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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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

Clallam County

In March 2019 the Dental Commission charged dental assistant **Yvonne Marie Boyd** (D160731371) with unprofessional conduct. Boyd allegedly didn't comply with an order to submit to a mental examination.

In March 2019 the Chemical Dependency Professional and Agency-Affiliated Counselor programs charged chemical dependency professional trainee and agency-affiliated counselor **Rachel Jean Anderson** (CO60533625, CG60416250) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Anderson came to an emergency department with a blood alcohol level measured at .286.

Clark County

In March 2019 the secretary of health conditionally granted a certified nursing assistant credential to **Stephanie Marie Doolittle** (NC60898978) and placed her on probation for at least two years. In 2018 Doolittle received a stay on a second-degree theft charge.

In March 2019 the Nursing Commission conditionally granted a licensed practical nurse credential to **Jennifer Nicole Hilley** (LP60893405) and ordered her to participate in a substance

abuse monitoring program. Twice in 2018 Hilley was convicted in Oregon of driving under the influence.

In March 2019 the Athletic Trainers Program charged athletic trainer **Jason Allen Meharry** (A160775023) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Meharry had a sexual and romantic relationship with a minor client who was a student and athlete at a high school where Meharry worked. In 2018 Meharry was convicted of first-degree sexual assault with a minor. In 2019 Meharry's national athletic trainer certification was suspended, according to charges.

King County

In March 2019 the Chiropractic Commission conditionally granted a chiropractor credential to **Grace Zel Lee** (CH60911095) and ordered her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2009 Lee was convicted of persons under the influence of intoxicants/drugs – driving while intoxicated. In 2016 she was convicted in Iowa of public intoxication, and of interfering with an official act. In 2018 she was convicted in Iowa of operating while under the influence first offense.

In March 2019 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Raul Jose Antonio Garcia** (RN60621206) with unprofessional conduct. Garcia allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

In March 2019 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Rachael Njoki Kirumba** (RN60649871) with unprofessional conduct. Kirumba allegedly didn't comply with a requirement to undergo a substance use evaluation.

In March 2019 the Medical Assistant Program charged medical assistant and medical assistant phlebotomist **Takisha Marie Washington** (CM60376954, PC60815404) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Washington didn't respond to a Department of Health investigator's inquiry about a report alleging that she forged prescriptions for controlled substances.

In March 2019 the Agency-Affiliated Counselor Program charged agency-affiliated counselor **Daniel K. Jahraus** (CG60502400) with unprofessional conduct. While Jahraus was working as a counselor for an 11-year-old boy, charges say, he took the boy with him to a supermarket, bought alcohol, and drank the alcohol as he returned to the boy's home while the boy was in the car. At the home, Jahraus allegedly was observed to be impaired and was asked to leave. Charges say he went to his car in the driveway, drank more alcohol, and fell asleep. Police were called, according to charges, and Jahraus was taken to a hospital where he tested positive for alcohol and THC. In 2018 Jahraus pleaded guilty to physical control while intoxicated. In 2016 Jahraus pleaded guilty to felony vehicular assault in connection with a head-on collision that took place while Jahraus was under the influence of alcohol. The collision seriously injured two people in the other vehicle, charges say.

In March 2019 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Xueqin Zhang** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Zhang allegedly lacks a massage therapist credential, but performed massage on a client.

Kitsap County

In March 2019 the Osteopathic Board filed a second amended statement of charges against osteopathic physician **Beno M. Kuharich** (OP60164791) to modify allegations about the physician's patient care.

Lewis County

In March 2019 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Chad Eric Holmes** (CO60709269).

Pierce County

In March 2019 the Marriage and Family Therapist, Chemical Dependency Professional, and Agency-Affiliated Counselor programs charged marriage and family therapist associate, chemical dependency professional trainee, and agency-affiliated counselor **Robert Edward Cerka** (MG60628193, CO60848171, CG60628101) with unprofessional conduct, and agreed to place him on probation for at least three years. Cerka must pay a \$2,000 fine, and complete continuing education in law and ethics, and in record-keeping. He misrepresented himself as a marriage and family therapist able to provide independent counseling services, didn't work under the supervision of an approved supervisor, didn't provide a required disclosure form, and didn't maintain records of fee arrangements and payments.

