



# News Release

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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**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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 secretary of health reinstated the massage practitioner credential of **Fiona Lu Hearne** (MA60266867), which was suspended in 2015 after Hearne relinquished her Florida license because she submitted inadequate, potentially false information with her application to practice in that state.

### Clallam County

In January 2016 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Carli Jaye Langford** (CO60606751) and ordered her to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Between 2001 and 2013, Langford was convicted in Oregon of offenses that, in Washington, would be equivalent to four felonies, six gross misdemeanors and one misdemeanor.

### Clark County

In January 2016 the East Asian Medicine Program amended a statement of charges against East Asian medicine practitioner **Kooyeoll Jung** (AC00000658) to add that Jung pleaded guilty to indecent liberties — without forcible compulsion in 2015.

### **Cowlitz County**

In January 2016 the Nursing Commission reinstated the registered nurse credential of **Tamara Sue Sharp** (RN00137834). In 2009 her Washington license was suspended until her Oregon nursing license was reinstated, which it has been.

### **Grant County**

In January 2016 the Nursing Commission ended conditions on the credential of registered nurse **Gina L. Goodwin** (RN00097130).

### **King County**

In January 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Mark Nabua** that requires Nabua to cease and desist from practicing reflexology and massage without a license, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Nabua doesn't have a license to practice reflexology or massage, but operated businesses that advertised reflexology and employed unlicensed workers.

In January 2016 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Tanya Renee Williams** (RN60387733) that requires her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Williams didn't comply with a previous substance abuse monitoring program.

In January 2016 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Margaretha Hansson Hedberg** (RN00039618) that requires her to continue participating in a substance abuse monitoring program. Hedberg diverted controlled substances intended for a patient, used them herself, replaced them with sterile saline, and entered an operating room while she was impaired.

### **Pierce County**

In January 2016 the Medical Assistant and X-ray Technician programs charged certified medical assistant and X-ray technician **Shirley Ann Tietz** (CM60382684, XT60373932) with unprofessional conduct. Tietz allegedly submitted prescriptions for controlled substances that weren't authorized by the practitioners to whom the prescriptions were attributed.

In January 2016 the Medical Assistant Program conditionally granted a registered medical assistant credential to **Trevor Harold Page** (MR60503585) and ordered him to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2009 Page was convicted of driving while intoxicated. In 2013 he was convicted of solicitation in an attempt to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.

In January 2016 the Veterinary Board entered an agreement with veterinarian **Susan M. Shirley** (VT00002235) that places her on probation for at least three years. Shirley must undergo training to reduce disruptive behavior and to improve practice management. Shirley insulted staff members, burned an employee by intentionally touching her with a hot instrument, and pushed the veterinary clinic's former co-owner while angry. Shirley didn't help subordinates, generated confusion in the workplace, and created a hostile work environment.

In January 2016 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with licensed practical nurse **Stephanie Nicole Melton** (LP60138532) that requires her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2014 Melton was convicted of unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

In January 2016 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Thomas L. Stryker** (RN60085678) that requires him to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Stryker didn't comply with a previous stipulation requiring him to complete the intake process for a substance abuse monitoring program.

### **Spokane County**

In January 2016 the Medical Commission charged physician **Edwin D. Robins** (MD00035964) with unprofessional conduct. Robins allegedly provided substandard treatment to patients at a reproductive health center he owned, employed unqualified personnel, and provided misleading advertising.

### **Thurston County**

In January 2016 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Derek Allen Paulsen** (RN60385138) that places him on probation for at least two years. Paulsen didn't contact the physician of a dialysis patient with low blood pressure. The patient was found dead in her home the next day with cardiac arrest listed as the primary cause of death.

In January 2016 the Nursing Commission reinstated the licensed practical nurse credential of **Beatrice Elizabeth Safford** (LP00044634) that requires her to continue participating in a substance abuse monitoring program. Safford's license was suspended in 2012 because she didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

In January 2016 the Nursing Commission granted a licensed practical nurse credential to **Rachel Leigh Meyers** (LP60093728) and required her to continue participating in a substance abuse monitoring program. Between 2008 and 2014, Meyers was convicted of two felonies, four gross misdemeanors and three misdemeanors.

### **Whatcom County**

In January 2016 the secretary of health conditionally granted a certified nursing assistant credential to **Tania Ann Swanberg** (NC60617297), placed her on probation and ordered her to continue participating in a substance abuse monitoring program. Swanberg's interim medical assistant and registered nursing assistant licenses were already subject to similar conditions.

### **Yakima County**

In January 2016 the Pharmacy Commission ended conditions on the credential of pharmacist **Johnson Shieh** (PH00039948).

In January 2016 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Lance Conrad Rowe** (CO60614234) and placed him on probation for at least two years. In a 1995 military court-martial, Rowe was found guilty of conspiring with another to commit murder with premeditation, and wrongfully soliciting another to murder.

### **Out of State**

**Florida:** In January 2016 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Benjamin D. Stewart** (RN00177048) that requires him to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. After admitting to stealing and using controlled substances, Stewart entered and then withdrew from a substance abuse monitoring program in 2015.

**Minnesota:** In January 2016 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Laura Diane Huttner** (RN60431008) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015, Huttner's nursing licenses in Minnesota, Texas, Arizona, South Dakota and Nevada were suspended or surrendered in connection with drug-related criminal charges in Minnesota.

**Oregon:** In January 2016 the Nursing Commission ended probation for registered nurse **Suzanne G. Franklin** (RN00142851).

**Oregon:** In January 2016 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Jennifer E. Webinger** (RN00170401) that requires her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Webinger's Oregon nursing license was placed on probation in 2015 after she reported having a substance abuse problem.

**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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