

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Abigail Lara Date: 10/4/20

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Rachel Nan Boyd

License number of the defendant: 762158

Date action was taken against the license: 05/6/2015 & 6/27/2015

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulations

On May 6, 2015 through June 27, 2015 Rachel Nan Boyd employed as a registered nurse at Centennial Medical Center withdrew one syringe 4mg of Morphine, one syringe 10mg of Morphine, and one injection of Hydromorphone 6.5mg from the pyxis system in the facility without valid orders from a physician. Boyd also failed to document accurately or completely document the administration of the medications to patients in the MAR causing inaccurate medical records likely to injure the patient. Boyd then failed to adhere to the facility's policy for wastage of unused portions of medications. These actions resulted in the endangerment of patients, as well as medications being unaccounted for. Rachel Nan Boyd stated that if she did in fact remove these medications, she did so by verbal order and not written order. She also stated that failure to properly document wasted medication at the pyxis with a witness was a mistake.

If I happened to receive a verbal order, I would have gotten it signed by the physician who ordered it, as regulations call for, within a 24-hour period. I would have then held onto that order until I knew for sure that the order was properly documented. If ever uncertain or forgetful about the facility's policy on wastage of unused medications, I would simply research the policy of that certain facility for reference. I would also refer to the seven rights of the patient during medication administration in order to avoid any incomplete documentation of medications given. In doing so, I would be required to observe the patient's MAR and remember to document. Documentation is extremely important for the safety of each patient and serves as protection for each nurse.

If I were to discover that a nurse administered a medication, failed to document it, and then failed to dispose of the unused medication properly, I would be compelled to notify the charge nurse immediately. I feel that one might say the actions taken by Rachel Boyd could possibly point towards substance abuse. All medications withdrawn from the facility's system by Boyd were unaccounted for, so nobody really knows what happened to them. However, I feel that for the safety of the patients, and maybe even the safety for someone like Rachel Boyd, who may need help with a substance problem, I would definitely alert the charge nurse so that proper actions can be taken.