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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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

Clallam County

In June 2015 the Home Care Aide Program charged certified home care aide **Kirsten Marie Sauve** (HM60432977) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that after a client reported more than \$20,000 missing from his bank accounts, Sauve admitted taking the money to buy narcotics. In April 2015 she was arrested on a second-degree theft charge.

Clark County

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

Franklin County

In June 2015 the secretary of health denied certified home care aide and provisional certified home care aide credentials to **Maria Evelia Mellin** (HM60426111, PV60426113). In 2014 Mellin was convicted of fourth-degree assault, fourth-degree assault—domestic violence, and second-degree malicious mischief—domestic violence.

Grays Harbor County

In June 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a home care aide credential to **Renee Lynn Hill** (HM60508155) and ordered her to undergo a substance abuse evaluation. Between 2007 and 2011 Hill was convicted of four felonies.

King County

In June 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Virginia Carol Millar** (CO60444627).

In May 2015 the secretary of health denied a registered nursing assistant credential to **Safiya Mohamud Hassan** (NA60524778). On his application, Hassan said he'd never been known by any other name. In 2011, charges say, he legally changed his name from Jawahir Mohamud Hassan to Safiya Mohamud Hassan.

In June 2015 the Medical Assistant Program charged medical assistant-phlebotomist **Taracita Brown** (PC60359657) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly performed blood draws while her license was expired.

In June 2015 the Medical Assistant and Surgical Technologist programs charged certified medical assistant and surgical technologist **Starla Elise Puebla** (CM60377265, ST60141955) with unprofessional conduct. Puebla allegedly admitted diverting medications from the facility where she worked.

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

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

In June 2015 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Lugenia A. Bruce** (LP00048146) with unprofessional conduct. Her credential was revoked in 2007. In 2010 Bruce was convicted of obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance —oxycodone —by fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation of subterfuge. In 2011 she was convicted of third-degree malicious mischief—domestic violence.

Kitsap County

In June 2015 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Blake J. Wagner** (CH00003095) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly billed a patient for treatment for which he provided no corresponding records.

Kittitas County

In May 2015 the secretary of health denied a registered nursing assistant credential to **Bryan Jeffrey France** (NA60429965). In 2013 France was convicted of reckless driving. In 2014 he

was convicted of minor in possession. France didn't provide proof that he'd undergone a substance use evaluation.

Pierce County

In June 2015 the secretary of health denied an agency affiliated counselor credential to **Shawna Marie Allen** (CG60488408). Between 1999 and 2011 Allen was convicted of five felonies, six gross misdemeanors and eight misdemeanors.

In June 2015 the Pharmacy Commission conditionally granted a pharmacy assistant credential to **Vickie E. Reza-Garcia** (VB60544415). Reza-Garcia, who also has a licensed practical nurse credential, must abide by conditions the Nursing Commission imposed in 2014.

In June 2015 the Surgical Technologist and Medical Assistant programs charged surgical technologist and medical assistant-plebotomist **Abbe Elizabeth Brekke** (ST60274868, PC60396022) with unprofessional conduct. While working at a podiatric clinic, Brekke allegedly fraudulently called-in and picked up controlled substance prescriptions for her own use.

Snohomish County

In June 2015 the Social Worker Program charged licensed social worker associate **Jodie Lotzgesell** (SC60160533) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that before and after Lotzgesell was fired from a hospice and home health agency, narcotic medication went missing from the homes of clients she visited. Protection orders were issued to restrain Lotzgesell from contact with a client and his wife, according to charges.

In June 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certified nursing assistant credential of **Josephine Karangan** (NC10056110) and placed her on probation for at least two years. Karangan's license was suspended in 2012 in connection with abuse of residents at a nursing and rehabilitation facility.

Spokane County

In June 2015 the secretary of health lifted the revocation of the registered counselor credential of **Aaron R. Green** (RC00043324). His license was revoked in 2004 when he didn't comply with a continuing education requirement. The registered counselor profession was abolished in 2010.

Thurston County

In June 2015 the Midwifery Program charged midwife in training **Rhonda Lee Grantham** (MT60399396) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly performed midwifery services without a required preceptor present. Charges say the newborn patient developed complications and was taken to an emergency room, where she was pronounced dead.

Whatcom County

In June 2015 the secretary of health denied an agency affiliated counselor credential to **John Gussberry** (CG60512869), who in 2013 was convicted of third-degree theft.

Yakima County

In June 2015 the Medical Assistant Program charged certified medical assistant **Lisa Marie Fauver** (CM60395960) with unprofessional conduct. While working at a medical center, Fauver allegedly diverted medication for her own use.

Out of State

California: In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Yan Song** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Song allegedly offered to provide massage treatment despite having no license.

Florida: In June 2015 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Stephanie L. Darson**, also known as Stephanie Selby (LP60392756), with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Darson was convicted of vehicular assault—driving under the influence. Charges say that while Darson was driving under the influence of prescription pills, her vehicle crossed the centerline and caused a collision that killed the other driver.

Oregon: In June 2015 the Pharmacy Commission charged nonresident pharmacy **Health Options Inc.**, doing business as **Postal Prescription Services** (FO00056444) with violating labeling requirements. The company allegedly dispensed medication in a way that didn't comply with the manufacturer's storage conditions.

Utah: In June 2015 the Osteopathic Board charged osteopathic physician **Devin Bradley Despain** (OP00002188) with unprofessional conduct. Despain allegedly was charged in Arkansas with possession of a controlled substance in connection with diverting narcotics from a hospital where he worked. Charges say he entered a diversion agreement in the Arkansas case.

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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