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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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

Grays Harbor County

In May 2017 the secretary of health denied a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to Jesus Orozco Pacheco (CO60523169). In 2014 Pacheco applied for a chemical dependency professional trainee credential. His application was denied because he didn’t undergo a required substance use evaluation. When he reapplied in 2016, he attested he had never had a health care credential denied. Again in 2017, Pacheco didn’t undergo a required substance use evaluation. Between 2007 and 2012, he was convicted of one felony, seven gross misdemeanors, and five misdemeanors.

Island County

In June 2017 the Dental Commission charged dental assistant Lindsey Anita McCollum (D160384167) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that while McCollum worked at a community health center, she diverted controlled substances for her own use. McCollum allegedly used the Drug Enforcement Administration number of a former dentist at the center to issue at least 20 controlled substance prescriptions to herself and two patients. She allegedly fraudulently filled the prescriptions without informing the dentist or the patients.

In May 2017 the secretary of health denied a registered nursing assistant credential to Kianakeo Thue Vasquez (NA60620888). In 2012 Vasquez received deferred prosecution on a driving
while intoxicated charge. In 2016 Vasquez was convicted of driving while intoxicated. An evaluation raised concerns about Vasquez’s substance use.

**King County**

In June 2017 the Dental Commission charged dentist Paul Frederick Genung (DE00003370) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Genung was convicted of conspiracy to commit offering false instrument for filing or record.

**Snohomish County**

In May 2017 the secretary of health denied a home care aide credential to Danielle Nicole Brown (HM60662205). In 2016 Brown was arrested in connection with fourth-degree assault. Although the charge was dismissed, a Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office report indicated she may have a history of mental health issues. Brown didn’t comply with a Department of Health requirement to undergo a mental health evaluation.

In June 2017 the Pharmacy Commission filed an amended statement of charges against pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician Troy Damon Langdon (VB60064770, VA60255800) to add details about his criminal record, and that his Arizona pharmacy technician license expired in 2008.

**Thurston County**

In June 2017 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant Molly Elizabeth Echols (NC60410015) that allows her to reactivate her license and requires her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2017 Echols applied to reactivate her license, which expired in 2015. In 2015 Echols was convicted of property damage, second-degree criminal trespass, third-degree theft, and fourth-degree assault. She entered a drug court program after being charged in 2015 with unlawful possession of a controlled substance – heroin.

**Whatcom County**

In June 2017 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant Lacey Lynn Kara (NC60596208) with unprofessional conduct. Kara allegedly admitted diverting drugs from a pharmacy where she worked.

**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](http://doh.wa.gov) is your source for a healthy dose of information. Also, [find us on Facebook](http://facebook.com) and [follow us on Twitter](http://twitter.com).

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