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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OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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 Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.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 also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In August 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Hamid T. Siddiqui** (NA00090617) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of three counts of domestic violence protection order violation.

Grant County

In July 2010 the Medical Commission denied the request of an unrestricted license for physician **James R. Irwin** (MD00012703), but granted a request to modify an order of July 2007. He must continue to comply with the restrictions placed against his license in the July 2007 order.

Grays Harbor County

In July 2010 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery placed the license of **John Eiland** (OP00001933) on probation for three years. He entered into a sexual relationship with an employee, and provided care when she became pregnant. He failed to keep adequate records, and aborted the pregnancy without medical indication. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

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King County

In August 2010 the Medical Commission denied the request to modify the agreed order of physician **Peter Brandon** (MD00029025). He must continue to comply with terms and conditions set against his Washington license.

In August 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Drea Lynne Gibson** (RN00121222) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted drugs for her own use, replaced the drugs with a saline solution putting patients at risk of harm, and worked while under the influence. She was convicted of product tampering.

In August 2010 the Chiropractic Commission amended the statement of charges against **Frederick D. Hardy** (CH00001214). He allegedly slipped his hands under a patient's bra, fondled her breasts, and attempted to kiss her.

In August 2010 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Shamay Monique Haskin** (D160058955) and placed conditions against her certification. She was convicted of theft on more than one occasion, obstructing a public servant, resisting arrest, and trespassing. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In August 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Kenneth J. Jaramillo** (MD00032798) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly provided anesthesia to a child and left the room, the child began to desaturate and the other providers didn't know where he was. He also allegedly altered the patient's medical records, and failed to properly notate the revisions.

In July 2010 the Medical Commission amended the agreed order against physician **Solomon Kamson** (MD00021337). He practiced below the standard of care. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his Washington license.

In August 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Cynthia A. Little** (RN00148026) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to provide appropriate care to patients, and follow care orders for patients.

In August 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the reactivation application of certified nursing assistant **Mitchell D. Steward** (NC10015434) and placed his certification on probation for five years. He was convicted of vendor fraud. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

Kitsap County

In August 2010 the Respiratory Care Program granted the application of **Michael David Melton** (LR60128767). His license to practice as a registered professional nurse in West Virginia was suspended. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his Washington license.

In August 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Meagan Ann Blackington** (HC60160307) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was

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convicted of driving under the influence, driving while license suspended, and assault. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Pierce County

In July 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Sakara J. Carter** (NA60014448, NC60034032) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of delivery of a controlled substance — oxycontin, possession of a controlled substance — oxycontin, and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver — methadone.

In August 2010 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Andre W. Gilmore**. He allegedly offered and provided orthotic devices to the general public and offered to treat musculo-skeletal conditions. He doesn't hold a credential to practice as an orthotist or physician in Washington.

In August 2010 the Nursing Assistant and Health Care Assistant Programs entered into an agreed order with certified nursing assistant **Christine Marie Riley** (NC10006340, HC00136928). She diverted 35 oxycodone tablets from a patient for her own use. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her credentials.

In August 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Gary Dean Williams** (CO60134963). He was convicted of assault — domestic violence, harassment, and harassment — domestic violence on more than one occasion.

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In August 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Kristen D. Nelson** (NC10071846, NA60125846) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted hydrocodone for her own use.

Snohomish County

In August 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Alana M. Dewees** (NA60132483) and placed her registration on probation for one year. She was convicted of attempted theft and must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Thurston County

In August 2010 the Board of Nursing Home Administrators charged **Helen June Nelson** (NH00000991) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In July 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Harold Leon Roberson** (NA60088527). He was convicted of assault, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance — cocaine within 1000 feet of a school bus route stop, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance — cocaine, and attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle.

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In August 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Bradley A. Sprouse** (LP00055912) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of identity theft, forgery, violation of a no contact, protection, or restraining order — domestic violence, assault, possession of stolen property while on community custody, and theft on more than one occasion.

Whatcom County

In August 2010 the Massage Program granted the reactivation application of **Cheryl Ann Saxer** (MA00004881) and placed restrictions against her license. She was convicted of malicious mischief, driving under the influence, driving while license suspended or revoked, theft, and assault. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In August 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Max Duane Whipple** (CO60171745) and placed conditions against his certification. His license to practice as a registered nurse was suspended.

Yakima County

In August 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Sheryl Lynn Emerson** (CO60166483) and placed conditions against her certification. She was convicted of possession of methamphetamine.

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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