

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
June 28, 2006**

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Chairman Summa. The meeting was held in Room #126 of the State Office Building located at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Commissioners Present:

Steve Beaudin	Edith G. Goodmaster
Robert Guynn, R.Ph.	Jean Mulvihill, R.Ph.
William Summa, Jr., R.Ph.	Frederick Vegliante, R.Ph.

Staff Present:

Michelle Sylvestre, R.Ph. [Drug Control Agent/Board Administrator]

Others Present:

Ryan Bango	Puja Bhalodi
Michael Cap	Sonali Chakraborti
Kevin Chamberlin	Arthur J. Chaput
Melissa Corrigan	Chirag Desai
Daniela DeThomasis	Lucrezia Finegan
Michelle Flynn	Tom Fraser
Robert Fusco	Steven Gattuso
Marghie Giuliano	Karen Gleason
Jack Hellmann	Jay W. Jackson
Jill Knowlton	Andrea Leschak
Stephen C. Long	Owen P. McMahon
Tracy Morrison	Khanh-Hau Moss
Claudia Nalesnik	Tara O'Keefe
Steve Pashko	Ken Schafermeyer
John Sisto	Maria Summa
Paul Tanski	Anita Verma
Jennifer Voisine	Kristin Yarrish
Nina Yen	Renee Young

Interview of Reciprocity Candidates

The following candidates were sworn in and interviewed by the Commissioners. Various questions were asked of the individual candidates. A few of the questions were as follows:

1. Why do you want to be licensed in Connecticut?
2. What are Connecticut's requirements for continuing education?
3. Have you ever had a problem with drugs and/or alcohol?
4. Have you ever been before a Board of Pharmacy in the past?

Daniela Victoria Rose Dethomasis
Karen Mary Gleason
Khanh-Hau T. Moss
Claudia Ann Nalesnik
Steven George Pashko
Anita Verma

From New York
From Massachusetts
From Texas
From New York
From Massachusetts
From Texas

Commission Action: Commissioner Vegliante moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above applications for licensure by reciprocity.

Chirag Desai
Andrea L. Leschak
Owen Patrick McMahon
Kristin Marie Yarrish

From Massachusetts
From Tennessee
From Maine
From Maine

Commission Action: Commissioner Vegliante moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above applications for licensure by reciprocity pending successful completion of the MPJE Examination.

Rubinder Kaur Mhajan did not appear before the Commission of Pharmacy.

Miscellaneous

Pharmacy Technician Certification Programs (IACP and PTCB)

- Melissa Murer Corrigan (Executive Director and CEO, Pharmacy Technician Certification Board) appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to represent the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) and their pharmacy technician certification examination.
- Kenneth W. Schafermeyer, PhD (Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, St. Louis College of Pharmacy) appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to represent the Institute for Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (IACP) and their Exam for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ExCPT)
- The Commission of Pharmacy believes that the documents submitted in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) by IACP and PTCB are sufficient and adequate for the Commission's purposes BUT more information may be requested by the Attorney General's Office in the future.

Michelle Flynn appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to discuss her situation regarding the pharmacy calculations examination. Ms. Flynn failed to confirm her attendance for the June 22, 2006 pharmacist licensure examinations and was not allowed to sit for the pharmacy calculations and pharmacy practice examinations on June 22, 2006.

Commission Action: Commissioner Mulvihill moved, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and passed by a vote of (6-0) to allow Michelle Flynn to sit for the make-up pharmacy calculations examination to be scheduled on or about August 2006. Ms. Flynn was informed that should she fail the make-up pharmacy calculations examination to be scheduled on or about August 2006 then she must wait until January 2007 to retake the pharmacy calculations examination. Commissioner Guynn will be available to administer the pharmacy practice examination to Ms. Flynn.

Request for a Pharmacy Internship

Gariba Dorsah did not appear before the Commission of Pharmacy.

