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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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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 December 2015 the Medical Assistant Program charged certified medical assistant **Tashauna Rae Roberts** (CM60377973) with unprofessional conduct. Roberts allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

Clark County

In December 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Aaron C. Johnston** (NA00156385) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Johnston was fired from a senior living facility on suspicion of drug diversion.

In December 2015 the Veterinary Board ended probation for veterinarian **Michael L. Baker** (VT00006064).

In January 2016 the Social Worker Program charged licensed independent clinical social worker **Nancy Skanchy** (LW00006242) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say she didn't pay \$500 in reimbursement or complete continuing education as required in a 2013 stipulation in connection with failure to report information to authorities.

King County

In December 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Emilyn Sibaen Rubio** (NA60289778) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Rubio, her immediate family, and another caregiver and family moved into the home of a disabled, elderly patient. They ate his food and used his utilities. Although the patient had previously given his son a power of attorney, charges say, Rubio caused or allowed him to grant her power of attorney, giving her control of all his assets. Rubio also allegedly administered medications to the patient without nurse delegation.

In December 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Tanya Renee Williams** (RN60387733) with unprofessional conduct. Williams allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In December 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for emergency medical technician **Zachary Donnell Peoples** (ES60515487).

In December 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Matthew A. Wiley** (CP00004966) with unprofessional conduct. Wiley allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In January 2016 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Dallas R. Britt** (CH00000792) with unprofessional conduct. Britt allegedly didn't adequately chart treatment of a patient at one session.

In January 2016 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Juan R. Teague** (MA00025075) with unprofessional conduct. Teague allegedly didn't submit adequate proof of meeting continuing education requirements.

In January 2016 the Counselor Program charged marriage and family therapist associate, and agency-affiliated counselor, **Jami Annette Visaya** (MG60126089, CG60221230) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Visaya worked at a residential center that housed immigrant minors. Visaya allegedly had a personal relationship with a client and arranged for the client to live with her former boyfriend, but didn't disclose the relationship.

Kitsap County

In December 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a medical assistant-hemodialysis technician credential to **Kristina Buenaventura Lorenzo-Angcaya** (HT60377601). Lorenzo-Angcaya must reimburse \$750 in costs imposed when her health care assistant license was placed on probation in connection with an improper relationship with a patient.

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Pacific County

In December 2015 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Stacie Marie Habermann** (MA00008086) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Habermann was convicted of possession of methamphetamine.

Pierce County

In December 2015 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Stephanie Nicole Melton** (LP60138532) with unprofessional conduct. In 2014 Melton was convicted of unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

In December 2015 the Social Worker Program charged licensed independent clinical social worker **Holly Ann Twedt** (LW00005182) with being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

Thurston County

In December 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Arlene Theresa Oliver** (RN00116224, AP30004534) that requires her to complete continuing education in nursing boundaries, and write an essay. Oliver, discussed inappropriate, personal sexual issues with the patient, and took the patient to a sex club. Shortly thereafter, the patient ended the professional relationship.

Walla Walla County

In December 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Kati Jo Alessio** (RN60238486) with unprofessional conduct. Alessio allegedly diverted medications from the health care center where she worked. In 2015 she was convicted of unlawful possession of a controlled substance — Tramadol.

Whatcom County

In December 2015 the Veterinary Board ended conditions on the credential of veterinary technician **Meghan R. Dietz**, also known as Meghan R. Cummings (AT60148365).

Yakima County

In December 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Tammy J. Sexton** (CP00004290) with unprofessional conduct. Sexton allegedly told her supervisor she had used methamphetamine.

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Out of State

Arizona: In December 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Ranch Pharmacy** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Ranch Pharmacy allegedly shipped drugs to Washington pharmacies despite having no Washington license to distribute drugs.

Oregon: In December 2015 **Nicole Wolfson** entered an agreement with the Unlicensed Practice Program to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license. Wolfson, who has no massage practitioner license, agreed to provide massage treatment and traveled to a hotel in an attempt to provide massage treatment.

Texas: In January 2016 the Nursing Commission conditionally granted a registered nurse credential to **Traci Leticia Harris** (RN60566072) and reprimanded her for being dishonest on her application by failing to disclose action against her Texas nursing license.

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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