Commission of Pharmacy
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 28, 2011

Commissioners and staff present:
Steve Beaudin  deLinda Brown-Jagne, Board Administrator
James Cangelosi  Steven Schwane, DCP Legal Counsel
Edith Goodmaster
Mary Inguanti
William Summa, Chair
Fred Vegliante

Others present:
Salah Khamis Awwad  Veeraiah Chowdary Bandarupalli
Richard Gubbiotti  Laurel Highbarger
Agron Ismaili  Robert Jansing
Richard Lashever  Ed Mercadante
Jignesh Patel  Romil Shah
Jennifer Sheehan  Peter Tyczkowski
Elizabeth Wolfer

Meeting Called to Order: State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 126
Hartford, Connecticut

Interview of Reciprocity Candidates

Chairman Summa informed the group that the Commission no longer requires an in-person interview for all candidates. Most candidates are interviewed by telephone once successful completion of the MPJE (law exam) has been achieved. The following candidates being considered for licensure today are:

Brenda Bruns  From Ohio
Loveland, OH

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Sabie Cherian  From New Jersey
Yonkers, NY

Alexandra Faltaous  From Massachusetts
Uxbridge, MA
Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 5-1 (Commissioner Goodmaster abstains) was passed approving the above applicants for licensure by reciprocity.

First Time Managers

Commissioner Summa summarized the responsibilities of a first-time pharmacy manager and the reason for their appearance before the Commission. Commissioner Summa also emphasized the importance of the pharmacy manager’s role as opposed to the front-store manager (in many retail settings). Some responsibilities include licensing, leadership, and prescription error reporting.

Commissioner Inguanti provided those attending as first-time managers with a brief overview of properly reporting pharmacy and the Med Watch program.

Appearing before the Commission as first-time managers are:
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**Application for Pharmacy Internship**

Graduates of foreign pharmacy schools must appear before the Commission to be interviewed prior to being approved for internships. During the interview, the Commission asks the potential intern questions regarding the experience in the field of pharmacy. Those questions include:

1) Where did you attend pharmacy school?
2) Explain your experience as a pharmacist (retail, hospital, or community)?
3) How is the practice of pharmacy different in the country where you gained experience?

The following candidates appeared before the Commission to request approval as an intern:

Salah K. Awwad  
New York, NY

Jignesh Patel (pending copy/verification of FPGEC)  
Stamford, CT

**Commission action:** The above applicants were approved for pharmacy intern permits as foreign pharmacy graduates.
New Pharmacy Applications

None

Pharmacy Remodels

Wal-Mart Pharmacy  Ronda Morgan
1100 New Haven Road
Naugatuck, CT  06770

Pharmacy Relocations

Arrow Pharmacy & Nutrition Center  PCY.1365
From:  To:
838 Farmington Avenue  461 Cooke Street, Building 1
Farmington, CT  06032  Farmington, CT  06032

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Cangelosi, seconded by Commissioner Vegliante and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the above new pharmacy application and remodel.

Legal Matters

DN 11-649  CVS/pharmacy #1242 (PCY.1422) permitted a 4/1 pharmacy technician to pharmacist ratio. The agreement requires the pharmacy to pay a $1,000 civil penalty. A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and a vote of 6-0 was passed accepting the Agency’s recommendation.

DN 11-678  Alana Toomey (PCT.8571) surrendered her license in July of 2010. The Department is satisfied that this pharmacist has taken the necessary steps to regain her license. She has a record of drug counseling, negative drug screens and a letter from her counselor recommending reinstatement. The proposed agreement is typical for this kind of situation. A motion was made by Commissioner Beaudin, seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 5-0 was passed accepting the Agency’s recommendation.

