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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against the following health care providers in our state.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., dentists, nurses, counselors). Information about disciplinary action taken against medical doctors and physician assistants can be found on the [Washington Medical Commission \(WMC\) website](#). Questions about WMC disciplinary actions can be sent to media@wmc.wa.gov.

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 May 2022 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacy technician **Olga V. Markin** (VA00041004) with unprofessional conduct. Markin allegedly reported to work impaired.

King County

In May 2022 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Qingjie Zeng** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order because Zeng allegedly practiced massage without a license.

Mason County

In May 2022 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Kristan Kelly Ramirez** (LP60259260) with unprofessional conduct. Ramirez allegedly failed to contact a substance use monitoring program as required by a prior agreement she entered with the Nursing Commission.

In May 2022 the Home Care Aide Program and home care aid **Tracy Ree Pasic** (HM60752843) modified a prior agreement after the program charged her with failing to comply with it. The

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new modifications require Pasic to contact a substance use disorder program within 14 days, work only if there is an on-site supervisor with a certified nursing assistant credential or higher, and ensure her employer submits quarterly performance evaluations.

Pierce County

In May 2022 the secretary of health granted with conditions a medical assistant-phlebotomist license to **Lacey Louise Hedlund** (PC61255702). Hedlund agreed to the conditions, which include participation in a substance use monitoring program. Hedlund had multiple past gross misdemeanor convictions between 2017 and 2021, including criminal trespass and theft.

In May 2022 the Nursing Assistant Program and the Medical Assistant Program charged certified medical assistant and certified nursing assistant **Ashley Nichole Kark** (CM60756785, NC60786738) with unprofessional conduct.

In May 2022 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Jordan Nicole Landholm** (CH60721678) with unprofessional conduct for allegedly not wearing a face covering as required by the governor's proclamation.

In May 2022 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Craig Patrick Lapenski** (CH00003689) with unprofessional conduct for allegedly not following required COVID-19 protocols, including wearing a face covering and screening patients for fever or other symptoms as required by the governor's proclamation.

In May 2022 the secretary of health charged registered nurse **Awdrey Ng** (RN60258507) with unprofessional conduct. In November 2020, he was convicted of child molestation and communication with a minor for immoral purposes in Pierce County Superior Court.

Spokane County

In May 2022 the secretary of health fined in-home services agency **RJ Care Services LLC**, which does business as **Care to Stay Home**, and owners and operators **Jayne Fraser** and **Robert Fraser**, (FS60016733) \$3,000. The home care services company and owners were cited for repeat violations found during a relicensing inspection.

In May 2022 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program, the Substance Use Disorder Professional Program, and the Mental Health Counselor Program charged registered agency affiliated counselor, substance use disorder professional trainee, and mental health counselor associate **Jennifer Renee Dempsey** (CG60895041, CO61019033, MC60904742) with unprofessional conduct. The Mental Health Counselors Program received a complaint that Dempsey was frequently absent from work and expressed concern about the skill and safety of her practice. She did not respond to an investigator's letter.

Thurston County

In May 2022 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Cheng Liu** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order for allegedly practicing massage without a license.

In April 2022 the Dental Commission ended conditions on the dental assistant license of **Ashley Marie Japhet** (D160986208).

Yakima County

In May 2022 the Nursing Commission reinstated with conditions the credential of licensed practical nurse **Daniel J. Moen** (LP00029584). Moen agreed to multiple conditions, including completion of a refresher course, participation in a substance use monitoring program, payment of a \$1,000 fine, and probation of Moen's license.

Out of State

Idaho: In May 2022 the Nursing Commission ended probation on the registered nurse license of **Veronica Kay Franco** (RN60756951).

Indiana: In May 2022 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Programs charged paramedic **Jordan Ralph Strong** (ES60966035) with unprofessional conduct. Strong allegedly sold and distributed anabolic steroids, including testosterone and trenbolone enanthate to other employees.

Michigan: In May 2022 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Shawntea G. Hamilton** (LP61033790) with unprofessional conduct after Hamilton's credential was restricted by the Michigan Board of Nursing Disciplinary Subcommittee for misconduct.

South Dakota: In May 2022 the Nursing Commission and registered nurse **Megan Colleen Grissom** (RN60536670) entered an agreement that requires Grissom to continue to participate in a substance use monitoring program.

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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