

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Brianna Johnson Date: 05/16/21

DAS Assignment # 2 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Monina Avalos

License number of the defendant: 767016

Date action was taken against the license: 4/21/16

Type of action taken against the license: 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.

The nurse documented that she administered medication to a patient before they were discharged but instead, took the medication home with her. The nurse stated that it was an accident. She stated that her concentration, focus, and judgement were affected after the death of a close friend. The nurse also stated that pre-charting is not her practice and she never meant to take the medications home with her.

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.

A measure that could be taken to prevent the action taken would be to document AFTER administering the medication. Another measure is to administer medication immediately after pulling it from the pyxis. If she put her medication in a tray after pulling it, she wouldn't have taken it home in her pocket. Her failure to administer the medications could have resulted in non-effective treatment.

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 report the incident and document my findings. If I was in the med. room at the time, I would remind that nurse to use a med. tray and not her pockets.

If she continued, I would report the incident immediately. If I was the nurse taking report, I would make sure that the timing of the documentation adds up.

It is important as a prudent nurse to be aware of your patient's response to their treatments. If the therapeutic effect is not being achieved, then the nurse needs to evaluate why. It is also important to be honest with yourself about the status of your mental condition. If you come to work distracted by outside factors, your chance of making mistakes is greater. A prudent nurse is present-minded for their patients and if not, they take the time they need to care for themselves before returning to work.