

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Natalie Martinez

Date: 10/15/2020

DAS Assignment # 4

Name of the defendant: Brittany Renee Waxler

License number of the defendant: 833279

Date action was taken against the license: 12/13/2016

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulations

Use the space below to describe the events which led to action taken against the license. If multiple charges were in play, be sure and cite them, e.g. drug diversion, HIPAA violation, abandonment, forfeiture on student loans, etc.

On or about August 17, 2015 and August 19, 2015, Nurse Brittany Waxler failed to assess vital signs for Patient E.R.

On or about September 5, 2016 and September 6, 2016, she failed to assess vital signs on Patient S.G.

On or about September 7, 2015, Waxler failed to perform wound care on Patient L.W., as ordered by the physician. Additionally, she falsely documented in the patient's medical record that the skilled nurse visit was made.

Use the space below to provide a description of measures you think could have prevented any action being taken against the license and/or would have prevented harm to the patient, if harm occurred.

For the failure to assess vital signs on August 15, 2015, August 19, 2015, September 5, 2016 and September 6, 2016, Nurse Waxler could have delegated her duties to her co-workers if she was too busy. Then communicated with them to make sure they were able to complete what she needed help with. If not, Waxler should have prioritized her tasks and checked the vital signs when she could.

For the incident on September 7, 2015, She stated that the patient refused to be assessed by her, so she obtained information from the patient over the telephone after she explained the importance of her visit and the need to see the patient in person. Waxler should not have obtained information from the patient over the phone because that is a breach of HIPPA confidentiality. After she explained the importance of the visit, she should have explained the risks of not being assessed and then further talked to the patient to see why they were refusing to be seen. If the patient still refused, she should have documented the patient's refusal and what she did to educate the patient about missing the visit.

Use the space below to describe what action you think a prudent nurse would take as the first to person to discover the event described, in other words, you are the one who discovers the patient has been harmed by the nurse or you have discovered the impairment or criminal activity cited in the disciplinary action.

I would offer the nurse help. Then if I knew the nurse falsely documented care, I would report it to the supervisor because it puts the patient at risk.