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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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

Clark County

In February 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Chrystal A. Schreiner** (NC10077601) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Schreiner used her position of trust to convince an 85-year-old blind patient issue two checks to her totaling \$4,258, execute a power of attorney despite questions about the patient's ability to do so, and urged the patient to move in with her and pay rent, which the patient didn't want to do.

Grays Harbor County

In January 2015 the secretary of health ended conditions on the chemical dependency professional credential of **Sherman Daniel Hatley** (CP60479271, CO60240115) and in February 2015 probation was ended on Hatley's chemical dependency professional trainee credential.

King County

In January 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a certified medical assistant credential to **Kellie Lynnette Smith** (CM60484459) and placed her on probation for one year. Smith's certified nursing assistant credential was suspended in 2011 after she stole a wallet

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containing \$20 from a resident of a skilled nursing facility and used the resident's bank information to withdraw about \$175 for her personal use.

In February 2015 the Nursing Commission filed an amended statement of charges against registered nurse **Magdalena Termure** (RN00172366), adding details to allegations that Termure provided substandard treatment to an adult family home resident.

In February 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Olga Elizabeth Rutledge** (NC10068770) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Rutledge was convicted of third-degree attempted theft.

In February 2015 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Gary David Pyfer** (DE00004974) with unprofessional conduct. Pyfer allegedly didn't respond to notices about his expired X-ray registration and unpaid X-ray registration fees, and didn't respond to delinquency notices.

In February 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for respiratory care practitioner **Robert Dean Kearn** (LR60238303).

Kitsap County

In February 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Marlina S. Hardy** (RN00148387) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Hardy had durable power of attorney for an elderly couple in declining health and provided care for them, during which time she forged at least four checks on their account, totaling \$4,825. She allegedly allowed her boyfriend to have access to the patients' checkbook, and he forged checks totaling more than \$50,000. Hardy allegedly diverted more than \$70,000 from one patients' credit union account. She was charged with two counts of first-degree identity theft, two counts of first-degree theft, one count of second-degree identity theft, and one count of second-degree theft.

In December 2014 the secretary of health denied a registered nursing assistant credential to **Brandy Christine Heitmann** (NA60520439), who was convicted of first-degree trafficking in stolen property in 2013.

In February 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program filed an amended statement of charges against registered nursing assistant **Annette Christine Gross** (NA00048531) to add that she applied to reactivate her expired license.

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with licensed practical nurse **Amparo Soraya Delgado** (LP00056594) that placed her license on probation for at least 18 months and fines her \$1,000. Delgado was late in complying with conditions that she agreed to in 2014.

Pierce County

In February 2015 the secretary of health entered an agreement with **Stephanie Tonya Briggs** (IC60467397) that grants her an interim medical assistant credential. On her application, Briggs

asserted that she'd never had a health care license denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted. In 2006 the Pharmacy Commission revoked her pharmacy technician credential after she stole money, merchandise, and drugs from the pharmacy where she worked, and was involved in forging a signature in order to receive government child care benefits.

Skagit County

In February 2015 the Pharmacy Commission conditionally granted a pharmacy assistant credential to **Michelle Lynn Jordan** (VB60441061), who must undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2014 Jordan was convicted of reckless driving and reckless endangerment.

In February 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program reinstated the chemical dependency professional trainee credential of **Tonya Leeann Pearson** (CO60150076), which was suspended in 2012 when she didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Snohomish County

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with licensed practical nurse **Marie-Josée Harimenshi** (LP60108692) that placed her license on probation for at least five years and requires her to complete continuing education in safe medication administration. Harimenshi had agreed to complete continuing education in safe medication administration in 2014 in connection with medication documentation errors, but didn't complete the education.

Spokane County

In January 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Desiree Dawn Lakman** (NA60429943) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say another employee at an assisted living facility where Lakman worked saw her wearing a sweatshirt and earrings that were missing from a resident's apartment.

Thurston County

In January 2015 the secretary of health ended conditions on the credential of licensed mental health counselor **Sydney J. Gienty** (LH00007254).

Walla Walla County

In February 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional and licensed independent clinical social worker **Kim E. Funderburk** (CP00005068, LW60020675).

Yakima County

In January 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Michelle Kathryn Barnhouse** (CO60495172), placed her on

probation and ordered her to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2006 Barnhouse was convicted of eight counts of second-degree identity theft. In 2009 she was convicted of residential burglary, theft of a motor vehicle, forgery, and second-degree identity theft.

In February 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Vanessa Gonzales** (NC60232597) with unprofessional conduct. Gonzales allegedly borrowed \$1,000 from a patient.

Out of State

Oregon: In December 2014 the Nursing Commission denied a registered nurse credential to **Sabrina Lee Geerdes** (RN60484204). On her application, Geerdes said she hadn't used any substances within the past two years that would have impaired her ability to practice safely. She also said she'd never been found to have violated any laws or rules regulating her practice. In 2014 the Oregon State Board of Nursing placed Geerdes on probation for being impaired at work and testing positive for alcohol while working as a registered nurse.

Oregon: In January 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Janice K. Hollingsworth** (RN00129888) that requires her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. While on duty and caring for patients in a Spokane hospital's medical acute unit, Hollingsworth showed signs of impairment with red, glassy eyes. She was confused and unable to report on the status of her patients to a nurse who was coming on-shift, or even to identify her patients. Hollingsworth failed drug and alcohol tests, and later told the commission she'd taken a drug prescribed for her husband.

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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