

# **News Release**

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# State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against the following health care providers in our state.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 <a href="Washington Medical Commission">Washington Medical Commission (WMC) website</a>. Questions about WMC disciplinary actions can be sent to <a href="media@wmc.wa.gov">media@wmc.wa.gov</a>.

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Health Care Provider Lookup" under the "Find it Fast" 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 March 2023 the secretary of health reinstated the certified nursing assistant license of **Rachel Marie Teague** (NC60684365).

In March 2023 the secretary of health ended probation of the certified nursing assistant license of **Jeana Marlene Perkins** (NC10073263).

In March 2023 the secretary of health denied the certified home care aide and provisional home care aide licenses of **Janet Elizabeth Scurlock** (HM61316453, PV61316471). Scurlock did not respond to a September 2022 Department of Health requirement to obtain a substance use evaluation.

# **Cowlitz County**

In March 2023 the secretary of health ended conditions on the certified nursing assistant license of **Christopher Lee Campbell** (NC60838062).

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# **King County**

In March 2023 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Jason Farrell Graham** (RN60115488) with inability to safely practice. Charges state that in January 2022, Graham underwent a neuropsychological evaluation that found him with cognitive and physical impairments.

In February 2023 the Pharmacy Commission denied the pharmacy assistant license of **Hillary Magee** (VB61274805). Since April 2022, Magee has not responded to numerous attempts to contact her for respondent notification and a letter of cooperation.

In March 2023 the Nursing Commission and **Michelle Renee Batistelli** (LP00050346) agreed to the conditional reinstatement of her licensed practical nurse license. Batistelli must enroll and participate in a substance use monitoring program until the program determines it is no longer necessary, and successfully completes a refresher course.

In March 2023 the secretary of health issued a cease-and-desist order to **Wei Zhong**. In 2022, Zhong worked as a massage therapist but does not and has never held a massage therapist credential. Zhong must pay a \$1,000 fine.

# **Kittitas County**

In March 2023 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Lysa Rue Hulderson** (RN00133842) with unprofessional conduct. In July 2019, Hulderson entered an agreement with the Commission requiring that among other conditions she complete a refresher course. In November 2022, Hulderson was terminated from the refresher course for failure to make significant progress.

# **Kitsap County**

In March 2023 the secretary of health issued a cease-and-desist order to **Kierra Brobst**. In December 2021, Brobst performed duties that fall within the scope of practice of a registered or certified medical assistant, both credentials she does not have and has never held in Washington state.

## **Lewis County**

In March 2023 the secretary of health ended probation on the agency affiliated counselor license of **Jesse Frederick Bowen** (CG61163896).

#### **Okanogan County**

In February 2023 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Shannon Marie McDonald** (RN60027186) with unprofessional conduct. Charges state that on multiple occasions in January and February 2022, McDonald was unable to account for excess hydromorphone she had removed from an automated controlled substance dispensing unit. McDonald did not respond to investigator requests for a statement.

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# **Pierce County**

In March 2023 the Nursing Commission and **Jennifer L Hanks** (LP60101088) agreed to the conditional reinstatement of her licensed practical nurse license. The conditions require that Hanks be placed on probation for 18 months; may not be employed by a temporary or travel nursing agency, or in home health or community-based care settings; may not function as a head or charge nurse or supervise the work of others, and must herself be under indirect supervision; submit 6 quarterly evaluation performance reports; and complete 14 hours continuing education in the areas of ethics, legal issues and documentation.

In March 2023 the secretary of health reinstated the certified nursing assistant license of **Kevin Andrew Macias** (NC10021260).

# **Spokane County**

In March 2023 the secretary of health ended probation on the registered nursing assistant, certified nursing assistant, and agency affiliated counselor licenses of **Wayne Andrew Black**, **Jr.** (NA60813883, NC60819857, CG60760818).

In March 2023 the Nursing Commission and registered nurse **Melissa Ann Rouches** (RN60570598) agreed to an order that she enroll and participate in a substance use monitoring program until the program determines it is no longer necessary. In June 2022, Rouches arrived for her shift in a neonatal intensive care unit visibly impaired and subsequently tested positive for alcohol.

In March 2023 the Nursing Commission and registered nurse **Patricia L Morrison** (RN00130481) agreed to an order requiring Morrison enter an extended substance use monitoring contract until the program determines it is no longer necessary. Morrison had been in a prior monitoring agreement but tested positive for alcohol in February and July of 2022.

# **Thurston County**

In March 2023 the secretary of health reinstated the registered nursing assistant license of **Habisoh Aly** (NA00112739).

#### **Out of State**

**Idaho:** In March 2023 the secretary of health conditionally granted the midwife license of **Sarah Marie Andrews** (MW61378047). Andrews must complete the conditions imposed on her license by the State of Idaho.

**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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