'First Time' Pharmacy Managers

The following individual appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy as 'first time' pharmacy managers:

Ryan Bango	Walgreens Pharmacy – Bridgeport, CT
Michael Cap	Prescription Specialties – Cheshire, CT
Renee Young	CVS/Pharmacy – Colchester, CT

New Pharmacy Applications

Brookfield Pharmacy 60 Old New Milford Road Suite #1B Brookfield, CT 06804 PCY.2065	Tara O'Keefe Pharmacy Manager PCT.8890
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Pharmacy Manager Tara O'Keefe appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to represent Brookfield Pharmacy. Pharmacy Manager O'Keefe stated that she can physically staff this pharmacy without any issues

Commission Action: Commissioner Vegliante moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above new pharmacy application provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met. The pharmacy was classified as an infusion therapy pharmacy.

Robert's Pharmacy 514 Old Toll Road Madison, CT 06443 PCY.2067	Tracy Morrison Pharmacy Manager PCT.7556
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Pharmacy Manager Tracy Morrison appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to represent Robert's Pharmacy. Pharmacy Manager Morrison stated that she can physically staff this pharmacy without any issues.

Commission Action: Commissioner Vegliante moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above new pharmacy application provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met. The pharmacy was classified as a community pharmacy.

SoluNet, LLC
27 Village Lane
Wallingford, CT 06492
PCY.2066

Jim Prota
Pharmacy Manager
PCT.6823

Pharmacy Manager Jim Prota appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to represent SoluNet, LLC. Pharmacy Manager Prota stated that he can physically staff this pharmacy without any issues.

Commission Action: Commissioner Vegliante moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above new pharmacy application provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met. The pharmacy was classified as a specialty pharmacy.

Suburban Pharmacy LTC, Inc.
342 North Main Street
Suite #70
West Hartford, CT 06117
PCY.2051

Terrence O'Brien
Pharmacy Manager
PCT.8795

Pharmacy Manager-to-be Jill Knowlton appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to represent Suburban Pharmacy LTC, Inc. Pharmacy Manager-to-be Knowlton stated that she can physically staff this pharmacy without any issues.

Commission Action: Commissioner Vegliante moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above new pharmacy application provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met. The pharmacy was classified as a long term care pharmacy.

Pharmacy Relocations

Brookfield Pharmacy

From:	To:
60 Old New Milford Road	60 Old New Milford Road
Suite #1B	Suite #2B
Brookfield, CT 06804	Brookfield, CT 06804
PCY.1469	PCY.1469

Paul Tanski, Pharmacy Manager

Pharmacy Manager Paul Tanski appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to represent Brookfield Pharmacy.

Commission Action: Commissioner Vegliante moved, seconded by Commissioner Guynn and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above pharmacy relocation application provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Stop and Shop Pharmacy #646 (Currently #690)

From:	To:
288 West Avenue	1937 West Main Street
Stamford, CT 06902	Stamford, CT 06902
PCY.1902	PCY.1902

Sonali Chakraborti, Pharmacy Manager

Pharmacy Manager Sonali Chakraborti appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to represent Stop and Shop Pharmacy #646.

Commission Action: Commissioner Vegliante moved, seconded by Commissioner Guynn and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above pharmacy relocation application provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Pharmacy Remodels

Brooks Pharmacy #230
1619 Post Road
Fairfield, CT 06430
PCY.1413

Mark Yerushalmi
Pharmacy Manager
PCT.6827

Pharmacy Supervisor Lucrezia Finegan appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to represent Brooks Pharmacy #230.

Commission Action: Commissioner Vegliante moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above pharmacy remodel revisions provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Coram Alternate Site Services
27 Village Lane
Wallingford, CT 06492
PCY.1335

Stephen Long
Pharmacy Manager
PCT.7453

Pharmacy Manager Stephen Long appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to represent Coram Alternate Site Services.

Commission Action: Commissioner Vegliante moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above pharmacy remodel provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Stop & Shop Pharmacy #663
1360 East Town Road
Milford, CT 06460
PCY.1622

Roman Kowcz
Pharmacy Manager
PCT.6216

Commission Action: The Commission of Pharmacy did not have to review the above-mentioned remodel since the pharmacy underwent a refurbishment versus a remodel. The actual licensed pharmacy premise did not undergo any changes.

