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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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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 June 2015 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Lauren Bukovi** (LP60455510) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly admitted having a sexual relationship with a client at a chemical dependency treatment facility where she worked.

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Huaimei Li** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Li allegedly provided massage treatment without a license.

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Zhi Yu** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Yu allegedly provided massage treatment without a license.

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Jiu Guo** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Guo allegedly provided massage treatment without a license.

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Lixian Hudson** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Hudson allegedly provided massage treatment without a license.

Cowlitz County

In June 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Shelly A. Miller** (RN00149295) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Grays Harbor County

In June 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for certified nursing assistant **Shannon Irene Struthers** (NC60293250).

In June 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Chrystal Beckley** (CO60553693), and placed her on probation. She must undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 1998 Beckley was convicted of third-degree malicious mischief; in 2009 she was convicted of third-degree theft; and in 2012 she was convicted of violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act — possession of oxycodone.

King County

In May 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Leslie Jean Vietmeier**, also known as Leslie Jean Heron (RN00086540, AP30003429).

In June 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registered nursing assistant credential of **Michele Bush**, also known as Michele Bush-Young (NA00191097), and ordered her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. A 2007 order barred her from reactivating her license until 2015. Between 1998 and 2004 Bush was convicted of five felonies and two gross misdemeanors.

In May 2015 the Home Care Aide Program charged certified home care aide **Janet Afua Azanor** (HM60333946) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say a registered nursing assistant credential Azanor received under the name Christina Amonoo was suspended in 2015.

In May 2015 the Pharmacy Commission ended conditions on the pharmacy credential of **Pharmacy Plus Inc.** (CF00057310).

In May 2015 the Pharmacy Commission ended probation for pharmacy technician **Eugene B. Povzner** (VA00050624).

In May 2015 the Pharmacy Commission ended probation for pharmacy technician **Boris L. Povzner** (VA00057414).

In June 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee and agency-affiliated counselor **Samuel Daeronne Wells** (CO60174864, CG60324035).

In June 2015 the Medical Commission charged physician **Mitchell E. Nudelman** (MD00029256) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly didn't meet the standard of care in treating a woman during the birth of her child, with the child subsequently diagnosed as having had a lack of oxygen supply to the brain.

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Yan Qin** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. In 2013 Qin pleaded guilty to no masseuse license.

Kitsap County

In June 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Frank James Squires Jr.** (CO60237146).

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Wei Yu** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. In 2014 Yu pleaded guilty to acting as a massage practitioner without a license.

Lewis County

In June 2015 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Meghan Rose Miller** (LP60103130) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract. Charges say she diverted narcotics from patients and improperly documented administration of controlled substances at the nursing and rehabilitation center where she worked. Miller allegedly admitted relapsing on controlled substances, diverting a controlled substance and intentionally evading drug screens.

Pierce County

In May 2015 the Psychology Board entered an agreement with psychologist **Philip Frank** (PY00000510) that reprimands him, fines him \$3,000 and limits his practice. Frank must complete continuing education in professional ethics, write a 1,500-word essay and pass a jurisprudence exam. Frank was hired to provide therapy to two children whose parents were divorcing. He made negative statements about the children's mother without diagnostic support or the mother's consent. Frank made custody recommendations without having performed the tasks necessary to do so, and didn't report an incident of child sexual abuse, as required.

In June 2015 the Dental Commission modified an agreement with dentist **Christopher A. Wodja** (DE00009263) to change his license status from being on probation to active with conditions. Wodja's practice must be monitored. His license was reinstated in 2013 after being suspended in 2007 in connection with standard of care, abuse, charting, not reporting patient injury, and failure to cooperate with an investigation.

In May 2015 the secretary of health ordered registered nursing assistant **Katrina Marie Washington** (NA60285136) to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. While working for a home care agency, Washington diverted a patient's narcotic medication and failed a drug test.

Skagit County

In May 2015 the Counselor Program charged agency affiliated counselor **Kirsten Lynn Verner** (CG60429901) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Verner helped a client move, after which some of the client's personal property was missing. Verner eventually returned several boxes of clothing, according to a statement of charges. She allegedly sold a ring that belonged to the client, but the client said she didn't pay her the \$100 from the sale as agreed upon. Verner also allegedly sent the client text messages that included obscene language and information about Verner's child custody situation.

Snohomish County

In June 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with registered nursing assistant **Edna Romero Bolland** (NA60341233) that fines her \$250. She must complete continuing education in ethics and caring for the elderly. When Bolland applied for a registered nursing assistant license in 2013, she didn't indicate on her application that she'd been known by other names, had previously held a registered nursing assistant license under another name, or that the state Department of Social and Health Services had issued a finding against her.

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Christina Brower** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Brower allegedly advertised massage treatment without a license.

Thurston County

In May 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a registered medical assistant credential to **Audrey Pastore** (MR60558341), who must comply with conditions imposed on her licensed practical nurse credential in 2014.

Out of State

Colorado: In May 2015 the secretary of health denied a massage practitioner credential to **Xia Gao** (MA60490691), who in 2007 was convicted of prostitution in Colorado.

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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