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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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 December 2018 the secretary of health conditionally granted a medical assistant-phlebotomist credential to Christy Jean Logan (PC60815734) and ordered her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2012 and again in 2015 Logan was convicted in California of driving under the influence.

In December 2018 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to Sally Ann Hart (PC60903587) and placed her on probation for at least three years. In 2016 Hart was convicted of third-degree theft. In 2017 she was convicted of second-degree theft.

In December 2018 the secretary of health conditionally granted a home care aide credential to Taylor Allen Altamirano (HM60797184) and ordered him to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. On his application, Altamirano attested that he had no criminal history. In 2016 he was convicted of hit/run unattended vehicle. In 2017 he was again convicted of hit/run unattended vehicle, as well as driving under the influence and hit/run unattended property. In 2018 he was convicted of driving while license suspended or revoked, and of operating a vehicle without an ignition interlock. That same year, Altamirano received deferred prosecution on a driving under the influence charge.
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Cowlitz County

In December 2018 the secretary of health conditionally granted a certified nursing assistant credential to Christopher Lee Campbell (NC60838062) and ordered him to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2015 Campbell was convicted of driving under the influence. In 2017 he entered a pre-trial diversion agreement on a driving under the influence charge.

Franklin County

In December 2018 the Physical Therapy Board reinstated the physical therapist credential of Rafat Shirinzadeh (PT00007740) and placed restrictions on his practice for at least 24 months. Shirinzadeh may not engage in solo practice, must have a female monitor or chaperone present while treating female patients, and complete an ethics and boundaries course. Shirinzadeh’s license was suspended in 2007 after he touched patients without a therapeutic purpose, asked a patient for a back rub, didn’t adequately document patient treatment, didn’t adequately drape patients, and did an ultrasound test without a clinical reason.

Kitsap County

In November 2018 the secretary of health denied an agency-affiliated counselor credential to Stacie Jo Lennette (CG60895126). In 2017 Lennette surrendered her Iowa mental health counselor license. She admitted having a romantic relationship with a client.

Pierce County

In December 2018 the Nursing Commission agreed to reinstate the registered nurse credential of Deborah M. Asrari (RN00125941) and placed her on probation. Asrari must participate in a substance abuse monitoring program, and complete a refresher course. Asrari’s license was suspended in 2012 because she didn’t comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

In December 2018 the Chiropractic Commission entered an agreement with chiropractor Richard D. Leone (CH00000775) that fines him $5,000, requires him to pass a jurisprudence exam, and subjects him to mentoring by an actively practicing chiropractor. Leone didn’t supply proof of having completed required continuing education in radiographic technique, kept inadequate records, and took deficient radiographs.

In November 2018 the secretary of health denied an agency-affiliated counselor credential to Amber Jean Hocker (CG60877671). Between 2010 and 2016, Hocker was convicted in Oregon of three felonies and one misdemeanor. Hocker failed to submit a required substance use evaluation.

In December 2018 the Dental Commission conditionally granted a dental assistant credential to Dejanae Nicole McMillion (D160881819). In 2012, 2015, and twice in 2016, McMillion was
convicted of third-degree theft. In 2016 McMillion was also convicted of making a false or misleading statement to a public servant. In 2018 McMillion was charged with driving under the influence.

**Thurston County**

In December 2018 the Nursing Commission ended conditions on the licensed practical nurse credential of **Rachel Leigh Meyers** (LP60093728).

**Whatcom County**

In November 2018 the secretary of health denied a home care aide credential to **Jamie Lynn Parker** (HM60829569), who in 2015 was convicted of unlawful possession of a controlled substance—methamphetamine.

**Out of State**

**Arizona:** In December 2018 the Nursing Commission conditionally granted a registered nurse credential to **Amy Jo Bruner** (RN60869362) and ordered her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2016 Bruner received an Arizona registered nurse license as part of a consent agreement that required her to enroll in a relapse prevention program.

**Hawaii:** In December 2018 the secretary of health ended probation for agency-affiliated counselor **Janno Scheer** (CG60678860).

**Idaho:** In December 2018 the Pharmacy Commission agreed to reinstate the pharmacist credential of **Judith A. Nelson** (PH00009585) and placed her on probation for at least 18 months. Nelson’s license was suspended in 2017 in connection with medication dispensing practices that fell below the standard of care.

**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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