

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Jared Smith

Date: 10/2/2021

DAS Assignment # ____1____ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Jon Lee Brierton

License number of the defendant: 520887

Date action was taken against the license: 05/08/2012

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.

Four Charges of Drug Diversion:

On or about 12/15/09 and 01/08/10 Mr. Brierton withdrew Morphine and Hydromorphone without valid physicians' orders.

On or about 11/05/09 through 01/14/10 Mr. Brierton withdrew Morphine, Demerol, Hydromorphone, and Xanax but failed to document the administration of the medications in the patients eMAR and/or nurses notes.

On or about 11/05/09 through 01/14/10 Mr. Brierton withdrew Morphine, Demerol, Hydromorphone, and Xanax but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedures for the wastage of any of the unused portions of the medications.

On or about 10/21/09 through 01/14/10 Mr. Brierton misappropriated Morphine, Demerol, Hydromorphone, and Xanax belonging to the facility and patients, or failed to take precautions to prevent misappropriation.

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. Consider which universal competencies were violated.

This nurse obviously failed to follow the universal competencies of safety and security through the 7 rights for medication administration as well as documentation, human caring, and maintaining a professional role.

There could have been disciplinary action taken after the very first occurrence of medication misuse, or drug diversion, by Mr. Brierton. Early intervention might not have saved the defendants license however, it would have saved patients from either misadministration of drugs or being defrauded for the cost of medications.

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 immediately report the misconduct to the supervisor or Charge Nurse to protect patients. If I were the one to discover this activity, I would immediately notify my supervisor or Charge Nurse and would probably even confront the individual themselves. I would want to know if they just made a mistake or if it was done on purpose. I would want them to know the importance of correct medication administration and having integrity as a nurse.

References

Texas Board of Nursing - Discipline & complaints - Disciplinary action 10/2012. (n.d.). Welcome to the Texas Board of Nursing Website.

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