

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Jeremiah Segura Date: 10/25/20 DAS Assignment # 4

Name of the defendant: May, Amanda Jo License number of the defendant: 935448

Date action was taken against the license: 08/21/2018

Type of action taken against the license: License was Revoked

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.

Amanda May was pulling medications for her patients like any other nurse. However, it was noted that May was pulling narcotics with no documentation after pulling the med. It was also noted that the Narcotics that she was pulling from the medication system was never ordered by any physician. The main narcotic that was pulled by May was morphine. This caused her first set of allegations. She was drug tested, but the first test was negative due to her prescription of hydrocodone she was taking. May was then tested a second time with the results coming back positive for Morphine. This is where serious consequences came into effect. It was also noted that when May was out on the floor, it was reasonable with stipulation that she was honestly impaired to fulfill her nursing duty. Due to the series of events, May had her license revoked.

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.

Unfortunately I feel like this couldn't have been avoided. I say this due to the fact that drug diversions are very secretive. They are never really caught until the job has already been done. Strict laws are in place to give consequences for those who partake in the crime and strict security measures are in store to monitor the pulling and wasting of narcotics. With everything that is set in stone to prevent drug diversions, it honestly doesn't 100% prevent the misuse of

nurses taking narcotics. I will say one thing, if it was with stipulations that May had impaired behavior, it would seem necessary to report such behaviors to protect the patients safety.

Use the space below to describe what action you think a prudent nurse would take as the first 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.

If I was a nurse that saw a little bit of impaired behavior, I would try to secretly assess the impaired behavior of May. If I saw it to be alarming to her patient's safety, I would simply report the issue to the charge nurse. Patient safety is a priority for nurses, so ensuring that her patients are safe is a major concern. When it comes to the drug diversion, I felt like I honestly wouldn't have noticed the abuse of pulling narcotics. It seemed as if May knew what her plan was in pulling the narcotics, but if I did see her secretly pull and waste narcotics with the intent of keeping it a secret, I would also notify the charge nurse. That would also benefit May from taking medications that she did not need to take.