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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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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.

Chelan County

In March 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Nichole A. Klingenberg** (NC10054775) with unprofessional conduct. Klingenberg allegedly didn't cooperate in an investigation into allegations of financial exploitation of a patient.

Clallam County

In March 2016 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Jennifer Lynn Brooks** (CO60450263).

Cowlitz County

In March 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Jorge Trujillo Brito** to cease and desist from practicing as a home care aide without a license, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Brito provided care as a home care aide without having a license.

In March 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Bethanie S. Stamps** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Stamps allegedly advertised and offered massages despite having

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no license. In 2016 she was convicted of operating a massage business without a business license.

In April 2016 the secretary of health reinstated the massage practitioner license of **Diana D. Lawson** (MA00016084). Lawson's license was suspended in 2009 because she didn't comply with a 2007 stipulation issued after she practiced massage for about two years with an invalid credential.

In March 2016 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional trainee and chemical dependency professional **Brandi Michelle Olney** (CO60211959, CP60449364) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Olney didn't respond to an inquiry about allegations of current use of controlled substances.

Franklin County

In March 2016 the Medical Commission charged physician **Alex B. Najera** (MD00025470) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Najera isn't a pain management specialist, and that he violated standards of care in prescribing medications for chronic pain. Najera allegedly didn't perform or document adequate examinations, didn't identify specific diagnoses, provided ineffective treatment, and didn't comply with pain management rules.

Grays Harbor County

In March 2016 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Clarence Roy McKee** (CO60481706).

In March 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Angela Waters** that requires her to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Waters doesn't have a massage practitioner license, but owned a business that advertised massage.

In April 2016 the Medical Commission charged physician assistant **Kevin B. Finnigan** (PA10005138) with unprofessional conduct. Finnigan allegedly didn't abide by a substance abuse monitoring contract.

King County

In March 2016 the Facilities and Services Licensing Program notified **Golden Years Transport LLC** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. The company allegedly advertised and provided in-home care and non-medical services despite having no license.

In March 2016 the Medical Commission charged physician **Hung H. Dang** (MD60034194) with unprofessional conduct. Dang allegedly violated the community standard of care, the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act, and his ethical obligations as a physician by refusing to treat patients. In April 2016 the Medical Commission filed a corrected statement of charges against Dang to correct a number.

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In April 2016 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Rachel E. Primeau** (CO60529811).

Pierce County

In March 2016 the Radiologic Technologist Program charged radiologic technologist **Michael Malley** (RT60111099) with unprofessional conduct. Malley allegedly used another person's password to take controlled substances from a hospital where he worked, both before and after he resigned.

In April 2016 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Kerrie Swanson Smith** (RN60251363) with unprofessional conduct. Smith allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Snohomish County

In March 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program filed an amended statement of charges against certified nursing assistant **Jarju Bakary**, also known as Bakary Jarju (NC60064095), to add details about his criminal history, his communications with the Department of Health, and his dealings with a patient. In March 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program also notified Bakary of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order, alleging that he acted as a nursing assistant while his license was suspended.

In March 2016 the secretary of health ended conditions on the credential of massage practitioner **Autumn Kimberly Bercier** (MA60402619).

In March 2016 the secretary of health reinstated the chemical dependency professional trainee credential of **Greg William Fankhauser** (CO60399316), which was suspended in 2015 when Fankhauser didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract. The secretary of health also conditionally granted Fankhauser an agency-affiliated counselor credential. He must undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program.

Spokane County

In March 2016 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Krista Jolynn Leifker** (CO60371061).

In March 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **William Preston Ringer Jr.** (NA60083461) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Ringer was convicted of harassment.

In March 2016 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **Rajeev Rajendra** (MD60150925) that censures him and fines him \$1,000. Rajendra told his employer he'd passed a board certification examination, but did not. He gave his employer a falsified document indicating he'd passed the exam, and gave his employer a forged document indicating he'd received a doctor of philosophy degree.

In March 2016 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Christopher Alan Morgan** (CP60404774) with unprofessional conduct. Morgan didn't respond to an inquiry about a complaint saying he'd been arrested in connection with promoting prostitution.

Thurston County

In March 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Kimala Kai** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Kai allegedly advertised massage and counseling services, and performed massage despite having no license.

Out of State

California: In March 2016 the Psychology Board conditionally granted a psychologist credential to **Jennifer Hart Tansey** (PY60617539), who must continue to comply with probationary terms placed on her California psychology credential.

California: In April 2016 the secretary of health ordered **Kristin L. Beck** to cease and desist from practicing without a license as a registered nursing assistant, certified nursing assistant or home care aide, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Beck has no license as a nursing assistant or home care aide, but gave medication to residents at an assisted living facility where she worked, making a medication error in the process.

Nevada: In March 2016 the Mental Health Counselor and Marriage and Family Therapist programs entered an agreement with mental health counselor and marriage and family therapist **Lynne Marie Smith** (LH60160372, LF60156713) under which her practice will be monitored for 18 months, and she must pay a \$1,500 fine. Smith didn't meet the standard of care in two cases involving estranged parents and their children.

New York: In March 2016 the Naturopathy Board agreed to reinstate the naturopathic physician credential of **Yuel Luncheon Boyce** (NT60114352), which was suspended in 2013 in connection with inadequate examinations for medical marijuana patients. The board placed Boyce on probation for at least three years, during which time he may not authorize, recommend, or prescribe medical marijuana.

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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