

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Reagan Reynolds    Date: 05-12-2021    DAS Assignment #   2   (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Shiela Ranay Cushenbery

License number of the defendant: 662138

Date action was taken against the license: November 14, 2017

Type of action taken against the license: Limited license 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.*

The defendant's action in this case was caught sleeping on duty. This affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms, or changes in the patients' conditions. Another incident she chose to elevate her feet, due to pedal edema, and dozed off for a few seconds. She states that she has hypothyroidism and was unaware of any changes in her levels at the time of the incident. Upon discovering the severe abnormal levels her medications were corrected.

*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.*

I think that the nurse could have let someone know that she was over tired, that way she could have someone cover for her for the little bit she needed. And mention to the charge nurse or nurse manager of her medical condition so that way if she need to sit and put her feet up that someone could know what she was doing and why. But overall, I think that since she had a medical condition that was causing the tired problem that she should have gotten it taken care of way before she had a sleeping problem from it.

*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 have talked to the charge nurse or the nurse manager and let them know that this nurse was sleeping while she was on shift and while she was taking care of the patients she seemed tired. Also saying that I was worried that she wasn't on top of her game, and it seemed to me like she may be missing some important facts about her patients care.