Pharmacy Regulations – Attorney Schwane addressed the Commission regarding proposed amendments to various pharmacy regulations which address licensure by reciprocity, pharmacy manager responsibilities and quality assurance documentation. Commissioner Goodmaster commented regarding the revision of Section 20-576-7(1), expressing her apprehension for the Commission to allow a candidate with insufficient intern hours to become licensed in Connecticut, hence her reason for abstaining from the approval of current reciprocity applications.
**Request for CE Waivers, etc.**

Marvin Cohn (PCT.4055) is requesting a waiver of his 2011 continuing education requirement due to a severe medical condition. *The request is approved pending receipt of physician documentation of medical condition.*

**Miscellaneous**

**Pharmacy Technician Program** - John Gadea, Division Director of Drug Control, provided information regarding Pharmacy Technician program offered by the Urban League of Greater Hartford. Mr. Gadea gave a brief overview of the program which provides a pharmacy technician training program to Greater Hartford residents seeking employment assistance. However, Mr. Gadea informed the Commission that it had been determined that some pharmacies where the student techs were “interning” were not including the techs in their necessary ratios but were allowing the techs to fulfill pharmacy technician duties. Those pharmacies, along with the ULGH, have been informed that if the student techs are to perform duties within the pharmacies, they then must be included in the tech ratio as allowed.

**Prescription Drop Box Program** - Mr. Gadea also provided the Commission with an overview of the Prescription Drop Box Pilot Program which took place over a two-month period and was found to be effective. DCP Drug Control Division offered assistance to towns wishing to start a drug disposal drop-box program to remove unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications from residential households. The plan involved placing a locked, well-marked, drop-box in local police departments, where residents could discard their unwanted or unused medicines during police department lobby hours. Residents neither needed to complete forms nor answer questions about the items they dropped off.

When the collection container inside a drop-box becomes filled, two designated police officers or an evidence clerk and a police officer seal the container and place it into evidence as abandoned property, following the police department’s usual procedures. The collected medications are then periodically destroyed through witnessed incineration.

Mr. Gadea also noted that the cost to each town is minimal, requiring only a one-time cost for the drop-box. Some towns found corporate sponsorship for the drop-box and since the medicines are “law enforcement abandoned property,” towns are not charged for incineration.

**Prescription Monitoring Program** – Also, Mr. Gadea and Xaviel Soto, Program Manager for the PMP, were included in last month’s NABP steering committee meeting for PMP interstate data sharing. The committee discussed complex issues relating the way in which state PMPs will disburse information across state lines.

**NABP Law Update** - Commissioner Inguanti informed the Commission of the recent completion of the Connecticut Pharmacy Law update provided to/by the NABP as well as the MPJE state-
specific review. In reviewing the laws of various states, Commissioner Inguanti found that there were currently only two states providing in-person interviews to reciprocity candidates.

Change of Meeting Date – Because Yom Kippur is observed on September 26, 2012, the Commission of Pharmacy will meet on Wednesday, October 3rd as well as Wednesday, October 31st.

Reminder – The October 2011 Commission will be held at the St. Joseph College School of Pharmacy in Downtown Hartford.

Approval of Minutes

Review and approval of August 31 meeting minutes

Commission action: A motion was made by Commissioner Inguanti, seconded by Commissioner Cangelosi and a vote of 6-0 was passed approving the minutes of the August 31, 2011 meeting.

Non-Resident Pharmacy Applications

Coram Alternate Site Services, Inc.
d/b/a Coram Specialty Infusion Services an Apria Healthcare Company
1471 Business Center Drive, Suite 500
Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Eastside Pharmacy, Inc.
d/b/a Best Pet Rx
1751 2nd Avenue
New York, NY 10128

Hartley Medical Center Pharmacy, Inc.
113 W. Victoria Street
Long Beach, CA 90805

Inverness Apothecary
195 Inverness Plaza
Birmingham, AL 35242

Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy
1170 Perkiomen Avenue
Reading, PA 19602
Royal Palm Specialty Pharmacy, LLC
118 Main Street
Webster, MA 01570

Town Total Compounding Centers, LLC
532 Broadhallow Road, Ste 104
Melville, NY 11747

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

Adjournment