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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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

Benton County

In September 2018 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacist **Mustafa G. Elziny** (PH60168979) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Elziny was the responsible manager of a pharmacy that underwent state and federal audits after a burglary in which 2,653 narcotics tablets were missing. Elziny allegedly didn't submit a loss form after the burglary. During the audit, charges say, the pharmacy was found to be missing about 1,188 narcotics tablets from its inventory. Elziny allegedly forged a transfer document in an attempt to account for some of the missing medication. Elziny also allegedly tested positive for drugs for which he lacked prescriptions.

Clark County

In September 2018 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Keith Scott Jr.** that requires him to cease and desist from performing massage therapy without a license, and to pay a \$200 fine. Scott, who advertised massage therapy services, performed massage therapy even though he's never had a license.

King County

In September 2018 the Dental Commission charged dental assistant **Sharon Louise Carlson**

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(D160030197) with unprofessional conduct. Carlson allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract. She allegedly didn't pass a required jurisprudence examination.

In September 2018 the Dental Commission agreed to reinstate the dentist credential of **John Lui** (DE00007424). Lui must pass a jurisprudence examination, complete continuing education in ethics, and receive counseling from a mental health professional. The dentist's license was suspended in 2017. In 2016 Lui was convicted of third-degree assault, patronizing a prostitute, and second-degree criminal trespass.

In September 2018 the secretary of health ordered **Xiaodong Yang** to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license, and to pay a \$1,000 fine. In 2018 Yang was charged with second-degree rape, and with indecent liberties, in connection with allegedly sexually assaulting two clients while performing massages. Yang, who has no massage therapist license, told a police officer he receives pay for massage services.

In September 2018 the secretary of health ended probation for midwife **Suzanne Lynn Thomson** (MW00000204).

Kitsap County

In September 2018 the Pharmacy Commission ended conditions on the pharmacist credential of **Rachel Lee Loukas** (PH60142436).

Mason County

In September 2018 the Massage Therapist Program charged massage therapist **Delilah Zaniewski** (MA00011564) with unprofessional conduct. Zaniewski allegedly didn't provide documentation of having completed required continuing education.

Pierce County

In August 2018 the secretary of health denied provisional home care aide and home care aide credentials to **Yoojong Choi** (PV60855055, HM60855051). In 2018 the state Department of Social and Health services disqualified Choi from caring for vulnerable adults, juveniles, and children, thus prohibiting her from certification.

In September 2018 the Dental Commission ended some conditions on the credential of dentist **Kristine Lazar Grace** (DE00008652, GA10000296). Grace's general anesthesia permit remains revoked and restrictions remain on her ability to prescribe or administer any form of sedation including nitrous oxide.

Snohomish County

In September 2018 the Massage Therapist Program charged massage therapist **Sharon M. Kaye**

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(MA00019897) with unprofessional conduct. Kaye allegedly didn't provide documentation of having completed required continuing education.

In September 2018 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Tender Loving Home Care** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. The company allegedly either advertised in-home services or responded to requests for in-home services, and employed or contracted with people to provide in-home services, but has no in-home services agency license.

Walla Walla County

In September 2018 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Amanda Kay Jundt** (NA60265499) with unprofessional conduct. Jundt allegedly stole a client's controlled substances, and allegedly took expired drugs that should have been disposed of.

Yakima County

In September 2018 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Henry Anthony McCormick** (NC10014815) with unprofessional conduct. While McCormick was helping transfer a care and rehabilitation center patient from a wheelchair to a bed, he allegedly didn't check for proper sling placement. Charges say the patient fell, sustained injuries, and subsequently died.

Out of State

California: In September 2018 the secretary of health ended probation for massage therapist **Zhongmin Wang** (MA60219273).

Idaho: In August 2018 the secretary of health denied a home care aide credential to **Edward Kai Lawrence** (HM60791196), who didn't supply proof of having undergone a required examination.

Oregon: In September 2018 the Nursing Commission conditionally granted a licensed practical nurse credential to **Ashley Renee Crawford** (LP60851639) and ordered her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2016 the Oregon Board of Nursing ordered Crawford to sign a monitoring contract after she had alcohol in her system while working in a health care setting.

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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