

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Elizabeth Oroasco

Date: 04/30/2021

DAS Assignment # 1 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Laura Pauline Airhart

License number of the defendant: 669794

Date action was taken against the license: 10/12/2016

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary Surrender

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.

- 1.) Failure at documenting: For the first event, the defendant withdrew Oxycodone and failed to document the administration of the medication to two different patients.
- 2.) Failed procedure for wastage of unused medication: For the second event, the defendant did not follow hospital protocol on how to dispose of unused medication correctly.
- 3.) Misappropriated medication: Defendant misused Oxycodone from the facility and from patients costing money.
- 4.) Impaired behavior: Defendant did not act professional while on duty by having slurred speech and was not able to find a patient's chart that was in front of her. This behavior placed her care of patients in potential danger.

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.

- 1.) One measure that could have prevented any action taken against the license would be the defendant should have properly documented and administered or followed procedure for wastage of Oxycodone the correct way. Also, the defendant should have had professional behavior instead of being impaired while on her shift.

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.

- 1.) A prudent nurse would have alerted the charge nurse or nurse manager immediately once discovering the misuse of Oxycodone by the defendant.