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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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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 secretary of health denied a registered nursing assistant credential to **Chad M. Hacker** (NA60501704). In 2007 he was convicted of minor operating a vehicle after alcohol consumption. In 2011 he was convicted of reckless driving. In 2012 he received deferred prosecution on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

In June 2015 the Nursing Commission ended probation for licensed practical nurse **Kristie M. Martinez** (LP00058071).

Clark County

In July 2015 the Massage Program entered an agreement with massage practitioner **Karol N. Rich** (MA60033481) that fines her \$1,000. Rich didn't fulfill continuing education requirements in the required time.

In July 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Xianghong Wei** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Wei allegedly practiced massage without a license.

King County

In July 2015 the Pharmacy Commission entered an agreement with pharmacist and pharmacist preceptor **Roshan U. Siddiqui** (PH00011835, PH60008903) that places him on probation for at least three years. Siddiqui, who must pay a \$7,500 fine, must also complete continuing education in error avoidance, law and ethics. Siddiqui gave a patient a higher dose of medication than the prescription called for, bypassing the pharmacy's bar code scanning procedure. When the unused medication was returned to the pharmacy, it was given to another patient. Siddiqui didn't take action to correct the errors.

In July 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Michael J. Reams** under which he must cease and desist from the practice of massage. Reams must pay a \$1,500 fine. He practiced massage without a license.

In July 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Lily Liang**, also known as Yuping Xu, of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Liang allegedly practiced massage without a license.

In July 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Pang Pang Liang** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Liang allegedly practiced massage without a license.

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission modified an agreement with registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Patricia Jeanne Yetneberk** (RN00086833, AP30003456). The original 2014 agreement, which placed her credentials on probation for at least four years, was related to treatment of multiple pain patients. Modifications relate to Yetneberk's ability to prescribe controlled substances.

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Kathleen Naughton** (RN00117515, AP30003969) that places her on probation for at least three years, at the same time as the probation for her naturopathic physician license. Naughton didn't meet the standard of care for issuing medical marijuana authorizations.

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **James Wayne Brown** (RN60178778) that requires him to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Brown didn't abide by a previous substance abuse monitoring contract.

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Betty J. Cabe** (RN00162534). She gave Botox injections to 20 patients who hadn't been assessed by a physician or other authorized health care provider. Without their knowledge, she allegedly used authorized providers' prescriptive authority to order legend drugs including Botox.

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Erika Gonzalez** (RN60254091) with unprofessional conduct. Gonzalez allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In June 2015 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Jiu Rong Wang** (MA60205515) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say her license was issued in error and that in 2012 she pleaded guilty to having no state massage practitioner license.

In June 2015 the Physical Therapy Board conditionally granted a physical therapist credential to **Catherine Michele Rodriguez** (PT60549973), placed her on probation and ordered her to undergo a substance use evaluation. In 2015 Rodriguez was convicted in California of driving with blood alcohol level at .08 percent or more. In part, because of that, her application for a California license was denied.

In June 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 July 2015 the Pharmacy Commission filed charges against pharmacist and pharmacist preceptor **Anderson S. Jolly** (PH00019615, PH60005918), and against **Jolly Pharmacy Inc.** (CF60065440), which Jolly owned and operated. The pharmacy allegedly accepted returns of unused controlled substances without having approval to do so.

In July 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a certified medical assistant credential to **Gabrielle Jean Renee Ness** (CM60520695). Ness must complete continuing education in ethics and complete a course in theft awareness. In 2012 and again in 2013 Ness was convicted in Texas of theft of property with a value between \$50 and \$500.

Kitsap County

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.

Mason County

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Carol Leann Decker** (LP60198930) with unprofessional conduct. Decker allegedly gave medication to an adult family home resident without a physician's order.

Pierce County

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Katherine Marie Hutchison** (RN60153558) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Hutchison stole credit or debit cards from patients at the hospital where she worked and used the cards to make purchases for herself. In 2015 she was convicted of two counts of second-degree identity theft and one count of second-degree possessing stolen property.

In July 2015 the secretary of health withdrew a statement of charges against certified nursing assistant **Hayley Laine Riddle** (NC60314318).

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Snohomish County

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Tina R. Kohls** (RN00080523) with unprofessional conduct. Kohls allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In July 2015 the secretary of health withdrew a statement of charges against East Asian medicine practitioner **Kuo-Chiang Yee** (AC00000009).

Yakima County

In August 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended registered nursing assistant **Fabiola Maria Martinez** (NA60036106). In February 2015 Martinez applied to activate her expired license. In 2014 she was charged with a fourth-degree assault — domestic violence charge filed in connection with allegations that she kicked her mother in the stomach.

Out of State

Arizona: In July 2015 the Pharmacy Commission ended conditions on the credential of pharmacist intern **Bradley Ray Bingham** (IR60552407).

Arizona: In June 2015 the Nursing Commission ended conditions on the credential of registered nurse **Lisa K. Scarbeary** (RN60083034).

New Jersey: In June 2015 the Nursing Commission denied a registered nurse credential to **Nicole Susan Overbeck** (RN60545585). In 2009 Overbeck was convicted in New Jersey of aggravated assault on a police officer. Overbeck didn't comply with a requirement to undergo a substance abuse evaluation.

Texas: In July 2015 the Nursing Commission granted a licensed practical nurse credential to **Linda Thomas Hayes** (LP60526460) and placed her on probation for at least two years. In 2014 Hayes was reprimanded in Texas.

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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