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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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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 December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Kathleen Jean Conner** (NA60436775) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Conner admitted to committing several thefts from co-workers and a vulnerable adult who lived at the adult family home where she worked.

In December 2014 the X-Ray Technician and Medical Assistant programs charged X-ray technician and medical assistant **Shannon Theresa McVay** (XT00007092, CM60382758) with unprofessional conduct. McVay allegedly called-in at least 22 controlled substance prescriptions for her husband, using a physician's name and Drug Enforcement Administration number, without being authorized to do so.

In December 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Shannon Leigh LaTendresse** (RN60321931) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that when LaTendresse was admitted to a hospital, her medical history listed her as a current everyday intravenous drug user who used to shoot heroin into her veins twice a day.

Cowlitz County

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Julia A. Karr** (NC10005813) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Karr came to work at a hospital

while under the influence of alcohol. She allegedly admitted consuming alcohol before reporting to work at least twice, and to consuming alcohol at work at least once.

Grant County

In December 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Lee Ann Dreyer** (RN60185221) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that while she worked at a hospital, Dreyer showed lack of knowledge about basic nursing procedures, and provided questionable treatment to patients. Dreyer allegedly pinched and bruised a patient while giving a shot, didn't know how to administer an antibiotic, didn't know how to use a medication dispenser, and didn't respond when a patient's oxygen monitoring alarm went off.

King County

In December 2014 the Midwifery Program reinstated the midwife credential of **Suzanne Lynn Thomson** (MW00000204), placed her on probation for at least 42 months and fined her \$3,000. Thomson's license was suspended in February 2014 in connection with substandard care during and after delivering babies.

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Raquel Rona Kenagy** (NA60451636) with unprofessional conduct. Kenagy allegedly admitted stealing jewelry from a resident at an assisted living facility where she worked.

In December 2014 the Psychology Board entered an agreement with psychologist **Stephen J. Cummings** (PY00000843) that reprimands him for frequent careless billing and office practices, places him on probation for at least five years, and requires him to pay a \$5,000 fine. While already on probation, Cummings lost the file for a client, billed for sessions clients didn't attend, billed for family therapy as individual sessions, billed for a short session as a full-length session, and billed for multiple sessions while documenting only one session. He also kept inadequate records, billed twice or multiple times for sessions, used duplicate records to support billing, and didn't maintain sufficient documentation for treatment he provided. Cummings had a social relationship with a client that included drinking, marijuana smoking, overnight visits, meals, and social outings. Although Cummings continued to treat the client, he didn't place a signed copy of the legally required disclosure statement and consent form in her file. After the client filed a complaint against Cummings, he asked her to withdraw it because it was harmful to his career.

In December 2014 the Surgical Technologist Program charged surgical technologist **William Leverentz** (ST60340955) with being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Charges say Leverentz told co-workers at the hospital where he worked that a mobile phone implanted in his head had an antenna that ran through a wire to his nose. He allegedly said a chip in his hand allowed him to download information when he raised his hand to his head, and that scars on his back showed where other equipment is implanted. Leverentz allegedly said people were trying to kill him, that he was going to speak with the FBI, and that he was working in a secret program with the FBI to catch sex offenders. He allegedly said he was interested in using an ultrasound machine to locate wires and implants in his body. When he was taken to an emergency room and told he'd have to change into a hospital gown, charges say, Leverentz became defensive and left.

In December 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Christopher Marston** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Marston, who doesn't have a reflexologist license, allegedly practiced reflexology on a patient and used the term "certified reflexologist" on a billing statement.

In December 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Amira Toufic Chebli** (RN60204383) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract. Charges also say she didn't complete required drug tests, asked a co-worker to provide a urine sample when she was directed to take a for-cause drug test after behaving unusually, admitted taking a legend drug, and didn't tell her prescriber she was in a substance abuse monitoring program.

In December 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Elizabeth Grayson Eudy** (RN60186519) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn't comply with conditions of a substance abuse monitoring program, tested positive for morphine prescribed for her mother, and later tested positive for oxycodone.

Kitsap County

In November 2014 the secretary of health denied a certified counselor credential to **Paul David Brown** (CL60194760). In October 2014 Brown was charged with unprofessional conduct in his capacity as a chemical dependency professional. He also didn't prove he meets the educational requirements for a certified counselor license.

In December 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Vicki Warner** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Warner allegedly performed the services of a dental assistant before she had a license.

In December 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Gang Wang** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Wang, who has no reflexology license, allegedly gave a client a foot massage.

Pacific County

In December 2014 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program entered an agreement with paramedic **Raela D. Wetterauer**, also known as Raela D. McVey, (ES00117356) that requires her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. She appeared to be under the influence of controlled substances while on duty, with slurred speech, uncoordinated movement, and confusion or impaired decision making. She inserted an intravenous line on a patient after another paramedic told her he'd already installed an IV line in the patient's other arm. Wetterauer had multiple prescriptions for the same or similar drugs from different physicians for a significant part of 2013. She didn't disclose that to either physician, and didn't abide by an agreement to get controlled substance prescriptions from only one physician and pharmacy. Wetterauer worked for the Raymond Fire Department for 10 years.

Pierce County

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Jennifer Michelle Olson** (NC10076528) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly admitted taking \$1,082 that belonged to a patient at a medical center where she worked.

Snohomish County

In December 2014 the Chiropractic Commission ended probation for chiropractor **Michael T. Breneman** (CH00001293).

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Nicholas Joshua Clutcher** (NA60088596) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Clutcher pleaded guilty to second-degree assault.

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Michelle R. Verryt** (NC10094654) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations say another employee at the assisted living facility where Verryt worked noticed packs of anti-nausea and pain reliever medications in Verryt's purse. Charges say a subsequent count confirmed that such medication for two patients was missing from the facility's inventory.

Spokane County

In November 2014 the secretary of health denied a certified nursing assistant credential to **James D. Munro** (NC60432335). In 2014 Munro was convicted of residential burglary and third-degree rape with aggravated circumstances—sexual motivation.

Thurston County

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Cindy M. Kell** (NC60193789) with unprofessional conduct. While working at a nursing home, Kell allegedly photographed a dementia patient who was sitting on a toilet with her pants down, and then showed the photograph to a co-worker.

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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