

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Elizabeth Orosco Date: 5/15/2021 DAS Assignment # 2 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Cynthia Ann Bodine License number of the defendant: 812565

Date action was taken against the license: 4/20/2017

Type of action taken against the license: A warning 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.

- 1.) Lacked fitness- Defendant worked as a school nurse and lacked fitness to provide professional nursing. Defendant was drowsy, not answering questions appropriately, had slurred speech, and did not have any body coordination to perform her job. These actions could have affected how she performed her job and could have put her patients/students in danger. Defendant also could not remember if she had administered medication to several students. Unfortunately, defendant failed to document medication administration to these students as well and this placed the students in danger.
- 2.) Medication unaccounted- Defendant put a student's Ritalin tablet in her pocket and left the campus with it. Also, there was not a physician's order to administer the Ritalin at school.
- 3.) No documentation- There was no documentation on medication administration. Defendant states that her daily log in the electronic system had disappeared regarding the documentation for every child seen that day. Defendant claims that the IT department had wiped out her desktop.
- 4.) Medication side effects- Defendant claims that she had taken a new prescription named Topamax that gave her the side effects and affected the way she acted.

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.) The defendant should have been more responsible and known the side effects of her new medication especially being a nurse and knowing that it is very important to know any side effect to any medication. The defendant should have not been under the influence of these side effects and should have performed her job with more responsibility. She should have known and documented safe medication administration and documented everything that happened that day with the patients/students. Defendant should have made sure she had a physician's order regarding the student's Ritalin and should have not put and kept the student's Ritalin in her pocket. Also, the defendant should have practiced responsibility and documented the way she was supposed to.

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 gone to the next higher up immediately to report that the defendant was under the influence of a new drug and was not documenting anything regarding medication administration or anything regarding her nursing responsibilities with the students. These actions that the defendant was performing were very crucial and could have cost a life or had terrible consequences.