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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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 February 2017 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant Kelly Rae Strong (NC10098346) with unprofessional conduct. In 2016 Strong was charged with fourth-degree assault – domestic violence, and entered a stipulated order of continuance.

Cowlitz County

In February 2017 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to Richelle Marie Cain (CO60723390), placed her on probation, and ordered her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Between 2000 and 2014, Cain pleaded guilty to seven felonies and two gross misdemeanors.

King County

In February 2017 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program charged licensed mental health counselor Kevin J. Schmitz Robinson (LH00009163) with unprofessional conduct. Schmitz Robinson allegedly didn’t comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

In February 2017 the Medical Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified medical assistant phlebotomist Ally Koba Pili (PC60343569) that reprimands him, fines him $1,000, and
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requires him to complete continuing education in law and ethics. Pili was arrested on a sexual
exploitation charge in connection with soliciting prostitution services.

In January 2017 the Pharmacy Commission denied a pharmacy assistant credential to Jonathan
Shane Hoekstra (VB60645570). In 2010 Hoekstra was convicted on a federal
methamphetamine possession and distribution conspiracy charge.

In February 2017 the secretary of health denied a home care aide credential to Le Truc Thi
Nguyen (HM60278113). In 2016 the state Department of Social and Health Services disqualified
Nguyen from caring for vulnerable adults, juveniles or children after finding that she abused or
neglected a child.

kitsap county

In February 2017 the Nursing Commission conditionally granted a registered nurse credential to
Matthew Martin Callicoat (RN60028563) and ordered him to participate in a substance abuse
monitoring program. In 2006 Callicoat received a deferred sentence, which was later revoked, on
a charge of obstructing a law enforcement officer. In 2015 he received deferred prosecution on
three counts of fourth-degree assault – domestic violence.

pierce county

In February 2017 the Medical Assistant Program charged medical assistant-certified
hemodialysis technician Tavita Ahkee (HT60448727) with unprofessional conduct. Ahkee
allegedly stole blank prescription forms and forged them to get medications that weren’t
prescribed to him.

In February 2017 the secretary of health withdrew a statement of charges against mental health
counselor Jennifer R. Trefonas (LH00006947).

In February 2017 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor Michael L. Wall II
(CH00034640) with unprofessional conduct. Wall allegedly took X-ray films that didn’t meet
professional standards, performed and billed for unnecessary treatments, and provided and/or
billed for treatment that was undocumented or insufficiently documented.

In February 2017 the Nursing Commission agreed to reinstate the licensed practical nurse
credential of Jennifer Kay Schliesman (LP60286995) and placed her on probation for at least
18 months. Schliesman’s license was suspended in 2016 because she didn’t comply with a
stipulation requiring her to report her employment status.

skagit county

In February 2017 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program entered an
agreement with certified emergency medical responder Lester William Folkemer Keel
(ES60686474) that reprimands him, fines him $1,000, and requires him to complete continuing
education in law and ethics. Keel was arrested on a sexual exploitation charge in connection with
soliciting prostitution services.

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Snohomish County

In February 2017 the Pharmacy Commission withdrew a statement of charges against Sevan Pharmacy LLC (CF60091011).

In February 2017 the Pharmacy Commission entered an agreement with pharmacy technician Narine Gasparyan (VA00039952) that places her on probation for at least two years. Gasparyan and her husband own a pharmacy, where Gasparyan worked, that filled fraudulent prescriptions for controlled substances.

In February 2017 the Hearing and Speech Board charged hearing aid specialist Allan L. Crane (HA00000739) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Crane accepted $6,990 from two clients but didn’t provide them with hearing aids. Charges further say the state Department of Social and Health Services, which found that Crane financially exploited vulnerable adults, will not allow him to be employed in caring for or having access to vulnerable adults. Crane’s license was suspended in 2015 for not providing adequate hearing aids or refunding payment to a client.

In February 2017 the Nursing Assistant and Dispensing Optician programs charged registered nursing assistant and dispensing optician apprentice Sunita Davy Chand (NA00150097, DT60218838) with unprofessional conduct. Chand allegedly used a patient’s debit card to buy things for herself without the patient’s knowledge or consent.

In February 2017 the secretary of health denied the application of massage practitioner Angela Lavon Bushman (MA60141834) to reactivate her license. Bushman didn’t submit criminal charge information when she applied to activate her expired license, but later disclosed five felony charges and one gross misdemeanor charge.

Spokane County

In February 2017 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant Tonya M. Cane (NA00186230) with unprofessional conduct. Cane allegedly had a romantic and sexual relationship with a client.

In February 2017 the Psychology Board filed an amended statement of charges against psychologist Gregory Charles Dilsaver (PY60169466) to allege that Dilsaver hasn’t cooperated with a Department of Health investigation.

Out of State

California: In February 2017 the Dental Commission charged dentist Erin Nicole Erickson (DE60417754) with unprofessional conduct. Erickson allegedly diverted controlled substances for her own use.

Oregon: In February 2017 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registered nursing
assistant credential of Amber Caye Schaecher, also known as Amber Caye Moore (NA60407392), placed her on probation for at least one year, and ordered her to complete continuing education in law and ethics. Schaecher’s license was suspended in 2015 after she canceled the credit card payment she made to renew her 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.

The [Department of Health website](doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, [find us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#).

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