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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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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 December 2015 the Nursing Commission ended probation for registered nurse **Robert John Watzek** (RN00126536).

In December 2015 the Psychology Board charged psychologist **Christopher K. Johnson** (PY00000813) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Johnson provided a substandard patient evaluation, delayed submitting another patient's evaluation, and created a dual relationship with a patient by evaluating the patient to form an expert opinion for use in litigation and treating that same patient instead of referring the patient to another provider for treatment.

In December 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Russ T. Wilson** (NC10058587) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Wilson was convicted of third-degree assault — domestic violence.

Franklin County

In December 2015 the Counselor Program reinstated the chemical dependency professional trainee credential of **Diane M. Hunter** (CP00004291) and placed her credential on probation for

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at least three years. Hunter's license was suspended in 2010 because she didn't properly maintain confidential files.

In December 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Adriana Maldonado** (NC60484767) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Maldonado was convicted of third-degree assault.

King County

In December 2015 the Nursing Commission ended conditions on the registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner credentials of **Theodore E. Ritter Jr.** (RN00070602, AP30000303).

In December 2015 the Nursing Commission ended conditions on the registered nurse credential of **Frank Douglas Muzzey** (RN00110065).

In December 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Lynsi Michelle Kleinman** (RN60327150) that places conditions on her ability to practice and fines her \$500. Kleinman provided in-home care to a child with a muscle-wasting disease that impaired his mobility. Kleinman fell asleep on the kitchen table while on duty, lifted the patient contrary to instructions, and forced the child to do unauthorized range-of-motion exercises.

In December 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for certified medical assistant **Kellie Lynnette Smith** (CM60484459).

In December 2015 the Medical Assistant Program reinstated the medical assistant-phlebotomist credential of **Taracita Brown** (PC60359657), whose license was suspended in 2015 after she performed a blood draw while her credential was expired.

In December 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Kevin Allen Hamel** (CO60410746).

In December 2015 the Dental Commission modified an agreement with dentist and moderate sedation permit holder **April Loraine Ziegele** (DE00007932, D360372280) to lift restrictions involving crowns and bridges.

Kittitas County

In November 2015 the secretary of health denied a registered medical assistant credential to **Raechele Breanna Lunde** (MR60588829). In 2014 Lunde was convicted of distribution of heroin.

Pierce County

In December 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Crystal Lee Schwab** (RN60249039) with unprofessional conduct. Schwab allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

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In December 2015 the Medical Assistant and Nursing Assistant programs entered an agreement with medical assistant-phlebotomist and certified nursing assistant **April Maria Adamson-Miller** (PC60344755, NC10023543) that requires her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Adamson-Miller tested positive for alcohol while at work.

In December 2015 the Nursing Commission conditionally granted a licensed practical nurse credential to **Billy Ray Arkansas** (LP60584735). In 2007 and again in 2015 Arkansas was convicted of driving while intoxicated.

In December 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Amanda Doe** to cease and desist from the unlicensed practice of massage, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Doe, who has no massage license, offered to provide massage services.

Skagit County

In December 2015 the secretary of health ended conditions on the interim medical assistant and certified medical assistant credentials of **Kevin Douglas Tinsley** (IC60502237, CM60502227).

Snohomish County

In December 2015 the Nursing Commission ended probation for licensed practical nurse **Jolene D. Larsen**, also known as Jo D. Nelson (LP00047976).

Spokane County

In December 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Lea Kristine Whitcher** (RN00120104) reinstating her license and requiring her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Whitcher's license was suspended in 2015 after her Idaho nursing license was revoked.

Whatcom County

In November 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program placed chemical dependency professional trainee **Sharon D. Burton** (CP00006249) on probation for at least one year. Burton discussed clients' confidential treatment information in public areas.

In December 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Amanda Medici**, also known as Amanda Adams, to cease and desist from unlicensed practice as a mental health counselor, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Medici represented herself as a mental health counselor despite having no license.

Out of State

Oregon: In December 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Beth Ann Blair**, also known as Beth Roessell (RN00095485), requiring her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program and participate if necessary. Blair's Oregon nursing license was placed on probation in 2013.

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Oregon: In December 2015 the Nursing Commission agreed to reinstate the registered nurse credential of **Carson R. Fowlkes** (RN00158347) and placed his license on probation for at least six months. Fowlkes's license was suspended in 2014 after he didn't comply with terms of probation imposed in connection with writing an order without a doctor's approval.

Oregon: In December 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Casey Johanna Goff** (RN60137978) with unprofessional conduct. Goff allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Texas: In December 2015 the Nursing Commission conditionally granted a registered nurse credential to **Patti Elizabeth French** (RN60554849). In 2015 French's Texas nursing license was placed on probation after she falsified a health status statement.

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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