State Disciplines Health Care Providers

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OLYMPIA ¾ The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.The department’s Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory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 healthcare 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 also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Adams County In December 2012 the Dental Commission ended the probation order against dental assistant **Delia Dominguez** (D160200671).**Asotin County**In December 2012 the Denturist Program reinstated the license of **Clinton Jerrod Olson** (DN00000046) and placed it on probation for two years.**Benton County**In December 2012 the Dental Commission entered into an agreed order with dentist **James WM. Huffman** (DE00005580) and placed conditions against his license. He intentionally overdosed on Vicodin he took from stock at his dental practice.**Clark County**In December 2012 the Counselor Program charged agency affiliated counselor **Mark Allen Grassi** (CG60161098) with unprofessional conduct. Grassi allegedly used marijuana and methamphetamine.In December 2012 the Massage Program released **Amelia Courtney Soto** (MA60168774) from terms and conditions set against her license.**Cowlitz County**In December 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation order against chemical dependency professional trainee and chemical dependency professional **Steven Michael Morrison** (CO60115692, CP60214192).**Grays Harbor County**In December 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation order against registered and certified nursing assistant **Scott L. Stead** (NA60116364, NC60175013).**King County**In December 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certification of **Rita Alefosio** (NC10068496).In December 2012 the Dental Commission modified the agreed order against dentist **Chan K. Bae** (DE00007058) and placed conditions against his license. The commission lifted some of the restrictions from a 2009 agreed order and gave him more time to pay his fines.In December 2012 the Dental Commission ended the probation order against dentist **Richard Calvo** (DE00009044).In December 2012 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Kevin E. Lukkes** (RN60021225) with unprofessional conduct. Lukkes allegedly worked with an expired license for almost a year.In December 2012 the Surgical Technologist Program granted the application of **Laurie Lynn Murphy** (ST60309037) and placed conditions against her registration with which she must comply. In 1991 her application to practice as a nursing assistant — registered was denied. She was convicted of possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, possession of over 40 grams of marijuana, and theft.In December 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of registered nursing assistant applicant **Eneze Mwende Mwangu** (NA60278039). In 2011 her certification to practice as a nursing assistant was

suspended.In December 2012 the Secretary of Health charged registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Leslie Jean Vietmeier** (RN00086540, AP30003429-AP) with unprofessional conduct. Vietmeier allegedly had a sexual relationship with a patient.**Lewis County**In December 2012 the Board of Psychology corrected the statement of charges against **Richard T. Kennedy** (PY00001919). He allegedly didn’t maintain appropriate boundaries with a patient, didn’t consult peers regarding care of the patient, treated the patient’s children, and didn’t report the living conditions of the patient’s children to Child Protective Services. He also didn’t provide the patient with a written treatment consent form, and provided inappropriate treatment to the patient.**Pierce County**In December 2012 the Social Worker Program granted the application of social worker associate **Joseph Kim Myrick** (SC60271192). Myrick must comply with an agreed order previously placed against his chemical dependency professional credential.In December 2012 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems, Nursing Assistant, and Health Care Assistant Programs ended the probation order against emergency medical technician, registered nursing assistant, and health care assistant **Charles Andrew Siler** (ES60018800, NA60231621, HC60267352).In December 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Tonia R. Williams** (NA60274661) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly abused a vulnerable adult.**Snohomish County**In December 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Domingo Aquino** (NA60298660) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly tested positive for controlled substances during a workplace drug screening.In December 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program released chemical dependency professional trainee **Ganelle Lorae Swindler**, also known as Ganelle Lorae Hansen, (CO60154058) from terms and conditions set against her certification.**Spokane County**In December 2012 the Dental Commission reinstated the registration of dental assistant **Donna Jeanne Shaffer** (D160140883).In December 2012 the Mental Health Counselor and Marriage and Family Therapist Programs ended the probation order against mental health counselor and marriage and family therapist **Darlene Anne Townsend** (LH00006395, LF00001054).**Thurston County**In December 2012 the Psychology Board ended the probation order against **David P. Monson** (PY00001768).**Whatcom County**In December 2012 the Health Care Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with **Tania A. Swanberg** (HC00133167) and placed her license on probation for five years. She called in and picked up prescriptions for Zolpidem under her and her fiancé’s names without authorization on about 25 occasions.**Yakima County**In December 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the credential of certified nursing assistant **Andrea S. Villa** (NC10075593).**Out of StateCalifornia:** In December 2012 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery restricted the license of osteopath **James Paul Maganito** (OP60089226) for five years. During a vaginal birth, he didn’t adequately observe the fetal heart monitor, and didn’t provide sufficient documentation of delivery and changes on the fetal heart tracings. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.**Oregon:** In December 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Francisca Cruz** (NA60167072) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn’t comply with terms and conditions set against her registration. **Oregon:** In December 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of **Charles K. Kimball** (NA00179462).**Saipan, Mariana Islands**: In December 2012 the Medical Commission denied the physician application of **Michael A. Koning** (MD60308889). Koning was convicted of tax evasion in 2011.