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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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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 March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program amended a statement of charges against certified nursing assistant **Barbara M. Naylor** (NC10073736) to add a reference to a section of state law.

In March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Cheriese N. Sellberg** (NC10089195) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Sellberg assaulted a grocery store manager when she was stopped for suspicion of theft. Sellberg then fled the store leaving behind her purse that allegedly contained heroin. In 2014 she was convicted of third-degree assault and third-degree theft.

King County

In March 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Lynsi Michelle Kleinman** (RN60327150) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Kleinman provided in-home care to a 6-year-old with a muscle-wasting disease that impaired his mobility. She allegedly threatened to leave the child in bed all day, not give him snacks, fell asleep on the kitchen table while he was in bed yelling to get up, lifted the patient contrary to instructions, and forced him to do unauthorized range-of-motion exercises.

In March 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Michael J. Reams** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Reams allegedly practiced massage without a license.

In March 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program modified an agreement with chemical dependency professional trainee **Sonya Patricia Girtman** (CO60398046) that places her on probation until January 29, 2017.

In March 2015 the Mental Health Counselor and the Marriage and Family Therapist programs entered an agreement with mental health counselor and marriage and family therapist **Duane Thomas Price** (LH00004721, LF00001669) that requires him to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Price admitted relapsing on methamphetamine.

In March 2015 the Naturopathy Board charged naturopathic physician **Mark C. Monwai** (NT00001107) with unprofessional conduct. Monwai's clinic allegedly billed insurance companies with documents that misrepresented the name of the provider, and also didn't keep adequate records. Charges say Monwai either didn't adequately supervise an acupuncturist or allowed the acupuncturist to practice outside the scope of that profession. He allegedly interfered with the board's investigation, submitting altered records and providing misleading answers to an investigator's inquiries. During these events, Monwai was also a member of the Board of Naturopathy and was the chair part of the time.

Mason County

In March 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Lisa Gail Avelar** (CO60451236). She was convicted of 15 counts of residential burglary and one count of first-degree trafficking in stolen property in 2011.

Pierce County

In March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Linda D. Garrison** (NA00148708) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Garrison worked at a facility for people with dementia and a patient living there had a care plan calling for calm, non-argumentative approach. Garrison allegedly got into an argument with the patient and the two grabbed one another's hair. As attempts were made to separate the two, the patient allegedly tripped, fell, and injured her head.

In March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **John N. Kangu** (NA60268681, NC60424343) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say a resident at the adult family home where Kangu worked identified him by name as the person that caused an injury. Kangu allegedly said he hadn't worked at the adult family home, but he'd left his paperwork there in hopes of getting a job. Kangu's roommate allegedly admitted working at the home using Kangu's credentials, and he'd been on duty at the time of the incident. Kangu is charged with aiding and abetting unlicensed practice of a health care profession.

In March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program amended a statement of charges against registered nursing assistant **Ian R. Muigai** (NA60421267) to add that he was convicted of fourth-degree assault with sexual motivation in 2015.

In March 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional credential to **Michael Andrew Thompson** (CP60513745), who must abide by conditions imposed when he received a chemical dependency professional trainee credential in 2013.

In March 2015 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Anthony T. Blake** (MA00008819) with unprofessional conduct. In 2006 Blake was convicted of patronizing a juvenile prostitute and didn't report the conviction to the Department of Health.

In March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **LaToya Sheneall Williams** (NC60314711) with unprofessional conduct. While working at a skilled nursing facility, Williams allegedly forged a resident's check for \$708.64 and deposited the money in her own checking account.

In March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Leakey Wachira Ngigi** (NC60077761) with unprofessional conduct. In 2014 Ngigi applied to activate his expired license. In 2010 he was convicted of criminal assault and convicted twice of driving while intoxicated. In 2013 he again was convicted twice of driving while intoxicated.

Skagit County

In March 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Lindsay G. Dingeman** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Dingeman allegedly practiced without a license as a dental assistant.

Snohomish County

In March 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Jennifer Danielle Hardman** (RN60293858) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Hardman had inappropriate relationships with two male patients at the facility where she worked. Allegations include: giving them her cell phone number, sending a nude picture of herself, inviting one to accompany her on a night out, and giving one of them money.

In March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Guy James Richardson** (NC60416073) with unprofessional conduct. While he was working at a nursing home, Richardson allegedly didn't follow a care plan that required two people to help transfer a resident. Charges say the resident fell and hurt his forehead.

In March 2015 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged paramedic **Thomas Clifford Jackson II** (ES00132406) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly applied to reinstate his emergency medical technician credential while his paramedic license was under restriction.

Spokane County

In March 2015 the Denturists Board ended probation for dentist **Russell A. Hill** (DN00000390).

In March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Muriel R. Snakeskin** (NC60086077) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that while Snakeskin was working at a nursing facility, she left a 92-year-old patient unattended on a toilet despite contrary instructions. Allegations also say the patient fell, was injured, and died three days later from related complications.

Thurston County

In March 2015 the Physical Therapy Board denied a physical therapy assistant license to **Steven L. Bolick** (P160449778). Between 2002 and 2005 Bolick was convicted in Nevada and Utah of six criminal offenses. In 2012 Bolick was granted a probationary physical therapy assistant license in Nevada. In 2014 his Nevada license was revoked after his arrest on two criminal charges, both of which were dismissed, and he allegedly didn't submit to a required evaluation.

Whatcom County

In March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Patti S. Walden** (NA60136671, NC60146170).

Out of State

California: In March 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Kyo Chin Oh** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Oh allegedly practiced massage without a license.

Oregon: In March 2015 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Samantha Dawn Sample** (LP60500372) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Sample's Oregon license was revoked for failing to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

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.

The [Department of Health website](http://doh.wa.gov) (doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*.

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