



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**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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

## Clark County

In April 2016 the Mental Health Counselor Program charged mental health counselor **Lowell Terry Bell** (LH00006920) with unprofessional conduct. Bell allegedly told a patient that her husband, also a patient, represented a threat to her safety, but didn't refer her to domestic violence services. Charges say Bell spoke to the patient's attorney without the patient's approval, didn't disclose required information to patients, and didn't provide a Department of Health investigator with treatment records.

In April 2016 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Lexus P. Vang** (MA00023681) with unprofessional conduct. Vang allegedly didn't provide documentation of having completed required continuing education during the mandatory period.

## Cowlitz County

In April 2016 the secretary of health conditionally granted an agency-affiliated counselor credential to **Trisha Diane Johnston** (CG60606829) and ordered her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2014 Johnson entered a drug court program in connection with three counts of possession of a controlled substance. She told the Department of Health she is a recovering drug addict.

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In April 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Kathryn Ann Oxford** (NC60064870) that places her on probation for at least two years. The state Department of Social and Health Services, which determined that Oxford financially exploited a vulnerable adult, will not allow her to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

### **Grant County**

In April 2016 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacy assistant **Ashley Nichole Johnson** (VB60359499) with unprofessional conduct. Johnson allegedly didn't comply with an order requiring her to undergo a mental examination.

### **Island County**

In April 2016 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional credential to **John Christian Hoffman** (CP60590135), who must follow the conditions imposed when he received a chemical dependency professional trainee credential in 2013.

### **King County**

In April 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Mafabi R. Gidudu** (NC10021088) with unprofessional conduct. Gidudu must comply with an agreed order to obtain a mental health examination. In February 2016 Gidudu was allowed to reactivate his agency-affiliated counselor credential contingent on terms and conditions and in April 2016 Gidudu was conditionally granted a registered nursing assistant credential (NA60577796).

In April 2016 the secretary of health denied the application of certified nursing assistant **Kalid Amiru Mahammed** (NC60102592) to reactivate his credential, which expired in 2013. In 2015 Mahammed was convicted of harassment.

In April 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Margaret Williams** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Williams allegedly advertised massage despite having no license.

In April 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Alisha Patrice Rourk** (NA60413522) with unprofessional conduct. Rourk allegedly stole from patients at an assisted living facility where she worked.

In April 2016 the Pharmacy Commission withdrew a statement of charges against **University Medical Center Pharmacy Inpatient** (CF00001058).

In April 2016 the secretary of health denied a massage practitioner credential to **Patrick James Monahan** (MA60610703). Once in 2007 and twice in 2011 Monahan was convicted of driving while intoxicated.

In April 2016 the secretary of health ended conditions on the massage practitioner credential of **Shannon Jeanne Beatty** (MA60274064).

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In April 2016 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Ethan F. Schanning** (CP60402256) with unprofessional conduct. Schanning allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract ordered after he unlawfully entered his former workplace, and admitted relapsing on narcotics.

In April 2016 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional trainee **Calvin Maurice Bester** (CO60158209) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Bester was convicted of third-degree assault — domestic violence.

In April 2016 the Veterinary Board ended conditions on the credential of veterinarian **Eric E. Schneider** (VT00002015).

### **Kitsap County**

In April 2016 the Medical Assistant Program charged certified medical assistant **Ambar K. Bruce**, also known as Ambar K. Quichocho (CM60381450), with unprofessional conduct. In 2016 Bruce entered a drug court program after being charged with two counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud or forgery.

In April 2016 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Michael L. Wagner** (CH00003618) with unprofessional conduct. Wagner allegedly billed improperly for a patient's treatment, took inadequate X-rays, and gave the commission altered notes.

### **Pacific County**

In April 2016 the Massage Program entered an agreement with massage practitioner **Stacie Marie Habermann** (MA00008086) that allows her to reactivate her expired credential and requires her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2015 Habermann was convicted of possession of methamphetamine.

### **Pierce County**

In April 2016 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee and chemical dependency professional **Derek Shea Utrup** (CO60338644, CP60546575).

In April 2016 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Aliesha H. Alexander** (MA00000678) with unprofessional conduct. Alexander allegedly didn't provide documentation of having completed required continuing education during the mandatory period.

### **Spokane County**

In April 2016 the secretary of health denied the application of certified nursing assistant **Katherine Mae Collins** (NC10089694) to reactivate her credential, which expired in 2013. Between 2008 and 2015, Collins was convicted of five gross misdemeanors. She didn't respond when the Nursing Assistant Program charged her with unprofessional conduct.

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In April 2016 the Medical Assistant Program charged certified medical assistant **Lydia Dee Lee** (CM60508713) with unprofessional conduct. In 2016 Lee pleaded guilty to obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud or forgery.

### **Thurston County**

In April 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Kenneth N. Kamau** (NC60227158) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Kamau didn't respond to an inquiry about a complaint alleging he abandoned a patient.

### **Whatcom County**

In April 2016 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged emergency medical technician **Robert Allen Brooks** (ES01172449) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Brooks was convicted of third-degree assault.

### **Out of State**

**Oregon:** In April 2016 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Beverly Ann Bennett** (RN60051331) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that when Bennett applied to activate her expired credential, she admitted use of substances, including illegal use of controlled substances that might impair or limit her ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Bennett allegedly didn't respond to requests for a detailed explanation.

**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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