Skagit County

In March 2019 the Veterinary Board charged veterinary technician **Shawna Lee Biggs** (AT00001350) with unprofessional conduct. Biggs allegedly certified that she had completed all license renewal requirements, but didn't submit proof of having completed required continuing education.

In March 2019 the Massage Therapist Program charged massage therapist **Karen Rayleen Frazier** (MA00011781) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that in 2018, Frazier applied to activate her expired credential. In 2016 she was convicted of solicitation to possess a controlled substance-methamphetamine.

Snohomish County

In March 2019 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Christina Knapp**, also known as Christina Pierce, of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Knapp allegedly advertised and offered services as a "horse chiropractor," but lacks a veterinarian license.

In March 2019 the Osteopathic Board charged osteopathic physician **Delbert L. Whetstone** (OP00001171) with unprofessional conduct. In 2012 Whetstone pleaded guilty to federal charges of structuring transactions to avoid reporting requirements, and distribution of a controlled substance.

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In March 2019 the Medical Commission ended an agreement that placed conditions on the physician credential of **Ray P. Liao** (MD00043401).

In March 2019 the secretary of health conditionally granted an emergency medical technician credential to **Scott Wallace Peterson** (ES60888760) and ordered him to complete an anger management course. In 2012 Peterson was convicted of second-degree assault.

Thurston County

In March 2019 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Paula Berglund** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Berglund allegedly lacks a medical assistant credential, but performed duties of a medical assistant.

In March 2019 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Yun Wang** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Wang allegedly lacks a massage therapist credential, but operated a massage business.

Pierce County

In March 2019 the Agency-Affiliated Counselor Program charged agency-affiliated counselor **Lindsey C. Rogers** (CG60135508) with unprofessional conduct. Rogers allegedly had a romantic and sexual relationship with client. She allegedly misrepresented the nature of her relationship with the client in an attempt to gain access to protected patient information about the client.

In March 2019 the Medical Commission charged physician **Kenneth M. Edstrom** (MD00026074) with unprofessional conduct. Edstrom allegedly made inappropriate comments to a patient. On a license application for other states, Edstrom allegedly attested that he was not under investigation. At the time, charges say, he was under investigation in three Washington cases.

In March 2019 the Nursing Assistant Program agreed to lift the suspension of the certified nursing assistant credential of **Karanja Thuku** (NC60126194). Thuku must pay a \$250 fine, and complete continuing education in patient rights and dignity, as well as in law and ethics. Thuku's license was suspended in 2018 in connection with neglecting a vulnerable adult.

Out of State

Oregon: In March 2019 the Naturopathy Board conditionally granted a naturopathic physician credential to **Aaron Hubbs** (NT60889767), who must abide by restrictions imposed on his Oregon naturopathic medicine license in 2018.

Oregon: In March 2019 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Lone Pine Drug** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. The pharmacy allegedly shipped prescription drugs to patients in Washington, but lacks a Washington pharmacy license.

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South Carolina: In March 2019 the secretary of health charged registered nurse **Andrew Bolyard Seib** (RN60758121) with unprofessional conduct. Seib allegedly made inappropriate comments to a hospital emergency department patient, and touched the patient inappropriately and without medical justification.

Texas: In March 2019 the Nursing Commission agreed to reinstate the registered nurse and licensed practical nurse credentials of **Billy Ray Arkansas** (RN60723054, LP60584735), who must submit quarterly employer performance evaluations or declarations of unemployment if not working. The nurse's licenses were suspended in 2018 because he didn't comply with two practice agreements by failing to submit quarterly employer performance evaluations or declarations of unemployment if not working.

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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