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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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

Benton County

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Jin Yang** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Charges say Yang, who doesn't have a massage practitioner license, offered massage treatment.

Chelan County

In May 2015 the Medical Commission ended probation for physician **Kenneth M. Jones** (MD00028268).

Clallam County

In May 2015 the Physical Therapy Board charged physical therapist assistant **Ronald O. Morr** (P160054239) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Clark County

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Hui Jun Zhu** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Charges say Zhu, who doesn't have a massage practitioner license, owns

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a business where an unlicensed employee practiced massage.

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Kimberlee Anne Cvitash** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Charges say Cvitash doesn't have a massage practitioner license, but owns a business that advertises massage and solicits customers. She allegedly represented herself as a "certified massage specialist."

Cowlitz County

In June 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Megan Ann Hansen** (CO60560164), placed her on probation and ordered her to be evaluated for a substance abuse monitoring program. Between 2009 and 2013 Hansen was convicted of two felonies, five gross misdemeanors and four misdemeanors.

Franklin County

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Adilene Hamblin** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Hamblin allegedly performed the duties of a medical assistant while she didn't have a license.

Island County

In June 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for dental assistant **Celia Ann Moody** (D160052866).

In June 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Felicia Ann Paul** (NC60191111) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly stole money from a resident of a facility where she worked.

King County

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Dawn R. Thompson** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Thompson, who has no physician credential, allegedly purchased and injected patients with unapproved dermal fillers. She also allegedly used a laser on patients and removed tattoos.

In June 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Peter Allen Moote** (CO60555637). He must comply with terms of probation imposed in connection with a 2012 federal mail fraud conviction.

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Xiaomin Qi** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Charges say Qi provided massage treatment to a client despite having no massage practitioner license.

In June 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for health care assistant and interim medical assistant **Edrie R. Caminong** (HC60123496, IC60439546).

In June 2015 the Pharmacy Commission entered an agreement with pharmacist **Michael J. Henry** (PH00020389) that places his license on probation for at least two years and prohibits him from supervising interns during that time. He must pay a \$5,000 fine. Henry closed the pharmacy he owned without notifying the commission. He submitted only a hand-written list to account for the transfer of controlled substances from the pharmacy. A Department of Health investigator didn't find records from the pharmacy where Henry said they were stored.

Pierce County

In June 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional trainee **Christopher Martin Morrison** (CO60491096) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say in 2014 he briefly covered a child's face with a pillow, pleaded guilty to third-degree assault of a child, and didn't report the conviction to the Department of Health.

In June 2015 the Dental Commission charged dental assistant **Danielle Lynn Walker** (D160250787) with unprofessional conduct. Walker allegedly forged her employer's signature on a prescription form in an attempt to get controlled substances for herself. She also allegedly lied to a pharmacist to get the medication.

In June 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Ronalyn C. Lapena** (NA60319827) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly stole four checks that belonged to an adult family home client, wrote them out to herself, and deposited the checks totaling \$1,200 in her own bank account. Lapena also allegedly opened a PayPal account in another client's name, using it to purchase items totaling \$556.78. Charges say she didn't show up for her most recent court appearance on two identity theft counts and four forgery counts.

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Michelle Gilbert** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Gilbert allegedly has no registered nurse license, but repeatedly presented herself as a registered nurse to employers and others.

Snohomish County

In June 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for registered nursing assistant **Fatoumata Dibba Badjan** (NA60032432).

In June 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for massage practitioner **Nancy Schmitz**, also known as Nancy Tisdell (MA00016656).

In June 2015 the secretary of health entered an agreement that grants a certified medical assistant credential to **Sharloana K. Robertson** (CM60395872). Robertson must finish paying fines owed in connection with her health care assistant license.

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Mary Elizabeth Hereth** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. She allegedly performed the duties of a medical assistant, but didn't have a license.

Spokane County

In June 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant and registered nursing assistant **Richard D. Logerwell** (NC60454837, NA60415151) with unprofessional conduct. While working as a home health aide, Logerwell allegedly stole a rifle from a 93-year-old client's residence and pawned it for about \$550.

Yakima County

In June 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Veronica Anne Navarro**, also known as Veronica A. Pacheco (CO60435897).

Out of State

California: In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Baoqiang Gao** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Charges say Gao has no massage practitioner license, but was observed providing massage treatment to a client.

Nevada: In June 2015 the Mental Health Counselor and Marriage and Family Therapist programs charged mental health counselor and marriage and family therapist **Lynne Marie Smith** (LH60160372, LF60156713) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn't meet the standard of care in two cases involving estranged parents and their children.

Pennsylvania: In June 2015 the Osteopathic Board entered an agreement with osteopathic physician **David Thomas Steves** (OP60243088) that reprimands him. He visited an elderly female patient's home several times without an invitation. Steves discussed his sexual problems in his marriage. He admitted having gone too far in discussing his personal problems with her. She allegedly interpreted the comments as a proposition for sex with her.

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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