



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: Daniel R. Cohen  
Master Case No.: M2023-31  
Document: Statement of Charges

Regarding your request for information about the above-named practitioner; attached is a true and correct copy of the document on file with the State of Washington, Department of Health, Adjudicative Clerk Office. These records are considered Certified by the Department of Health.

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In the Matter of

**DANIEL R. COHEN**  
Credential No. MD.MD.60445146

Respondent

No. M2023-31

**STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

This matter was referred by the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) to the Secretary of Health per RCW 18.130.062. An Expedited Case Management Team, on delegation by the Secretary of Health (Secretary), makes the allegations below, which are supported by the evidence contained in case no. 2022-12314. The patient referred to in this Statement of Charges is identified in the attached Confidential Schedule.

**1. ALLEGED FACTS**

1.1 On April 7, 2014, the State of Washington issued Respondent a credential to practice as a physician and surgeon. Respondent's credential is currently suspended.

1.2 On or about and between 2017 Patient A presented to Respondent for treatment of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and other issues.

1.3 Sometime near the end of 2018 or the beginning of 2019, Respondent's mother passed away, and he asked Patient A to drive him to the airport, which she agreed to do.

1.4 Respondent missed his flight and decided he would spend the night in a nearby hotel, where Patient A accompanied him.

1.5 Respondent kissed or attempted to kiss Patient A, telling her his desire to have sexual relations with her. Patient a pushed him away, reminding Respondent he was married. The Respondent proceeded to smoke some marijuana and then fell asleep until the next morning.

1.6 After the incident described above, Respondent stopped seeing Patient A in person, but continued to call and text her, telling Patient A he loved her.

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## 2. ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

2.1 Based on the Alleged Facts, Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct in violation of RCW 18.130.180(7) and (24), and WAC 246-16-100(1)(d), (m), and (q), which provide in part:

**RCW 18.130.180 Unprofessional conduct.** The following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute unprofessional conduct for any license holder under the jurisdiction of this chapter:

...

(7) Violation of any state or federal statute or administrative rule regulating the profession in question, including any statute or rule defining or establishing standards of patient care or professional conduct or practice;

...

(24) Abuse of a client or patient or sexual contact with a client or patient;

...

**WAC 246-16-100 Sexual misconduct.**

(1) A health care provider shall not engage, or attempt to engage, in sexual misconduct with a current patient, client, or key party, inside or outside the health care setting. Sexual misconduct shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action. Sexual misconduct includes but is not limited to:

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(d) Kissing;

...

(m) Suggesting or discussing the possibility of a dating, sexual or romantic relationship after the professional relationship ends;

...

(q) Any behavior, gestures, or expressions that may reasonably be interpreted as seductive or sexual;

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2.2 The above violations provide grounds for imposing sanctions under RCW 18.130.160.

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### 3. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

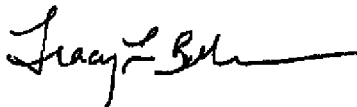
The charges in this document affect the public health, safety and welfare. The Expedited Case Management Team directs that a notice be issued and served on Respondent as provided by law, giving Respondent the opportunity to defend against these charges. If Respondent fails to defend against these charges, Respondent shall be subject to discipline and the imposition of sanctions under Chapter 18.130 RCW.

DATED: March 14, 2023.

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*Kirby Putscher*  
Kirby Putscher (Mar 14, 2023 09:29 PDT)

KIRBY PUTSCHER  
CASE MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATOR



TRACY L. BAHM, WSBA #22950  
SENIOR COUNSEL

**CONFIDENTIAL SCHEDULE**

**This information is confidential and is NOT to be released without the consent of the individual or individuals named herein. RCW 42.56.240(1)**

**Patient A:**

