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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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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 encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In February 2014 the Respiratory Care Practitioner Program entered an agreement with respiratory care practitioner **Robert Robinson** (LR00003321) that suspends his credential for at least two years. Robinson had a sexual relationship with a patient's daughter. He also inappropriately touched and caressed the breasts of another patient during home visits he wasn't authorized to make. During one home visit, he rubbed the back of the patient's neck and pulled her hair, causing her to fear for her life. While treating a patient with pneumonia at a hospital where he worked, Robinson pulled the patient's hair, asked if she liked it, and offered to come to her home after her discharge. His conduct made her uncomfortable and she reported it to the hospital's human resources department.

Franklin County

In February 2014 the Medical Assistant Program ended conditions on the credential of medical assistant-hemodialysis technician **Barbara Anne Krogness-Bradley** (HT60420437).

Island County

In February 2014 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged emergency medical technician **Christopher E. Avance** (ES60023091) with unprofessional conduct. Avance allegedly didn't comply with a 2013 stipulation.

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In February 2014 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program ended probation for emergency medical technician **Scott G. Houston** (ES60037979).

King County

In February 2014 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **Chester E. Jangala, Jr.** (MD00023662) that reprimands him and requires him to complete a course in professional boundaries. Jangala accepted a \$100,000 loan from a patient, a veteran awaiting approval of disability benefits, who used money from a second mortgage on his home to make the loan. Jangala initially told the commission the money was a gift and that he had no legal obligation to repay it, even though he was trying to do so. After making partial payments, most of which was characterized as interest, Jangala repaid the full sum.

In February 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Samway 99 Cents Plus Inc.**, as well as **Savooun Men**, also known as Savoun Mand, Savoun Maud Yin, Savoun Yin and Savoun Yim, and **Sam Nang**, also known as Sam Yim, “John Doe” Mien and “John Doe” Yin, of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Neither Men nor Nang is a licensed pharmacist and their store isn’t a licensed pharmacy. An investigator allegedly bought a legend drug at the store and was shown other legend drugs.

In February 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Shufang Cong** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Cong, who holds no massage practitioner credential, allegedly owned and operated a spa that advertised services including Chinese massage and full body massage.

In February 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Julie L. Atkinson** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Atkinson has no massage practitioner credential but allegedly advertised massage services online and described herself as a licensed massage therapist. Atkinson allegedly admitted to Department of Health investigators that she provided unlicensed massage services in her home, where investigators saw a massage table.

In February 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Nathan Heath Ronquillo** (CO60223180).

In February 2014 the Medical Commission ended conditions on the credential of physician **Ella Y. Bostanjian** (MD60039274).

Pacific County

In February 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Shanda R. Brooks** (RN60158068) with unprofessional conduct. Brooks allegedly tested positive for controlled substances after being unable to account for drugs she dispensed while working at a hospital. Charges say Brooks forged and filled prescriptions twice for controlled substances while working at a clinic, and later pleaded guilty to two counts of attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.

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In February 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Ludvig P. Gilbertson** (NC10024852) with unprofessional conduct. Gilbertson's Oregon credential was revoked in October 2013.

Pierce County

In February 2014 the Health Care Assistant Program ended probation for health care assistant **Saul P. Wolverton** (HC00149832, HC60104963).

In February 2014 the Veterinary Board conditionally granted a veterinary medication clerk credential to **Stacie A. Phillips** (VM60435042) and ordered her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Her health care assistant credentials were suspended until she received an evaluation.

In February 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registered nursing assistant credential of **Veronica M. Melick** (NA00185436), which was suspended in 2011 for at least two years after she bought and financed a vehicle from a patient.

In February 2014 the Nursing Assistant and Medical Assistant programs entered agreements with **Katie Brooks Postler** (NC60187832, PC60417860) that reinstate her certified nursing assistant credential, grant her a medical assistant-phlebotomist credential, and place both on probation for at least one year. Postler said on her medical assistant-phlebotomist application that she'd never had a health care credential suspended. In fact, her certified nursing assistant credential was suspended in 2013 after she didn't respond to charges alleging she didn't change a patient's soiled undergarments at a skilled nursing facility where she worked.

In February 2014 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **David A. Davidson** (MD00035868) that places him on probation for five years and fines him \$2,000. Davidson must continue to undergo psychotherapy and medication management. Davidson, who practices radiology and has little or no-contact with patients, must have a chaperone present if he examines or treats a patient. He may not interpret intra-cranial computer tomographic angiography or intra-cranial magnetic resonance angiography. In 2012 Davidson pleaded guilty to second-degree criminal trespass in connection with viewing graphic pornographic images on a work computer he had taken home. In 2007 Davidson interpreted images of a patient's head, finding no evidence of an aneurysm or other abnormality. The patient suffered a ruptured aneurysm in 2009.

Snohomish County

In February 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted a registered nursing assistant credential to **Christina L. Audet** (NA60416563) and ordered her to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Audet said on her application that she'd never been found to have diverted controlled substances and she'd never had a health care license revoked. But her pharmacy technician license was revoked in 2003 after she was found to have diverted controlled substances.

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Spokane County

In February 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Catharine Jessica Farmer** (RN00136035) with unprofessional conduct. Farmer allegedly didn't comply with an agreement requiring her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

Thurston County

In February 2014 the Chiropractic Commission entered an agreement with chiropractor **David A. Camp** (CH00002935) that will monitor his credential for at least three years. Camp must pay a \$2,500 fine, provide informed consent documents to all patients, undergo counseling, complete continuing education in ethics, boundaries, and patient sensitivity, and pass an ethics and boundaries exam. Camp had a romantic and sexual relationship with a patient. He and the patient moved in together shortly after her final treatment session.

Whatcom County

In February 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Matthew J. Danz** (RN00148293) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Danz admitted to repeatedly diverting narcotics from the hospital where he worked, then didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Out of State

Florida: In February 2014 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **Laura K. Morris** (MD00026856) that placed her license on probation, permanently restricts her from treating and managing chronic non-cancer pain patients, and restricts her from prescribing certain controlled substances until she completes record-keeping and controlled-drug prescribing courses. Morris entered a similar agreement in Florida after the Florida Board of Medicine found she prescribed excessive and inappropriate amounts of controlled substances to a patient and she didn't keep adequate records.

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.

The [Department of Health website](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, [find us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#).

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