

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Addison Fassauer

Date: 05/15/2021

DAS Assignment # 4

Name of the defendant: Rebecca Ann Nieman

License number of the defendant: RN 538230

Date action was taken against the license: 08/06/2013

Type of action taken against the license: Limited License

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.

Rebecca Ann Nieman was convicted on or before July 11th, 2011, as she failed to ensure that the patient was timely assessed by a nurse after the patient reported not being seen. The day before the case manager had assess the patient for resumption of services after the patient was treated and discharged for COPD. Rebecca Nieman only called the patient and left a voicemail. During phone tag the case manager advised Rebecca about her conduction of risk of harm to the patient from complications due to delay detection and assessment changes of condition.

As a result, 10 days later, a report was filed against Rebecca from a physical therapist who found the patients oxygen saturation levels to be 68%. Rebecca failed report her assessment of this finding and did not report this to the case manager and she also did not report the dysfunction of the equipment. Rebecca only emailed in a simple manner to the case manager. She failed to mention her findings. 7 hours later the patient was found deceased. As a result, Rebecca was exposed of harm to a patient due to the undiagnosed and untreated disease process which may contributed to the patient demise.

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.

The action taken by the Texas Board of Nursing could have been prevented, and the disciplinary action would have been avoided as well. Preventing the falsified claims made about Rebecca, she could have proved her actions by her documentation. This includes when she called her patient, when she emailed the case manager, explaining the patient's actions, etc. Rebecca did treat this patient. Throughout the process of findings, Rebecca did assess the patient along with calling the patient and emailing the case manager about her oxygen saturation levels findings, but Rebecca did not document. Along with the patient being uncompliant to treatment, the patient was taking off the oxygen mask to go out and smoke multiple times a day and did not think the visit was necessary. Rebecca stated she was using safe practice and good communication skills. Rebecca wishes that she should have documented everything about this patient.

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.

Rebecca did everything as a good nurse should do as in safe practice for her patient. The only fault she performed was not documenting. If I was seeing this happen within my scope, I would make sure to remind my fellow nurse to report all of her findings and make sure she properly documented. I will always remind my fellow employees to document, because as the saying goes, "if you did not document you did not do it."