



# News Release

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**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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

### Clark County

In June 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program amended a statement of charges against registered nursing assistant **Lemuel Magro Riano** (NA60202703) adding allegations of sexual contact with a resident at an adult family home where he worked.

In June 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional and chemical dependency professional trainee **Nicholas M.T. Crapser** (CO60128236, CP60327803).

In June 2014 the Medical Commission entered into an agreement with physician **Richard D. Knowles** (MD00042903) that places him on probation for at least three years and restricts his ability to prescribe or possess steroids. He must also complete an ethics course and pay a \$5,000 fine. Knowles didn't meet the standard of care in prescribing testosterone and human growth hormone to multiple patients, including several with histories of weight training and bodybuilding.

### King County

In June 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Guangmei Ke** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Ke, who has no massage practitioner credential, allegedly offered to provide massage treatment.

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In June 2014 the Naturopathy Board charged naturopathic physician **Kathleen Naughton** (NT00000384) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations are that she didn't meet the standard of care in her treatment of multiple medical marijuana patients by not properly diagnosing conditions, conducting adequate exams, or providing follow-up care. Naughton issued authorizations to patients whose conditions didn't meet requirements, and charges say she enabled the operation of a medical marijuana mill.

In June 2014 the Medical Assistant Program conditionally granted a medical assistant-phlebotomist credential to **Travis Steven Selby** (PC60417974) and ordered him to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2008 and again in 2013 Selby was convicted in California of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

In June 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Byron Lee Caldwell** (CO60459903). The conditions place him on probation, and require that he undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program and complete continuing education in professional law and ethics. In 2005 Caldwell's registered nurse license was suspended. In 2007 he was convicted of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, and first-degree theft. In 2010 he was convicted of fourth-degree assault.

In May 2014 the Nursing Assistant and Health Care Assistant programs reinstated the registered nursing assistant and health care assistant credentials of **Jessica M. Milligan** (NA00160956, HC00143801). The credentials were suspended in 2008 after Milligan pleaded guilty to third-degree possession of stolen property in connection with the theft of blank prescription pads.

In June 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certified nursing assistant credential of **Michelle Eileen Barnett** (NC60344736) and ordered her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Barnett's credential was suspended earlier in 2014 when she didn't comply with an order to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program.

In June 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certified nursing assistant credential of **Nora Okyere** (NC10053251), placed her on probation for at least four years, fined her \$1,500, and ordered her to complete course work in ethics. Okyere's credential was suspended in 2014 when she didn't comply with an order to complete course work in legal issues and ethics.

In June 2014 the Pharmacy Commission conditionally granted a pharmacy assistant credential to **Natassha Nicole Chavis** (VB60438008). In 2004 and again in 2008, Chavis was convicted in California of felony theft.

In June 2014 the Pharmacy Commission ended conditions on the credential of pharmacy assistant **Kirstin Tere Bailey** (VB60230325).

In June 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended conditions on the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Alena L. Rogers** (CO60274680).

### **Kitsap County**

In June 2014 the Pharmacy Commission conditionally granted a pharmacy assistant credential to **Casey Lee Deese** (VB60452387). In 2012 Deese was convicted of first-degree trafficking in stolen property and third-degree possession of stolen property.

In June 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Mark Hagen Nielsen** (CO60439383). As part of the conditions, Nielson is placed on probation, ordered to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program, and must complete continuing education in professional law and ethics. Between 1999 and 2011 Nielsen was convicted of six felonies and 15 gross misdemeanors.

In June 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program reinstated the chemical dependency professional trainee credential of **Frank James Squires, Jr.** (CO60237146) and placed him on probation for at least one year. His credential was suspended in 2012 after Squires didn't comply with a previous agreement.

### **Lewis County**

In June 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Michelle Lynn Buckholz** (CO60299565).

### **Mason County**

In June 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Darcy Marlene Ramsfield** (CO60312763).

### **Pierce County**

In June 2014 the Dental Commission charged dental assistant **Jami R. Ribail** (D160198915) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Ribail tested positive for opiates and methadone after being admitted to a hospital and admitting to drug use. Two days after being discharged from a detoxification facility, she was found unconscious on her floor at home with pill bottles around her and again tested positive for drugs.

### **Snohomish County**

In June 2014 the Agency Affiliated Counselor and Certified Counselor programs charged agency affiliated counselor and certified counselor **Fredrick Thomas Bletson, Jr.** (CG60146249, CL60152626) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Bletson pleaded guilty to 10 counts of misappropriation of accounts by public officer.

### **Thurston County**

In June 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for certified nursing assistant **Taiwo Adebimpe Agabi** (NC60257825).

## Out of State

**California:** In June 2014 the Marriage and Family Therapist Program ended conditions on the credential of marriage and family therapist associate **Chelsy Jane Bundy** (MG60291954).

**California:** In June 2014 the Medical Commission charged physician **Donovan P. Shively** (MD60167422) with unprofessional conduct. Shively worked as an obstetrics hospitalist. Allegations say he didn't meet the standard of care in prenatal treatment and delivery of two infants who both died.

**Idaho:** In June 2014 the Massage Practitioner Program entered into an agreement with massage practitioner **Dona J. Grafton** (MA60084767) that places her on probation for five years. The agreement also requires her to reimburse the program for \$1,000 in costs, and restricts her from practicing the "fire-cupping" technique for at least three years. Grafton set fire to a student volunteer while demonstrating the technique in a massage therapy program where she taught.

**Oregon:** In June 2014 the Medical Commission filed an amended statement of charges against physician **Christopher M. Barone** (MD60251013) adding an allegation that he gave a false answer about his background when applying for a Washington license.

**Tennessee:** In June 2014 the Nursing Commission conditionally granted a registered nurse credential to **Sarah Adair Harris**, also known as Sarah Armstrong (RN60457004), and ordered her to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program. Her Tennessee credential was placed on probation in 2012 when she enrolled in a monitoring program in that state.

**Virginia:** In June 2014 the Nursing Commission conditionally granted a registered nurse credential to **Christina Melody Cranford-Swaim** (RN60453487) and ordered her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Cranford-Swaim reported having tested positive on a 2009 drug screening, leading to sanctions affecting her Florida and Virginia credentials.

**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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