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King Co. mental health counselor suspended on sexual misconduct allegations

OLYMPIA -- The state Department of Health immediately suspended the license of King County mental health counselor Tiffany A. Welo (MHC.LH.60044600) pending legal proceedings related to charges of sexual misconduct.

Charges say that for a period of several months, between September 2014 and February 2015, Welo provided mental health treatment to a client under the age of 18. During this time, Welo allegedly engaged in sexual intercourse with the client. Allegations also say Welo and the client were involved in a sexual relationship until December 2015. Welo was charged with two counts of first-degree sexual misconduct with a minor. Welo has 20 days to request a hearing to contest the charges and the suspension.

The legal documents on this case can be seen online by clicking the link to "[Provider Credential Search](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint.

The Department of Health and the Mental Health Program protect and promote public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers. The agency establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms and discipline. Rules, policies and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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