

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Emily Autry

Date: 5/25/21

DAS Assignment # 4 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Timothy L. Skaggs

License number of the defendant: 534735

Date action was taken against the license: 6/15/2011

Type of action taken against the license: Remedial education and fine

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.

Timothy Skaggs was charged with providing false, deceptive, and/or misleading information in his renewal application to the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners. The article says that Timothy answered “no” on questions regarding if he had been convicted of any legal charges when he submitted his application in 2003. The Parker County Court had found him guilty of obstructing a highway one year prior to this. He also submitted an application in 2007 where he answered “no” to a similar question regarding legal charges and arrests. In 2000, Timothy was charged with driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana by the Tom Green County Court. Therefore, Timothy falsely answered the questions on his renewal applications which led to the revocation of his nursing license.

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.

Although Timothy did not harm any patients, he did give misleading and/or false information on his renewal application to the Board of Nurse Examiners. Because of that, his nursing license was taken away from him. In order to prevent this from happening to Timothy, he should have just not lied on his application. I’m not sure what would have happened if he would have said yes on those types of questions, but I know he would not have gotten his license taken away for giving false information.

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.

Well in this case it is a little tricky to answer this because no one would most likely be seeing Timothy fill out his application. If I were to see that Timothy selected “no” on those questions of the application and I knew about

his past, I would simply just have to report it to the appropriate person. There is not a whole lot that I could do about that besides tell someone in charge and let them handle it from there. I would also tell Timothy that he should not provide false information on his application. I personally think even if I did see that he provided false information and I did not say anything, he would have been caught anyways because it is a legal document that he lied on.