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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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

King County

In May 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Devon L. Duff**, also known as Devon L. Burlingame (NC10059114), that reinstates her credential. Duff's license was suspended in 2012 after she was convicted in 2011 of third-degree assault.

In May 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Josephat Mwangi Bwire** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Charges say Bwire doesn't have a nursing assistant credential, but practiced as a nursing assistant while using another person's license.

In May 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Louis Gervais** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Charges say Gervais, who doesn't have a massage practitioner license, advertised massage therapy and admitted performing massage.

In May 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **John David Quiring** (NC60195612) with unprofessional conduct. While working at skilled nursing and rehabilitation facilities, Quiring allegedly made sexual advances toward residents and touched them inappropriately.

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In May 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Rachel E. Primeau** (CO60529811) and placed her on probation for at least a year. In 2004 Primeau was convicted of forgery and first-degree theft. In 2012 she was convicted of second-degree identity theft.

In May 2015 the Certified Counselor Program entered an agreement with certified counselor **Samuel Conrad Zeiler** (CL60168241) that places him on probation for at least two years and fines him \$3,000. Zeiler must complete continuing education in professional law, ethics, and counseling scope of practice. Zeiler, who owns a business that promotes, “vibrant health through nutritional healing,” charged a 79-year-old client \$4,639.83 for services and nutritional supplements. Zeiler didn’t meet the standard of care because he did not give the patient adequate information, he kept inadequate records, and practiced beyond his scope.

Klickitat County

In April 2015 the secretary of health denied a certified home care aide credential to **Nicholas Putnam Frasher** (HM60429880), who in 2015 was convicted of second-degree assault — domestic violence.

Okanogan County

In May 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Robert S. Brokaw** (RN00166872) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Brokaw failed drug tests while under terms of a substance abuse monitoring contract, and he admitted diverting drugs from the facility where he worked.

Pierce County

In May 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Monica Wanjiku**, also known as Monica W. Ragui and Monica Wanjiko Njonjo (NA60266848), with unprofessional conduct. Wanjiku allegedly applied for and received a license under a false name and Social Security Number, and didn’t disclose her suspended license. Charges say Wanjiku doesn’t have a valid Social Security Number and isn’t authorized to work in the United States.

In May 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Dominique Fleming** (NC10084935) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Fleming, who worked at a long-term care facility, directed another certified nursing assistant to take checks from one resident and an automated teller machine card from a second resident. Fleming allegedly wrote checks and withdrew money from the residents’ accounts.

In May 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Chelsi Louise Mahoney**, also known as Chelsi Brown (NC60335959), with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Mahoney took checks and an automated teller machine card from residents at a long-term care facility where she worked.

In May 2015 the Occupational Therapy Board charged occupational therapist **Lavonna Dunn Miesse** (OT00000392) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn’t fulfill requirements to

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complete continuing education in ethics, reimburse the board for \$1,000 in costs, and pass a jurisprudence exam.

In May 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for certified nursing assistant and medical assistant-phlebotomist **Katie Brooks Postler** (NC60187832, PC60417860).

In May 2015 the Radiologic Technologist Program agreed to reinstate the radiologic technologist credential of **Robert C. Lyons** (RT00005290), which was revoked in 2008. The state Supreme Court disbarred Lyons from legal practice in 2002 after finding he violated rules of professional conduct. The incidents that led the court to disbar Lyons were not related to his profession and occurred before he got a health care credential. Lyons has complied with terms and conditions of the 2008 order.

Skamania County

In May 2015 the Massage Program entered an agreement with massage practitioner **Bernadette T. Campbell** (MA60169906) that fines her \$500. Campbell must complete continuing education in law and ethics. She didn't provide a timely response to a Department of Health investigator's inquiry about allegations of practicing with an expired license, requirements of continuing education, and billing records.

Snohomish County

In May 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Edna Romero Lofstedt** (NA00144898) with unprofessional conduct, alleging that she provided a false Social Security Number on her application. The program also charged her under the name **Edna Romero Bolland** (NA60341233), alleging that she applied for a registered nursing assistant credential without disclosing that she'd previously had a license under another name or that she'd been known by other names. Charges say she didn't notify the Department of Health that the state Department of Social and Health Services issued a finding of abuse against her.

In May 2015 the Nursing Assistant and Medical Assistant programs charged registered nursing assistant and certified medical assistant **Jennifer L. Reinstra** (NA00181800, CM60381498) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly used a physician's name to call-in a fraudulent Vicodin prescription for herself. In 2015 Reinstra was convicted of solicitation to possess a controlled substance — Vicodin.

In May 2015 the Pharmacy Commission ended conditions on the credentials of pharmacist and pharmacist preceptor **Daniel L. McManus** (PH00018256, PH60006205).

Spokane County

In April 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program placed certified nursing assistant **Hannah M. Hirt** (NC60141314) on probation for at least four years. Hirt worked at an assisted living facility where she left a patient alone in the shower despite directions in her care plan. The patient fell, injured her head, and died three days later.

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In May 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Muriel R. Snakeskin** (NC60086077) that fines her \$1,000. She must complete continuing education in caring for the elderly, and preventing errors and mistakes. Snakeskin worked at a nursing facility where she left a 92-year-old patient unattended on a toilet despite instructions in her care plan. The patient fell and was injured.

In May 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Charles Lewayne Thurman** (NA60312181) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly borrowed about \$150 from a resident of an assisted living facility where he worked.

Whatcom County

In May 2015 the Nursing Commission filed an amended statement of charges against registered nurse **Cindy L. Mauler** (RN00095587) to add an allegation of failure to properly supervise staff members.

Out of State

California: In May 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Yuxin Ding** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Ding allegedly performed a massage on a client without having a license.

Colorado: In April 2015 the Medical Commission denied the application of **Louis C. Cabiling** (MD00019581) to reactivate his physician credential. In 2014 his Colorado license was placed on probation because of unprofessional conduct.

Oregon: In May 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Jonathan Peter Tannler** (RN60183136) with unprofessional conduct. Tannler allegedly didn't provide medications as directed to a student at the school where he worked at a specific time, but recorded that he had.

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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