Suburban Pharmacy
344 North Main Street
West Hartford, CT 06117
PCY.256

Laurence S. Ratner
Pharmacy Manager
PCT.4533

Pharmacist Jill Knowlton appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to represent Suburban Pharmacy.

Commission Action: Commissioner Vegliante moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above pharmacy remodel provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Legal Matters

John Sisto and Attorney Jay W. Jackson appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to represent Medco and Medco's Central Fill Request.

Commission Action: Commissioner Guynn moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept Medco's Central Fill Request.

Docket Number 06-1051

[David M. Siwy – PCT.8788]

Commissioner Goodmaster 'stepped down'. Attorney Schwane presented this case involving a pharmacist who agreed to surrender his license after testing positive on a drug screen taken by his employer. Based on its review and an evaluation by a drug counselor, the department does not believe that this pharmacist has a drug addiction problem. The department is recommending that the license be reinstated and placed on probation for two years, with drug screen requirements.

Commission Action: Commissioner Guynn moved, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and passed by a vote of (5-0) to accept the above-mentioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 06-48

[Rajat Kumar – PCT.8897]

Attorney Schwane presented this case involving a pharmacist who had his pharmacist license summarily suspended on January 25, 2006 for failure to complete the reporting requirements of an existing agreement. The Commission held a hearing on February 22, 2006 and voted to reinstate the license on July 01, 2006 if the pharmacist brought himself into compliance with his previous agreement. The new agreement reinstates the license and places it on probation for five years with the typical counseling, drug screens and 12-step meeting requirements.

Commission Action: Commissioner Guynn moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above-mentioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 06-512

[Donna L. Pelkey – PCT.5327]

Attorney Schwane presented this case involving a pharmacist who committed three prescription errors within a three-year period. The agreement calls for a one year probation, a Letter of Reprimand and the continuing education course concerning prescription errors.

Commission Action: Commissioner Mulvihill moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above-mentioned settlement agreement.

Docket Number 06-574

[Taftville Pharmacy, 17 South 2nd Avenue, Taftville, CT 06380 – PCY.14]

Attorney Schwane presented this case involving the summary suspension of this pharmacy's license on May 05, 2006. Attorney Schwane informed the Commission of Pharmacy that the owners have agreed to:

- 1.) surrender the pharmacy license and
- 2.) never to ask for it back.

Attorney Schwane asked the Commission of Pharmacy to vote on this agreement pending receipt of the signed document.

Commission Action: Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner Guynn and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above-mentioned settlement agreement pending receipt of the signed document.

Pharmacists Who Have Completed the Continuing Education Course on Prescription Errors

Attorney Schwane presented the following cases involving pharmacists who have committed prescription errors. These pharmacists have completed a USP Practitioners' Reporting Network error form and taken the continuing education program concerning prescription errors. The Department recommends that the Commission vote to dismiss the following cases.

2005-4556	2005-4841	2005-4885
2005-5133	2005-7448	2006-2807
2006-3524	2006-3547	2005-6586
2006-1784	2006-1761	2006-3718

Commission Action: Commissioner Guynn moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of (6-0) to dismiss the above-mentioned pharmacy files.

Legislative Update

- Attorney Schwane presented the Commission of Pharmacy with a draft of the proposed change to Section 20-576-3 (Applications for pharmacist license) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The proposed change will eliminate the Contemporary Practice Examination and Pharmaceutical Mathematics Examination.

Commission Action: Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner Guynn and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above-mentioned change to Section 20-576-3 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

- Attorney Schwane presented the Commission of Pharmacy with a draft of the proposed change to Section 20-609 (Business which is not a pharmacy prohibited from using words, displays or symbols indicating it is a pharmacy) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The proposed change will allow a person who provides pharmacy-related services directly to pharmacies or practitioners and who does not offer such services or drugs or medical devices directly to the general public to use displays, symbols or the words indicating "pharmacy", "drug", etc.

Commission Action: Commissioner Guynn moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodmaster and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above-mentioned change to Section 20-609 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

- The proposed influenza vaccine regulations were sent to the Attorney General's Office on June 06, 2006. The proposed regulations should be back any day now. Once received, the proposed regulations will be forwarded to the Regulation Review Committee and should be effective October 01, 2006.
- Two public hearings have been scheduled for July 25, 2006. The first public hearing involves the proposed "TOEFL and TSE" regulations and the second public hearing involves the proposed nuclear pharmacy regulations.

