

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Mariah Mata

Date: 07/31/2021

DAS Assignment # 1 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Stephanie Michelle Andersen

License number of the defendant: 786784

Date action was taken against the license: February 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.

Charge 1: Andersen failed to follow facility's policy and procedure for the wastage of Dilaudid. Andersen wasted the remaining portion after her shift ended.

Charge 2: inaccurate medical record. Andersen falsely documented end of shift vitals for multiple patients without first assessing the patients.

Charge 3: Andersen was observed as drowsy and incoherent. She was seen leaving the restroom with a bloody bandage on her wrist, bloody needles and syringes were found in her belongings. The respondent's actions placed patients in potential danger.

Charge 4: Respondent was convicted of theft, a class B misdemeanor. She was placed on probation for 15 months and ordered to pay a fine.

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.

I think if more disciplinary action would've taken place after the respondent's first conduct in 2012 patients wouldn't have been put in danger and there wouldn't have been a report of theft. The RN had an issue with narcotics and should have been put on probation when she didn't follow the procedure for the wastage of medicine.

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.

A prudent nurse would've reported the incidents immediately to the nurse manager and the board of the hospital. Many rules were broken by this nurse and patients were put in danger. When the nurse was seen leaving the restroom with a bloody bandage on her wrist, she should've been sent home immediately and evaluated for why she was drowsy and incoherent.

