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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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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 October 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Gale Robinson** and **Peter Robinson** requiring them to cease and desist from practicing veterinary medicine without a license and pay a \$2,500 fine. The Robinsons, who don't have veterinary licenses, own pet care businesses that provide veterinary dental services for a fee. Gale Robinson performed veterinary dental services without a license.

King County

In September 2015 the Pharmacy Commission conditionally granted a pharmacy assistant credential to **Brendan Trenton Engrahm** (VB60562553) and ordered him to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2011 Engrahm was convicted in California of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

In October 2015 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Nia Imani Smith** (LP60451924) with unprofessional conduct. Smith allegedly didn't give prescribed medication to patients at an assisted living facility where she worked, and then falsified records. Charges say she stayed at work despite experiencing alcohol withdrawal symptoms.

In October 2015 the Naturopathy Board agreed to reinstate the naturopathic physician credential of **Dora Emilova Keating** (NT60259610) and placed her on probation for at least three years, during which time she may not issue medical marijuana authorizations. Keating's license was suspended in 2014 in connection with issuing medical marijuana authorizations without adequate examinations or documentation.

In October 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Fengqin Hu** that requires Hu to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license. Hu must pay a \$500 fine. Hu has no massage license, but worked at a business that advertised massage.

In October 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Michelle Hsiu-Chin Shih** to cease and desist from practicing reflexology and massage without a license, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Shih has no reflexology massage license, but operates a business that advertises reflexology, and where she and an employee offered to perform foot massages.

In October 2015 the Surgical Technologist Program reinstated the surgical technologist credential of **Jlynn Reeves**, also known as Chris Reeves (ST00002295), and ordered Reeves to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Her license was suspended in 2012 in connection with failure to abide by a substance abuse monitoring program.

In October 2015 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Keith Antonio Salvatori** (DE60233409) with unprofessional conduct. Salvatori allegedly didn't take into account a patient's severe medical conditions before extracting the patient's teeth. The patient died. Charges say Salvatori didn't report the death to the commission, and didn't allow an investigator to examine patient monitoring and emergency equipment.

In October 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for certified nursing assistant **Ashleigh Futrell** (NC10099613).

In September 2015 the Occupational Therapy Board charged occupational therapist **Pamela L. Stockman** (OT00002916) with unprofessional conduct. Stockman allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Lewis County

In September 2015 the Psychology Board ended probation for psychologist **Richard T. Kennedy** (PY00001919).

Mason County

In October 2015 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Daniel S. Richards** (LP00050976) with unprofessional conduct. While working at a memory care facility, Richards allegedly left an 84-year-old dementia patient by himself even though he had a high risk of falling. Charges say the patient fell and was injured.

Pierce County

In October 2015 the Medical Assistant Program charged certified medical assistant **Carolyn Joy McGladrey** (CM60363379) with unprofessional conduct. McGladrey allegedly didn't comply with a requirement to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program.

Snohomish County

In October 2015 the Medical Assistant Program charged certified medical assistant **Ginny May Mehaffey**, also known as Ginny Melton (CM60366283), with unprofessional conduct. Mehaffey allegedly obtained controlled substances fraudulently for her own use. Charges say she called in multiple unauthorized prescriptions using the Drug Enforcement Administration number of a physician who hadn't treated her for two years. In 2014 Mehaffey was convicted of second-degree theft. She was required to pay more than \$11,000 in restitution to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In October 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Erin M. Sullivan** (RN00171219) with unprofessional conduct. Sullivan allegedly documented giving a patient medication more frequently than orders called for.

In September 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Elaine C. Ross** (RN00171442) requiring her to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program and participate. Ross admitted diverting narcotics for her own use. The narcotics were intended for patients at a hospital oncology unit.

Spokane County

In October 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Susan K. Kingsbury** (RN00172115) with unprofessional conduct. Kingsbury allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In October 2015 the Medical Commission charged physician **Tracy A. Berg** (MD00032615) with unprofessional conduct. Berg allegedly didn't meet the standard of care in treating a patient originally diagnosed with pancreatitis. Charges say Berg didn't recognize and appropriately treat the patient's worsening condition. The patient later died.

In October 2015 the Nursing Assistant and Medical Assistant programs charged certified nursing assistant and medical assistant-phlebotomist **Michelle Lynn Davis**, also known as Michelle McGlothlin (NC60174575, PC60355351) with unprofessional conduct. Charges state that in 2014 Davis was arrested on charges of simple assault, malicious mischief — domestic violence in connection with an incident involving alcohol consumption. Charges also state that she was arrested on a driving while intoxicated charge and received a continuance that requires Davis to comply with an assessment and treatment program.

In October 2015 the Medical Commission charged physician **Rajeev Rajendra** (MD60150925) with unprofessional conduct. Rajendra allegedly told his employer he'd passed a board

certification examination, but did not, gave his employer a falsified document indicating he'd passed the exam, and gave his employer a forged document indicating he'd received a doctor of philosophy degree.

In October 2015 the Hearing and Speech Board conditionally granted a hearing aid specialist credential to **Rachel Beth Holland** (HA60568081), placed her on probation, and ordered her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2007 Holland was convicted of three counts of third-degree driving while license suspended or revoked. In 2008 she was convicted of driving while intoxicated. In 2012 she was convicted of possession of a controlled substance — heroin and methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance with intent — heroin, and bail jumping.

Thurston County

In September 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Denise Chrystal Bryner** (NA60446555) with unprofessional conduct. In 2014 Bryner was convicted of third-degree assault with aggravating circumstances—domestic violence.

Whatcom County

In October 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Jie Huang** that requires Huang to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Huang doesn't have a massage practitioner license, but operated businesses that advertised and provided massage.

Yakima County

In October 2015 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacy assistant **Sheila Ann Tobey** (VB60079182) with unprofessional conduct. Tobey allegedly admitted diverting controlled substances from the pharmacy where she worked.

In October 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Gilberto Zuniga** (NA60419815, NC60420196).

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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