

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Dina Dang

Date: 12/06/2020

DAS Assignment #1

Name of the defendant: Amy Jeannette Banda

License number of the defendant: 772621

Date action was taken against the license: May 14, 2013

Type of action taken against the license: Reprimand and Stipulations- defendant received fines, further education requirements on "Professional Nursing,"

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.

The defendant engaged in an inappropriate and unprofessional relationship with the patient she was caring for. She admitted to kissing the patient twice and exchanging multiple "casual conversation" text messages over a two-week period prior to being caught. This was a violation of the T BON Standards of Nursing Practice.

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.

There are many things that could have been done to prevent this from happening. To start, the defendant should not have engaged in any other type of relationship except a professional one. She should have never kissed the patient or had any contact (texting) with the patient outside of the hospital. Her relationship with the patient should have remained professional, and strictly for nursing care only. By engaging in a different relationship, other than care, she could have injured the patient. The relationship she started with the patient could have caused her to make different decisions regarding the patient's care, therefore resulting in injury. Although injury did not occur to the patient, the defendant could have caused the patient to be confused with the care he was receiving. This could have caused a significant difference in how the patient was receiving and responding to care, like delayed distressed.

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.

The first thing a prudent nurse should do if they found out about this incident is report it immediately to their charge nurse. Once it is reported to the charge nurse, the charge nurse would report it up the chain of authority. Hopefully, the charge nurse would remove that nurse from the patient's care immediately as well. The prudent nurse should also avoid speaking about what has happened to any other colleagues, except those who are necessary in the reporting of the incident.