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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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

Chelan County

In January 2015 the Pharmacy Commission ended probation for pharmacy assistant **Geoffrey A. MacPherson** (VB60285456).

Clallam County

In January 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Peggy A. Robb** (NC10002768) that reinstates her license, places her on probation for at least two years, and requires her to complete continuing education in professional law and ethics. Robb's license was suspended in 2013 after she stole \$120 from a patient's wallet.

Island County

In January 2015 the Mental Health Counselor Program reinstated the license of mental health counselor **Holly Vashti George**, also known as Holly Vashti Jones (LH60150698), and placed her on probation for at least five years. George must complete continuing education in boundaries, and professional law and ethics. She also may not see male clients. George's license was suspended in 2013 after she engaged in multiple boundary violations with a patient, including having him spend the night at her home and vacationing with him at a Hawaiian villa.

King County

In January 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Breanna Leigh Hagen** (CO60524473), placed her on probation, ordered her to complete continuing education in professional law and ethics. She also must undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2009 Hagen was convicted of second-degree theft. In 2010 she was convicted of second-degree trafficking in stolen property and third-degree theft.

In January 2015 the Medical Commission amended a statement of charges against physician **Philip A. Young** (MD00044851) to add allegations of improper care to a fourth patient, in addition to the three patients mentioned in the original charges.

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission placed registered nurse **David J. Stompro** (RN00137214) on probation for two years. His Arizona license was revoked in 2014 after he didn't return the documents of an Arizona agreement that would have allowed him to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program in Washington after he moved to this state. Stompro showed that he didn't receive the paperwork because of a change of address and has continued to participate in the Washington program.

In January 2015 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacy technician **Katie J. Williams** (VA60276937) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted narcotics from a pharmacy where she worked. Williams hasn't responded to a Department of Health investigator's inquiry.

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Sarah J. Morgan** (RN00171389) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn't comply with two substance abuse monitoring contracts that she agreed to after she diverted narcotics from a pediatric patient's mother. Charges say Morgan tested positive for a drug she admitted to diverting from her employer and for alcohol, and admitted to relapsing on alcohol and narcotics. She allegedly submitted urine samples that a testing facility deemed diluted or abnormal, and missed multiple check-ins.

In January 2015 the Dental Commission ended probation for dental assistant **Cynthia Roxana Cuellar** (D160193176).

In January 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certified nursing assistant credential of **Eneze Mwendu Mwangi** (NC60116972) and placed her on probation for at least one year. Mwangi's license was suspended in 2011 after she didn't follow proper procedure in transferring a patient, causing the patient to fall and incur serious injuries.

In January 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted an agency affiliated counselor credential to **Natasha Nicole Young** (CG60526540), placed her on probation, directed her to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program, and ordered her to complete continuing education in professional law and ethics. In 2007 Young was convicted of bank fraud and aggravated identity theft, and received deferred prosecution on a third-degree theft charge. In 2012 she was convicted of third-degree theft.

Kitsap County

In January 2015 the Dental Commission ended conditions on the credential of dentist **Seok W. Nichols** (DE00010224).

Mason County

In January 2015 the secretary of health ended conditions on the credential of massage practitioner **Alexa J. Lee**, also known as Alexa J. Devlin (MA00024600).

Pierce County

In January 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program placed certified nursing assistant **Mary W. Njoroge** (NC60042210) on probation for at least one year. Njoroge owned and operated an adult family home where she provided patient care. The Department of Social and Health Services suspended the facility's license for what it described as "widespread noncompliance" and "failure to promote health, safety, and well-being of residents."

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Jillian Trecia Edwards** (RN00165904, AP60242646) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Edwards didn't respond when a commission investigator requested a written statement about a complaint filed against her.

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Olga Disko Kimbrel** (RN00157008) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract. Charges say she submitted a urine sample that tested positive for alcohol, submitted other urine samples that a testing facility deemed diluted or abnormal, and admitted consuming alcohol.

In January 2015 the Veterinary Board charged veterinarian **Susan M. Shirley** (VT00002235) with unprofessional conduct. For about 10 years, Shirley allegedly berated employees and called them names, threw sharp objects and other items at or near them, and intentionally dropped things and demanded that employees clean them up. She allegedly burned two employees by intentionally touching them with hot instruments, and pushed the veterinary clinic's former co-owner while angry. Shirley allegedly didn't help other veterinarians when needed and made accusatory comments about other veterinarians. After finding a window open while the air conditioning was on, Shirley allegedly posted a threatening note and ordered that the air conditioning be turned off, resulting in the clinic temperature rising to 78 degrees. Charges say Shirley's "behaviors created an atmosphere that disrupted the efficient functioning of the veterinary clinic team, resulting in patient harm or an unreasonable risk of patient harm."

Snohomish County

In January 2015 the Dental Commission entered an agreement with dental assistant **Sheridan Antoinette Williams** (D160080732) that requires her to participate in a substance abuse

monitoring program. In 2011 Williams was convicted of second-degree trafficking in stolen property and second-degree theft. In 2012 she was convicted of third-degree theft. In 2014 she submitted a forged letter of recommendation in response to a Department of Health investigator's inquiry.

Spokane County

In January 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Shandi F. Polk** (NA60240687, NC60243310) with unprofessional conduct. Another employee at an assisted living facility where Polk worked allegedly saw her take a resident's sweatshirt and stuff it into her purse. Charges say Polk denied taking the sweatshirt, but admitted taking \$5 from another resident, as well as taking a belt and a bottle of cleaner from the facility.

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Cheryl L. Lane**, also known as Cheryl L. Hill (RN00133057), with unprofessional conduct. While working at a long-term care facility, Lane allegedly gave a patient medication that was intended for another patient. The patient had to be hospitalized. Charges say that when a commission investigator sent Lane a letter requesting her cooperation, the letter was returned as undeliverable.

Yakima County

In December 2014 the secretary of health denied a registered nursing assistant credential to **Francisco Madrigal** (NA60441023), whose pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician credentials were placed on probation in 2014.

Out of State

Oregon: In February 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Carson R. Fowlkes** (RN00158347) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly didn't comply with terms of probation which he agreed to in 2014.

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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