

State disciplines health care providers

Local News

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OLYMPIA, Wash. - The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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](http://doh.wa.gov) (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.

Cowlitz County In August 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee and chemical dependency professional **Amber D. Myers**, also known as Amber Dawn Flowers (CO60156633, CP60264413). **Grant County** In August 2013 the Nursing Commission amended a statement of charges against the credential of registered nurse **Gina L. Goodwin** (RN00097130) to remove the name of her son, whom she allegedly involved in a scheme to get fraudulently prescribed drugs. **Grays Harbor County** In August 2013 the Osteopathic Board ended probation for osteopathic physician **John Evan Eiland** (OP00001933). **King County** In July 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program denied a certified nursing assistant credential to **Somsanith Rattanaovong** (NC60298772). On his application, Rattanaovong gave false answers about his criminal history and about restrictions on his health care privileges. In August 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program entered an agreement with **Derek Shea Utrup** (CO60338644) that granted him a chemical dependency professional trainee credential and placed him on probation for at least three years. In 2000 Utrup was convicted of third-degree child molestation. Twice in 2010 he was convicted of driving while intoxicated. In August 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional credential to **Seth Patrick Welch** (CP60344745). In 2011 Welch entered an agreement placing terms and conditions on his chemical dependency professional trainee credential. In August 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant credentials to **Janelle Alene Wallace** (NA60393202, NC60393687), who must abide by a 2012 agreement that placed her chemical dependency professional trainee credential on probation for three years. In August 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Forson Addae-Boateng** (RN00162766) with unprofessional conduct. Addae-Boateng operated a school that trained nursing assistants. He allegedly provided fewer hours of instruction than were required and issued certificates of completion to students who didn't meet minimum requirements. In August 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Patricia Marie Bursch** (RN00058788) with unprofessional conduct. Bursch's 84-year-old mother, who had dementia, went to live with Bursch after having surgery. Bursch allegedly wrote checks to herself from her mother's trust and retirement accounts without the knowledge of her mother's

power of attorney. The Department of Social and Health Services found Bursch exploited and financially exploited a vulnerable adult. In 2013 she was convicted of second-degree theft. In August 2013 the Dental Commission charged dental assistant **Melanie Ann D’Arielli-Webb** (D160314769) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly forged eight prescriptions for controlled substances using prescription pads stolen from her employer. In August 2013 the Medical Commission entered an agreement granting an early end to probation for physician **Marco A. Sobrino** (MD00039788). In August 2013 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **Michael A. Leff** (MD00014429) that placed his credential on probation for at least two years. Leff may not treat family members except in emergencies, may not have opioids at his medical office, must complete ethics and record-keeping courses, and must pay a \$2,000 fine. Leff, a board-certified plastic surgeon, treated his wife for frequent and severe headaches, violating appropriate physician-patient boundaries. His care didn’t meet the standard in the use of controlled substances and in record-keeping. In August 2013 the Dental Commission conditionally granted a dental assistant credential to **Fatima Lanette Mitchell** (D160329390). In 2007 Mitchell was convicted of attempting to obtain Vicodin by means of false or forged prescription. In 2008 she was convicted of attempted possession of a controlled substance. In 2011 she was convicted of residential burglary. **Kitsap County** In August 2013 the Medical Commission ended conditions in an agreement with physician **Lois S. Bresaw** (MD00024914). **Lewis County** In August 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Jeremy James Veigel** (NA60256354, NC60266659). **Pierce County** In August 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Michael Dean Bateman** (CO60344761). Bateman must complete the five-year probation and other conditions imposed in an October 2011 order. In August 2013 the Medical Commission filed an amended statement of charges against physician **Gregory Brammer** (MD00037500) to correct a file number in the charging papers. **Skagit County** In August 2013 the Medical Commission ended conditions on the credential of physician **Charles G. Blackadar** (MD00037686), who may now practice without restrictions. **Snohomish County** In August 2013 the Podiatric Board charged podiatric physician **Michael B. Riojas** (PO00000735) with unprofessional conduct. Riojas allegedly provided inadequate treatment and follow-up care to a patient on whom he performed surgery. **Spokane County** In August 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Mary Jeanette Potts** (NA00164482) with unprofessional conduct. Potts allegedly yelled at a patient who had Parkinson’s disease and refused to care for her when she was shaking. Potts allegedly yelled at a second patient and allowed her son to mistreat the patient. The Department of Social and Health Services will not allow her to be employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults. In August 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Nicole Annmarie Thompson** (NA60247800) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Thompson was convicted of second-degree assault. She hasn’t responded to a Department of Health inquiry about the conviction. **Thurston County** In August 2013 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Sun Qiang** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Qiang, who has no massage credential, allegedly admitted to a Department of Health investigator that he and his spouse performed massage and reflexology at businesses they own. In August 2013 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Hui Ying Yan** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Yan, who has no massage credential, allegedly admitted to a Department of Health investigator that she and her spouse performed massage and reflexology at businesses they own. **Whatcom County** In August 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Thadeus Leah Snider** (RN60025385) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Snider pleaded guilty to third-degree assault. He allegedly didn’t report the conviction to the Nursing Commission. **Out of State Alaska:** In August 2013 the Physical Therapy Board charged physical therapy assistant **Seanna Elizabeth Bryson** (P160040949) with unprofessional conduct. Bryson allegedly

didn't comply with a previous agreement. **Maryland:** In August 2013 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **John L. Young** (MD60187941) in which he agrees not to renew his license or to apply for one in the future. The Maryland Board of Physicians suspended Young's credential to practice in that state. **Oregon:** In August 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for certified nursing assistant **Tori Kiah Wogar Summers** (NC60200547). **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. The [Department of Health website](#) (www.doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, [find us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#).