Attorney Schwane informed the Commission of Pharmacy that he received 15 new cases from the Drug Control Division since the May 31, 2006 Commission of Pharmacy meeting.

- 5 prescription error cases
- 4 unregistered pharmacy technicians
- 3 out-of-state individuals acting without the proper credentials
- 2 pharmacists with Taftville Pharmacy
- 1 confidentiality case

Application to Close the Prescription Department of a Licensed Pharmacy Pending An Affirmative Inspection Report

Brooks Pharmacy #230, 1619 Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06430
Brooks Pharmacy #293, 1032 Hope Street, Stamford, CT 06907
Walgreens Pharmacy #9521, 1000 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604
Walgreens Pharmacy #2878, 950 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108
Walgreens Pharmacy #9101, 2505 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518
Walgreens Pharmacy #9612, 700 Bridgeport Avenue, Shelton, CT 06484

Commission Action: Commissioner Beaudin moved, seconded by Commissioner Guynn and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the above-mentioned applications to close the prescription department of a licensed pharmacy pending an affirmative inspection report.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Goodmaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulvihill and passed by a vote of (6-0) to accept the minutes from the May 31, 2006 Commission of Pharmacy meeting.

Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications

Access Therapeutics, Inc.
Kresge LeBar Drug & Surgical

Hawthorne, New York 10532
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Commission Action: Commissioner Mulvihill moved, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and passed by a vote of (6-0) to approve the above-mentioned non-resident pharmacy applications.

PharmaCare Pharmacy #8414 Worcester, MA 01608
Pending Copy of Current Pharmacy License
PharmaCare Specialty Pharmacy Providence, RI 02905
Pending Copy of Most Recent Inspection Report

Commission Action: Commissioner Mulvihill moved, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and passed by a vote of (6-0) to approve the above-mentioned non-resident pharmacy applications pending receipt of the required documentation.

New Business

New Drug Control Agent

John Gadea, Director, Drug Control Division introduced Scott Stoppa to the Commission of Pharmacy. Scott Stoppa assumed his position on Monday, June 26, 2006.

Department of Consumer Protection's List Serve

John Gadea, Director, Drug Control Division informed the Commission of Pharmacy that the Department of Consumer Protection's List Serve is now in place. The list serve:

- 1.) is self-managing.
- 2.) is "one way". Information will be sent from the list serve. The list serve will not receive information.
- 3.) is an effective tool for providing timely information.
- 4.) will eventually be tied to "emergency preparedness".

- 5.) site is located on the Department of Consumer Protection's web site, www.ct.gov/dcp, above the 2-1-1 box located in the lower left-hand corner. Click on the "Notification Registry". You will be prompted three times before being allowed to the main area. The answer to each area is 'yes'. Once you enter the main area, enter the requested information. It will take several months to populate this site. Once populated, news and information will be distributed in a timely and efficient manner.

Two-Year Pilot Program for Collaborative Drug Therapy Management in a Community Pharmacy

Commissioner Guynn reported that four pharmacists submitted applications to participate in the two-year pilot program for collaborative drug therapy management in a community pharmacy.

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| 1.) | Milissa A. Rock, RPh | Diabetes and Asthma |
| 2.) | Donald K. Zettervall, RPh | Diabetes |
| 3.) | Robert H. Stack, RPh | Asthma |
| 4.) | Debra L. Updyke, RPh | Diabetes |

Commission Action: Commissioner Guynn moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaudin and passed by a vote of (6-0) to provisionally accept the above-mentioned applications.

- Final acceptance will occur when the protocols are submitted.
- The "Collaborative Practice Committee" was given the authority to grant final approval.

Collaborative Practice Committee = Steve Beaudin,
Tom Buckley, Marghie Giuliano, Bob Guynn and
Michelle Sylvestre

There being no further business, Chairman Summa adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Summa, Chairman

Prepared by:

Michelle Sylvestre, Drug Control Agent/Board Administrator