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OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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

Clallam County

In July 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Helen Ruth Kenoyer** (CO60469589), placed her on probation, and ordered her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Kenoyer satisfactorily completed treatment at a chemical dependency facility.

Cowlitz County

In June 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program denied a registered nursing assistant credential to **Danyelle Atrisha Lopez** (NA60435177). In 1997 she was convicted in Oregon of unlawfully obtaining public assistance. In 2011 she was convicted in Oregon of endangering the welfare of a minor.

Grays Harbor County

In June 2014 the Home Care Aide Program ended conditions on the credential of home care aide **Angel Dove Chilcott** (HM60288795).

In July 2014 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program conditionally granted an agency affiliated counselor credential to **Stephanie Lee Becker** (CG60461767), requiring her to comply with probation terms ordered when she received a chemical dependency professional trainee credential in 2013.

Island County

In July 2014 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program entered an agreement with paramedic **Elizabeth Jane Smith** (ES60104626) that requires her to reenter a substance abuse monitoring program once her credential is reactivated. Smith admitted diverting controlled substances for her own use while she worked as a paramedic, and falsely documenting disposal and inventory. Smith participated in a substance abuse monitoring program before her license expired and has continued to follow the program's requirements.

King County

In July 2014 the Certified Counselor Program charged certified counselor **Samuel Conrad Zeiler** (CL60168241) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Zeiler owned a business that promoted "vibrant health through nutritional healing." He allegedly charged a 79-year-old client \$4,639.83 for services and nutritional supplements. Charges say Zeiler didn't meet the standard of care because he did not give the patient adequate information, kept inadequate records, and practiced beyond his scope.

In July 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Karis Corin Bjerke** (CO60211455).

In July 2014 the Pharmacy Commission ended conditions on the credential of pharmacy technician **Ceciley Christine Beyers** (VA60335894).

In June 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Max Cong Le** (NA60196703, NC60281681).

Kitsap County

In July 2014 the Medical Commission charged physician **Scott T. Ekin** (MD00037347) with unprofessional conduct. Ekin allegedly didn't meet the standard of care in treating a woman who was injured in a motor vehicle crash. He allegedly didn't diagnose a fractured spleen and fractured ribs. The woman subsequently underwent an emergency spleen removal. Charges say Ekin didn't recognize the severity of the patient's trauma, didn't take a thorough history or do a thorough exam, didn't order adequate studies, and didn't properly document the woman's case, as well as the cases of four other patients.

In July 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Kathy Lynn Null** (NC10089837) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that although Null's authority to administer medication had been rescinded at the facility where she worked, she was assigned to that duty anyway. Null allegedly gave a patient a morphine dose that was to be given every 12 hours, but gave the patient more five hours later. She reported the medication error the next day.

In July 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant credentials of **Matthew James Boston** (NA60113808, NC60110715). His credentials were suspended in 2014 when he didn't comply with a previous reinstatement order requiring him to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program.

Pierce County

In July 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certified nursing assistant credential of **Celia Viola Nevarez** (NC10069155). Her license was revoked in 2007 when she didn't respond to a Department of Health inquiry after she was convicted in 2003 of second-degree perjury and third-degree theft — shoplifting.

In July 2014 the Massage Program reinstated the massage practitioner credential of **Edward Kim** (MA00013024), which was revoked in 2008 after he pleaded guilty to a sex offense in connection with improperly touching a patient.

Snohomish County

In July 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Jillita Danielle Hunter** (NC60263341) with unprofessional conduct, and immediately suspended her credential. Charges say Hunter admitted to using synthetic morphine and marijuana with a client, took medication from one client to give to another, and having a sexual relationship with a client. The Department of Social and Health Services found Hunter had exploited a vulnerable adult.

In July 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registered nursing assistant credential of **Youssef L. Youssef** (NA60060543), which was suspended in 2011 after Youssef left a vulnerable adult patient unattended for at least 15 minutes, against care plan instructions.

In July 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registered nursing assistant credential of **Nina N. Dashovska** (NA60016852), ordered her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program, and directed her to complete course work in law and ethics. Her license was suspended in 2012 when she didn't comply with a stipulation requiring her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program.

Spokane County

In July 2014 the Social Worker Program conditionally granted an independent clinical social worker credential to **Cynthia Lee Wikle-Myhro** (LW60468289). Her Idaho social worker credential was placed on probation in 2014.

Thurston County

In July 2014, in separate actions, the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Bhakta Rizal** (NC10083983) and registered nursing assistant **Reena Rizal** (NA60081672) with unprofessional conduct. Reena and Bhakta Rizal allegedly didn't follow a care plan for a developmentally disabled adult. The patient developed pressure ulcers, was

admitted to a hospital, and subsequently died from causes attributed in part to ulcers. The Department of Social and Health Services found each of the Rizals had neglected a vulnerable adult.

Whatcom County

In July 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Maranda C. Roller** (NC10059244) with unprofessional conduct. A resident at the health and rehabilitation center where Roller worked alleges that Roller took her to the bathroom, was verbally abusive because she was too slow, and hurt her when placing her in her wheelchair. Charges also say Roller admitted to her employer that she was involved in an incident in which another caretaker teased a vulnerable adult resident by playing with a doll (which the resident believed was an actual baby) in a derogatory manner. She allegedly participated in teasing a vulnerable adult resident by spiking his hair, tying a leopard print bandana around his head, and photographing him in this costume. Charges say Roller later denied participating in the baby doll incident, but admitted she saw it and didn't intervene.

Whitman County

In July 2014 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Dirck Dewitt** (CH00001537) with unprofessional conduct. Dewitt allegedly didn't keep adequate notes about a patient's treatment, and then didn't respond in a timely manner to an insurance company's request for copies of the treatment 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.

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