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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clallam County

In May 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Johnny Fred Watts Jr.** (CO60211298).

In May 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Mark Edward Sharp** (CO60342301) and placed him on probation. From 1989 to 2006 Sharp was convicted of six felonies and seven gross misdemeanors.

Clark County

In May 2013 the Psychology Board charged psychologist **Cynthia Ann Savoie** (PY00001972) with unprofessional conduct. Savoie treated seven members of an extended family and allegedly showed favoritism and didn't stay neutral in providing therapy for their family issues.

In May 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the registered nursing assistant credential application of **Tomi Joann Hoeschen** (NA60309902). In 2003 and 2004 Hoeschen was convicted of 15 felonies and one gross misdemeanor.

In May 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted a registered nursing assistant credential to **Bobbi E. Kampmann** (NA60337839). In 2012 Kampmann entered into a deferred prosecution agreement on a fourth-degree assault — domestic violence charge.

Douglas County

In May 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Kimberly Joyce Arnold** (CO60346029) and placed her on probation. In 2007 Arnold was convicted of third-degree theft. In 2009 she was convicted of two counts of delivery of methamphetamine and two counts of conspiracy to deliver methamphetamine.

King County

In May 2013 the Dental Commission fined dentist **Hashim Chotia** (DE00006778) \$5,000, ordered him to complete course work, and directed him to pay \$3,412.82 to a patient whose treatment was below the standard of care.

In May 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Robert L. Mize** (CP00005134) with unprofessional conduct. In 2011 Mize was convicted of fourth-degree assault — domestic violence, violation of anti-harassment order, and disorderly conduct — domestic violence. In 2012 he was convicted of violation of a domestic violence court order.

In May 2013 the Pharmacy Board entered into a modification order with pharmacist **Michael S. Jones** (PH00010993) under which his credential remains on probation. Jones authorized, filled, and provided special pricing on two prescriptions in his mother's name. The prescriber identified on the prescriptions denied authorizing them.

In May 2013 the Naturopathy Board conditionally granted a naturopathic physician credential to **Conan Jones** (NT60338505), who had terms and conditions placed on his Oregon credential.

In May 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Rubie E. Santiago** (NA60043600, NC60073182) with unprofessional conduct. Santiago allegedly stole the credit card number of a resident at a boarding home where she worked and used the number to buy things. In 2011 she was convicted of third-degree theft in connection with the incident. The Department of Social and Health Services barred Santiago from being employed in a job with access to vulnerable adults.

In May 2013 the Health Care Assistant Program ended probation for health care assistant **Crystal Jovane Watson** (HC60168115).

In May 2013 the Health Care Assistant Program conditionally granted a health care assistant credential to **Allison Renee Mayes** (HC60312998). In 2011 she was convicted of criminal solicitation to commit a violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act: possession of heroin, and second-degree criminal trespass.

In May 2013 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **David Yount** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Yount, whose credential expired in 2008, allegedly provided massage treatment in 2012.

In May 2013 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Ronald J. Hagel** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Hagel, who doesn't have a denturist credential, allegedly advertised that he practices denturism.

In April 2013 the Dental Commission ended probation for dental assistant **Megan Ann Danbom** (D160102814).

Kittitas County

In May 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Carrie L. Bechtel** (NA60097466) with unprofessional conduct. Bechtel allegedly took hydrocodone pills for her own use from a resident's supply in an assisted living facility. The Department of Social and Health Services restricted Bechtel from employment caring for vulnerable adults.

Pierce County

In May 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Vanessa Marie Ornias** (NA00180043) with unprofessional conduct. In 2012 Ornias entered a deferred prosecution agreement on a third-degree theft charge.

In May 2013 the Dental Commission charged dentist **David Lee Herbst** (DE00007344) with unprofessional conduct. A Department of Social and Health Services audit indicated Herbst represented himself as an oral surgeon, which he isn't. That allegedly resulted in use of an incorrect billing code, leading to overpayments. Herbst also allegedly served a one-year sentence in Wisconsin for Medicaid fraud. In addition, Herbst allegedly bartered dental services for a personal loan, and disclosed a patient's dental bill to their mutual church pastor.

In May 2013 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Shunhu Liu** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Liu allegedly provided a full body massage without a credential.

In May 2013 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Jennifer A. McDonald** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. McDonald allegedly advertised massage services but doesn't hold a massage credential.

Skagit County

In May 2013 the Chiropractic Commission entered an agreement vacating the denial of a chiropractor credential to **Aaron Farleigh Theriot** (CH60331405). The commission granted Theriot a credential, put him on probation, and ordered him to be monitored for at least three years. Theriot voluntarily surrendered his Louisiana registered nursing credential. His Florida registered nursing credential was suspended.

Snohomish County

In May 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted a certified nursing assistant credential to **Elizabeth Renee Reistad** (NC60329476). Her application said she had no criminal convictions. In Montana in 2009 she was convicted of theft — first offense — and in 2010 transferring illegal articles.

Spokane County

In May 2013 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Erica Curless** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Curless admitted practicing animal massage but doesn't hold a credential.

In May 2013 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Irene K. De Villiers** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. De Villiers allegedly offered to treat an animal patient for a fee but doesn't hold a veterinary credential.

In May 2013 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged emergency medical technician **Jessica Lacambra** (ES01176515) with unprofessional conduct. Lacambra allegedly stole blank prescription forms from a clinic where she worked and forged a physician's signature on at least three of them to fill oxycodone prescriptions for her own use.

Yakima County

In May 2013 the Dental Commission conditionally granted a dental assistant credential to **Jose Manuel Mendoza** (D160338076). In 2006 Mendoza was convicted of third-degree assault. In 2009 he was convicted of drive-by shooting and of second-degree unlawful possession of a firearm.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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