



# News Release

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## **Thurston County counselor suspended on allegations of failing to maintain appropriate professional boundaries**

**OLYMPIA** – The state Department of Health suspended the license of Thurston County mental health counselor Mary Kaylan Coacher (LH.60641004) pending further legal action.

Charges state that Coacher practiced below the standard of care in her treatment of clients. Coacher allegedly shared confidential information between clients, began seeing the clients socially, and shared personal details of her own life with the patients. Coacher allegedly failed to maintain appropriate professional boundaries and placed the clients in a risk of dependency and harm.

Coacher cannot practice counseling in Washington until these charges are resolved. She has 20 days to request a hearing to contest the charges.

The legal documents on this case can be seen online by clicking the link on [Provider Credential Search](#) on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call this number and report their complaint.

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