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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OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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., 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 August 2019 the Dental Commission charged dentist and moderate sedation with parenteral agents permit holder **Ellis Burke Jardine** (DE60339865, CS60495559) with unprofessional conduct. Jardine allegedly didn't report to the Dental Commission the cardiac arrest or hospital admission of a patient who died, and didn't record the events until a month after the patient died.

Douglas County

In August 2019 the secretary of health denied a home care aide credential to **Carleen Armstrong** (HM60525612). In 2019 the Department of Health received a complaint regarding a medication error at an assisted living community where Armstrong worked.

Franklin County

In September 2019 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacy technician and pharmacy assistant **Alexandra Urbina** (VA60655176, VB60591319) with unprofessional conduct. Urbina,

who worked at a retail pharmacy, allegedly admitted to her employer that she diverted hydrocodone and oxycodone, and told police she diverted about 1,000 pills for her own use.

Jefferson County

In September 2019 the secretary of health conditionally granted a substance use disorder professional trainee credential to **Robin Ann Runyan** (CO60924258), who must continue to abide by conditions placed on her agency-affiliated counselor credential in 2019.

King County

In September 2019 the Respiratory Therapist Program charged respiratory therapist **Erica N. Dimmer** (LR00003506) with unprofessional conduct. Dimmer allegedly diverted controlled substances for non-therapeutic use by forging a physician's signature and Drug Enforcement Administration number.

In September 2019 the Social Worker Program charged independent clinical social worker associate **Tana Leigh Adams** (SC60416297) with unprofessional conduct. Adams allegedly practiced with an expired license, and didn't respond to a Department of Health investigator's inquiry.

In September 2019 the Agency-Affiliated Counselor Program charged agency-affiliated counselor **Maureen Tssetska Gray** (CG60798958) with unprofessional conduct. Gray allegedly had a personal and sexual relationship with, and married, a former client.

In September 2019 the Dental Commission withdrew a statement of charges against dentist **William Baines Thompson** (DE00005335).

Pierce County

In September 2019 the Respiratory Therapist Program charged respiratory therapist **Stuart E. Hanson Jr.** (LR00002530) with unprofessional conduct. Hanson allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In September 2019 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Crystal Lee Schwab** (RN60249039) that reinstates her credential and requires her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Schwab's license was suspended in 2018 after she didn't abide by a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In September 2019 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacist **Marina L. Hradil** (PH00049495) with unprofessional conduct. The pharmacist allegedly diverted legend drugs from a pharmacy where she had worked.

In September 2019 the Dental Commission entered an agreement with dentist **John C. Lo** (DE00007800) that fines him \$1,500 and requires him to reimburse the commission for \$590.78

in expenses. Lo must complete continuing education, and pass a jurisprudence exam. The dentist didn't complete required continuing education.

In September 2019 the Nursing Commission agreed to reinstate the registered nurse credential of **Thomas L. Stryker** (RN60085678), placed him on probation, ordered him to complete a refresher course, and directed him to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Stryker's license was suspended in 2016 because he didn't sign a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Skagit County

In September 2019 the secretary of health fined certified medical assistant **Lisa Ann House** (CM60370801) \$500, ordered her to complete continuing education in law and ethics, and directed her to write a report. House discontinued a patient's blood thinner medication without a supervising physician's instructions. She didn't initially fulfill a Department of Health investigator's request for a written explanation.

Spokane County

In September 2019 the Mental Health Counselor Program charged mental health counselor **Mirra Merkel** (LH60569530) with unprofessional conduct. Merkel allegedly had a romantic relationship with a client.

In September 2019 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program reinstated the paramedic credential of **Ashley Nichole Stady** (ES60253357), placed her on probation for at least three years, and ordered her to complete a refresher course. Stady's license was suspended in 2014 in connection with administering the wrong medication to a patient who subsequently died.

Thurston County

In September 2019 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Yun Wang** that requires her to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license. Wang, who doesn't have a massage therapist credential, operated a massage business.

In September 2019 the Marriage and Family Therapist Program filed an amended statement of charges against marriage and family therapist **Michael Dwayne Roos** (LF60497884) to correct an error in a date.

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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