

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Kambree Irvin

Date: 5/21/21

DAS Assignment # 3 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Aimee Dehart

License number of the defendant: 648203

Date action was taken against the license: November 10, 2015

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

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.

It is reported that this nurse lacked fitness to perform professional nursing. Her appearance was messy, her eyes were red and swollen, and she was found asleep in the treatment room. The state this nurse was in could've affected the care her patients received from her and possibly resulted in a harmful situation. Her condition could have also altered her critical thinking skills and her decisions regarding patient care. It's stated that she was very upset at work and right before her shift started, she had broken up with her serious boyfriend. She cried throughout her entire shift and had a pounding headache. Around 3am she laid down to rest her eyes, since they were sore and bloodshot, and fell asleep. She was awakened around 6am and rushed back to her floor, nervous and shaky because she had not completed her work.

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.

This nurse should not have let her personal life affect her work life. It's a heartbreaking situation, but as a nurse, you are in charge of giving your patients the best possible care no matter what. If this nurse didn't think it was possible to make it through her shift due to her emotions, she could've called in. This would've prevented her from having her license revoked. She could've taken a few days off to pull herself together and then returned to work with a clear mind. Mental health is incredibly important, but nurses have to learn to set their personal problems aside to make sure their patient is provided the safest care. Nurses need to be mentally strong because between personal problems and what they see at work, it can take a toll on their mental state.

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.

If I had found the nurse in this situation, I would report it to the charge nurse first. I would make sure she's aware that the nurse's patients have not been checked on. I would recommend checking on her

patients since they hadn't received care in about 3 hours. We could check if there were any medications that needed to be administered during the hours the nurse was asleep. I could also recommend sending the nurse home for a few days to make sure that this situation does not happen again. Even though this nurse was having very difficult personal problems, it was incredibly careless of her to show up to work in the condition she was in.