

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

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DAS Assignment #1

Name of the defendant: Elizabeth Dyanne Kvothe License number of the defendant: 836642

Date action was taken against the license: 03/05/19

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

There were two charges against the Respondent with the first one being related to the Respondent's condition. Signs of impaired behavior included: slurred speech, the inability to follow commands, appearing lost, and an inability to focus. This condition could have affected her ability to perform nursing duties rationally and accurately such as assessments, judgements, and patient care decisions. The second charge was for unlawful use and possession of Temazepam and Oxazepam. While in use, it could impair the nurse's ability to make appropriate decisions in regards to patient care.

The nurse should have contacted her supervisor about not feeling well enough to work since her level of consciousness was compromised. Perhaps the nurse could not see that she wasn't in the best condition, but her coworkers and patients should have noticed and could have prevented her from working in that state. For the second charge, it is hard to think of any measures that could have been taken to prevent the consequences other than the obvious, don't take the drugs in the

first place. It was the nurse's decision to come into possession of the drugs so it wasn't a mistake that could have been prevented, but rather a personal choice that simply shouldn't have occurred.

In regards to the first charge, the first person to discover this issue might be a coworker that works closely with the Respondent. It would be hard not to notice that the Respondent isn't speaking very clearly, is having trouble keeping up with a conversation, or can't seem to focus, especially during a patient handoff. The coworker should try to ask if the Respondent might be sick or sleepy--basically, how they're feeling--and then let the charge nurse or supervisor know of the Respondent's condition. Doing so could have prevented any mishaps or inaccurate assessments the Respondent might have performed on her patients. The individual who catches the Temazepam and Oxazepam in the Respondent's personal possessions and recognizes those drugs belong to the hospital should immediately report it to the charge nurse.