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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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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 January 2016 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacist **Penny L. Spencer Carey** (PH00011040) with unprofessional conduct. Carey allegedly tested positive for narcotics. Charges also state that Carey admitted diverting narcotics from a facility where she worked.

Cowlitz County

In January 2016 the secretary of health conditionally granted an agency-affiliated counselor credential to **Rebecca Lyn Brown** (CG60610681). She was placed on probation and ordered to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2008 Brown was convicted of driving while intoxicated. In 2009 she was convicted of disorderly conduct and violation of a protective order. In 2015 she was convicted of physical control of a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Franklin County

In January 2016 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee and chemical dependency professional **Jamie Alea Wilkinson** (CO60242698, CP60507312).

King County

In January 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Zhen Zhen Chen** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Chen doesn't have a massage practitioner credential, but allegedly offered to perform full-body massages.

In January 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Dale E. Alsager** (OP00001485) of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Alsager's osteopathic physician credential was revoked in 2014, but he allegedly has represented himself as an osteopathic physician in published writing, a website and a voice mail message, and reports income earned as a physician or consultant.

In January 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Joanna W. Abreu** (NC60042987) with unprofessional conduct. While Abreu was working at an assisted living facility, a resident allegedly fell from a lift device Abreu was using and became trapped under it. Charges say an investigation determined that Abreu's error caused the fall.

In January 2016 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Scott V. Mindel** (CH00003016) with unprofessional conduct. Mindel allegedly took inadequate X-ray film of patients, and didn't correctly document the film. He allegedly billed for treatment his documentation didn't support.

In January 2016 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Cathy L. Heasley** (MA00009396) with unprofessional conduct. Heasley allegedly didn't submit proof of meeting continuing education requirements in a timely manner.

In January 2016 the secretary of health ended probation for agency-affiliated counselor **Teresa Lynn Anderson-Harper** (CG60301635).

In December 2015 the secretary of health denied an agency-affiliated counselor credential to **Jina Marie Fowler** (CG60598262). In 2000 she was convicted of second-degree theft. In 2001 she was convicted of person under 21 in possession of liquor. In 2004 she was convicted of vehicular homicide. In 2012 her chemical dependency professional trainee credential was suspended after she didn't comply with conditions.

In January 2016 the Pharmacy Commission modified an agreement with pharmacy technician **Katie J. Williams** (VA60276937) to remove or change provisions about an essay, fine and practice conditions. Williams diverted narcotics from the facility where she worked.

Lewis County

In January 2016 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Brittany Michael Boone** (CO60616306), placed her on probation, and ordered her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2013 Boone was convicted of possession of a controlled substance – methamphetamine, and fourth-degree assault.

Pierce County

In January 2016 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Pamela S. Davidson** (RN00083347) with unprofessional conduct. While working at a hospital, Davidson allegedly admitted not following policy about disposal of controlled substances.

In January 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Kadiatu Bangura** (NC60013404) with unprofessional conduct. When Bangura applied to activate her expired credential, charges say, she attested that no action had been taken to restrict her right to practice. Bangura's Virginia certified nurse aide license was revoked in 2013 after she pleaded guilty in that state to credit card fraud of less than \$200.

In October 2015 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Scott Ross Drake** (DE00005247) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Drake provided treatment and prescribed drugs beyond his credential's scope, including advertising cosmetic services. He allegedly ordered and dispensed medication in another practitioner's name without that person's knowledge or permission. Drake allegedly failed to meet the standard of care by not establishing sufficient doctor-patient relationships, including calling-in prescriptions for patients he hadn't seen and not examining patients before an unauthorized employee provided them with drugs.

In January 2016 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Kathleen Marie Bergman** (MA00020010) with unprofessional conduct. Bergman allegedly provided massage treatment without having an active credential. In 2014 she was convicted of two counts of animal cruelty.

In January 2016 the secretary of health ended conditions on the chemical dependency professional trainee and chemical dependency professional credentials of **James Leroy Hoag Jr.** (CO60183363, CP60534205).

In January 2016 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Jesse Barfield-Robert Kurtti** (CO60555621) and ordered him to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2012 Kurtti was convicted of first-degree robbery and violation of the Uniform Controlled Substance Act – possession of heroin.

Snohomish County

In January 2016 the Medical Commission ended probation for physician **Sundy R. Holland** (MD00034022).

In January 2016 the Dental Commission charged dental assistant **Tricia Lyn Warren** (D160051021) with unprofessional conduct. Warren allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Spokane County

In January 2016 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical Dependency

professional **Nikki Rae Easterling** (CP00003766) with unprofessional conduct. Easterling allegedly didn't complete continuing education as required in a 2014 stipulation.

In January 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program agreed to reinstate the registered nursing assistant credential of **Deadra Jane Pierre** (NA60522323), which was suspended in 2015 after Pierre removed the doorknob from a room of a resident at the adult family home. Pierre must complete continuing education and pay a \$250 fine.

Whatcom County

In January 2016 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Patricia J. Hackett** (RN00158907) with unprofessional conduct. Hackett allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In January 2016 the Psychology Board charged psychologist **Elizabeth Nyblade** (PY00000535) with unprofessional conduct. Nyblade allegedly crossed boundaries in dealing with people involved in a child custody dispute. She allegedly didn't complete part of a court-ordered evaluation, and offered a diagnosis her report didn't support.

Out of State

California: In January 2016 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Zhongmin Wang** (MA60219273) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that despite a client's refusal, Wang removed a client's underwear and sweatpants and massaged her buttocks and legs without her consent.

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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