Blue Door Pharmacies LLC dba Shady Grove Pharmacy – Rockville, MD
Buy-Rite Drugs INC dba BRD – Hartselle, AL
Cameron Medical Outreach – Angola, IN
Cody Drug – Sulphur Springs, TX
HRX Pharmacy LLC dba HRX – Holladay, UT
Influcare LTD – Tyler, TX
Innovarx INC – Morganville, NJ
Mount Sinai Home Infusion – New York, NY
Northwest Compounders LLC – Beaverton, OR
Pure Pharmacy Fishers LLC dba Pure Pharmacy – Fishers, IN
Shady Grove Pharmacy LLC – Rockville, MD
Sweetgrass Pharmacy Carolina Park – Mount Pleasant, SC
Tidewater Pharmacy and Medical Supply LLC – MT Pleasant, SC
dba Tidewater Pharmacy Compounding
Vidrine Pharmaceutical Group dba Boudreaux's Drug Store – Lake Charles, LA
Walmart Central Fill #7638 – Frederick, MD

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

Request (s) for Non-Resident Sterile Compounding Services

Coram CVS/Specialty Infusion Services – Malvern, PA

Commission Action: Commissioner Linder moved Commissioner seconded by Commissioner Taylor passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the above n non-resident pharmacy request for sterile compounding.

MISC Request(s) MPJE Law Meeting Upate Add to Agenda

Agent Rachel Brown, Commissioner Kristin Linder, and Commissioner Mary Inguanti completed the 2025 MPJE item development exercise. This annual assignment consists of accessing the item writing materials via a secure NABP web portal and writing new questions for our CT MPJE exam based on the competency needs outlined by the NABP. We used the item development resources, and the template provided for authoring items. A remote MPJE writing and security workshop was provided by the NABP which Commissioners Linder, Inguanti and Agent Brown participated in. NABP provided re-training on the secure, electronic platform which we all used for item writing and submission. The item writing assignment was completed and submitted on the due date of March 14, 2025.

Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)

January 29, 2025

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept,
Commissioner Inguanti moved and seconded by Commissioner DeFazio,
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