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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

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's website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) (www.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.

Clark County

In October 2014 the secretary of health ordered a permanent cease-and-desist **on Kaylee I. Dees aka Courtney, aka Kaylee Rogers**. The cease and desist requires that Dees refrain from engaging in any and all conduct constituting the practice of massage and from advertising massage services in Washington. Although Dees doesn't hold and has never held a credential as a massage practitioner, between August 2014 and February 2014 she advertised massage services online. Dees is also required to pay a civil fine in the amount of \$1,000.00.

In October 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Shawna L. Dixon** (RN00170527). Dixon worked as a registered nurse at a pain clinic in Vancouver, WA where she was also a patient. After being at work showing signs of intoxication, Dixon was given a physical and mental examination in which it was determined that the high dose of opioid medications combined with benzodiazepines she was taking could affect her ability to safely deliver care to patients. The evaluation pointed out that the combined medications caused Dixon to suffer from cognitive impairment that would affect her ability to provide emergency patient care that would require rapid cognitive processing.

In August 2014 the Pharmacy Commission suspended the credential of pharmacy technician and pharmacy assistant **Mathew James Webb** (VA60288265 and VB60261225) for diverting pain medication for his own use for at least three months in 2013. Charges say Webb diverted these medications and consumed them while on duty. His conduct likely resulted in unnecessary pain for patients who received less than the amount of pain medications they were prescribed.

Chelan County

In October 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Marlene Michelle Bolyard** (NC10038296). While working as a caregiver at an adult family home, Bolyard diverted hydrocodone pills for her own use and was fired from her job. The Department of Social and Health Services subsequently issued a final finding prohibiting Bolyard from being employed in the care of and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

King County

In October 2014 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse **Karin Lindgren** (RN00168324) for at least two years. Lindgren didn't comply with terms of an earlier agreement and admitted to diluting her urine during a drug screening in an effort to cover up her substance abuse.

In August 2014 the Naturopathic Board suspended the credential of naturopathic physician **Ronald Gerard Waling** (NT00000425) for at least two years. After that two-year period is up, Waling can request reinstatement of his naturopathic physician license. If reinstated, he will be placed on probation for at least three years. The suspension is a result of Waling committing unprofessional conduct by having a sexual relationship with one of his patients.

Kitsap County

In October 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of certified medical assistant **Kelvin Solan Grant** (CM60424490) for not complying with a monitoring program.

Okanogan County

In August 2014 the secretary of health immediately suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Wendy D. Hahn** (NC10072563). She was found to have improperly used more than \$6,000.00 that belonged to her cognitively-impaired client who was more than 80 years old. She was found by the Department of Social and Health Services to have exploited a vulnerable adult.

Pierce County

In October 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Christy L. Bamberger** (LP 00048539). Bamberger's license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in Colorado was suspended for not complying with a prior order.

In October 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant and agency affiliated counselor **Patrick Steven Crews** (NA00170767 and CG60230444) for at least two years. Crews didn't comply with an earlier order requiring him to enter into a monitoring contract and abstain from using alcohol and mind-altering drugs.

In September 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Chris A. Vargas** (NA00138566) for at least two years. He walked off his job caring for a paralyzed client and didn't notify the Department of Social and Health Services that he was unable or unwilling to care for the client. The Department of Social and Health Services issued a finding prohibiting Vargas from being employed in the care of and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Spokane County

In August 2014 the Occupational Therapy Board immediately suspended the credential of occupational therapist **Sarah Dawn Evert** (OT00000900) pending further disciplinary action from the board. In June 2014 the Department of Social and Health Services issued a finding that she had abused a vulnerable adult and prohibited Evert from being employed in the care of and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults. Also in August 2014, the secretary of health immediately suspended her credential as a registered nursing assistant (NA60109679) due to the same finding.

In October the secretary of health immediately suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant and registered nursing assistant **Andrea Michelle Fuller** (NC60211335 and NA60206171). The Department of Social and Health Services found that Fuller financially exploited a vulnerable adult. Because of these findings, Fuller is prohibited from being employed in the care of and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In July 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Amber Shara Garcia** (RN60029533) after she repeatedly tested positive for drugs, including Hydromorphone and other opiates, over a period of time.

In August 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Connie M. Hemmerling** (NA60390205) pending further legal proceedings. The Department of Social and Health Services found that Hemmerling financially exploited a vulnerable adult when she took 13 Alprazolam pills from a patient in her care without permission. Hemmerling is now prohibited from being employed in the care of and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In July 2014 the Pharmacy Commission suspended the credential of pharmacy technician and pharmacy assistant **Francheska Jones** (VB60105640 and VA60136355) for at least two years. Charges say she withheld information that her boyfriend, another pharmacy technician, had been stealing pills from the pharmacy where she worked. Jones also stored a large quantity of pills given to her by her boyfriend in her apartment.

In August 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential for registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **John Cornell Kelley, Jr.** (NC60114422 and NA60078536). Kelley was found by the Department of Social and Health Services to have abused a vulnerable adult and is prohibited from being employed in the care of and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults. This finding comes after Kelley physically abused a client by striking the client's face above the left eye with a closed fist.

Out of State

Alabama

In August 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Danielle Dyan Hollis, aka Danielle D. Norman** (RN60027857). Hollis didn't comply with an agreement with the State of Alabama and her license to practice as a registered nurse in that state was revoked.

Alaska

In August 2014 the Medical Commission released probation conditions on physician **Erik P. Kohler** (MD00028438). In July 2014, Kohler's license was placed on probation after the State of Alaska placed conditions and restrictions on his license to practice medicine there. In order for the probation requirements on Kohler's Washington license to be lifted, the Medical Commission required and received proof of completion of 20 hours of continuing medical education in neurosurgery, proof of continued board certification in neurosurgery, and proof of compliance with Washington continuing medical education requirements.

Arizona

In August 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Kevin J. Milles** (LP60397473). Arizona has revoked Milles' credential to practice as licensed practical nurse after he violated an agreed order in that state.

Florida

In June 2014 the Pharmacy Commission withdrew its Notice of Intent to Revoke the credential of **Medical Arts Pharmacy Services** (FO00059008) without prejudice.

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