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OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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

Adams County

In April 2013 the Home Care Aide Program denied a home care aide credential to **Miriam Longoria** (HM60321516). In 2012 Longoria was convicted of theft and making a false report in the second degree.

Chelan County

In May 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Dulce Ibarra** (NC60014795), reinstating her credential and placing her on probation for two years. Ibarra's credential was suspended in 2012 for inadequate patient care.

In June 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Paul V. Bennett** (NA60096252, NC60112927) with unprofessional conduct. Bennett allegedly presented a forged and fraudulent cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid card to a potential employer.

Cowlitz County

In May 2013 the Mental Health Counselor Program charged mental health counselor **Michael F. Vaughn** (LH00005701) with unprofessional conduct. Vaughn allegedly developed a personal

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relationship with a client, allowed her to stay at his home, told her he was in love with her, and said they had to end their therapeutic relationship and not see each other for six months, after which he would marry her.

In May 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Jennifer L. Abbott** (RN00157539) with unprofessional conduct. Abbott was relieved of her duties and eventually dismissed at a hospital after she allegedly appeared to be impaired. She didn't respond to Department of Health letters requesting an explanation.

King County

In May 2013 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program conditionally granted an agency affiliated counselor credential to **Marc D. Pellicciaro** (CG60350106). In 2009 Pellicciaro's Washington medical credential was indefinitely suspended after he voluntarily surrendered his Alaska medical license.

In May 2013 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Ruilian Yang** under which Yang agrees to cease-and-desist from the practice of massage and to pay a \$1,000 fine. Yang, who has no credential, agreed to give a client a full-body massage.

In May 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional and Agency Affiliated Counselor programs ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee and agency affiliated counselor **Lori Luan Hendon-Coverson** (CO60124043, CG60257803).

In May 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Donald George Osmer** (CO60211308).

In June 2013 the Pharmacy Board issued a notice of intent to suspend the license of **Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy Inc.** (CF60030054), where a pharmacy assistant allegedly performed tasks limited to pharmacy technicians.

Kitsap County

In May 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Mardella Jean McQuiston** (CO60205481).

Okanogan County

In May 2013 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program entered an agreement with agency affiliated counselor **Shawn Therese Lassila** (CG60338228) that granted her a credential and placed her in a monitoring program. In 2011 Lassila entered a drug court program after being charged with second-degree taking a motor vehicle without permission and third-degree theft. Also in 2011 she was convicted of third-degree possession of stolen property and third-degree theft. In 2012 she was convicted of third-degree attempted retail theft.

In May 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional denied a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Michael F. Boyd** (CO60334665), whose registered nursing assistant credential was indefinitely suspended in 2003.

Pierce County

In May 2013 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Danny D. Baldwin** (CH00003681) with unprofessional conduct. Baldwin allegedly treated 13 patients after his credential was suspended in 2012.

In May 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Makaiwa L. Bond** (NA00106019) with unprofessional conduct. In 2012 Bond pleaded guilty to third-degree assault.

In May 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with registered nursing assistant **Nikkii R. Richardson** (NA00176737) that reinstated her credential and placed it on probation for at least two years. Richardson's credential was revoked in 2008 after complaints about her care of patients at an Alzheimer's disease facility.

In May 2013 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Shunhu Liu** under which Lu agrees to cease-and-desist from the practice of massage, and to pay a \$1,000 fine. Liu, who has no credential, gave a client a full-body massage.

Snohomish County

In May 2013 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Veronica Q. Apolista** (LP00049779) with unprofessional conduct. Apolista allegedly practiced for more than a year with an expired credential and allegedly falsified documents she gave to her employer showing the credential had been renewed on time.

In May 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Calei Tiana Vaughn** (CO60208035).

In May 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Lisa Nichole Ellefsen** (NC10097969) that placed her credential on probation until Aug. 28, 2015. A 2012 agreement granted Ellefsen a health care assistant credential and placed her on probation.

Spokane County

In May 2013 the Massage Board denied a massage practitioner credential to **Brittni Michelle Spicer** (MA60336903). In 2011 Spicer was convicted of driving while intoxicated. In 2012 she received a continuance on two counts of assault — domestic violence, and was convicted of two counts of fourth-degree assault — domestic violence.

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Thurston County

In May 2013 the Chiropractic Commission entered an agreement with chiropractor **Matthew W. Martinez** (CH60191433) that monitors his credential for at least two years. He must pay a \$1,000 fine. Martinez billed insurance for treatments that weren't documented in chart notes.

In June 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program reinstated the chemical dependency professional trainee credential of **Katherine Ann Carter** (CO60195249). She may practice without restrictions.

In June 2013 the Psychology Board entered an agreement with psychologist **Richard T. Kennedy** (PY00001919) that placed his credential on probation for at least two years. He must pay a \$3,000 fine. Kennedy provided treatment below the standard of care to a patient he treated for about 14 years. He also held counseling sessions for the patient's family, potentially creating confusion about the therapeutic relationship.

Yakima County

In May 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Jered James Carter** (CO60165302).

Out of State

California: In May 2013 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Ying Zhang** under which Zhang agrees to cease-and-desist from the practice of massage, and to pay a \$1,000 fine. Zhang, who has no credential, agreed to give a client a full-body massage.

Oregon: In May 2013 the Health Care Assistant Program granted a health care assistant credential to **Francisca Cruz** (HC60360511) and placed it on probation for at least two years. In 2013 Cruz's registered nursing assistant credential was reinstated and placed on probation.

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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