

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Arian Tagle

Date:10/01/2021

DAS Assignment # _1_ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Susie Angelina Harvey

License number of the defendant:662691

Date action was taken against the license: 07/21/2011

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.

Susie Angelina Harvey attempted to obtain Soma, Xanax, and Adipex by using an unauthorized name and DEA number assigned to Ken Rogers Smith, MD to call in a prescription for herself. Her action violated the Texas Health and Safety code of Controlled Substance Act. She was let off with a warning along with stipulations that she had to abide by. Some examples of these warnings include: complete a year course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics, complete an online program called "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills", notify employer or future employer of this current order with a copy, obtain randomized monthly drug tests and participate in therapy.

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.

After reading the summary about Harvey from her psychologist, it is safe to say that Harvey portrayed several unprofessional behaviors along with questionable mental attributes that should have been monitored more. Once people are suspected to create unlawful behavior this allows more awareness around the area to prevent any malpractice or danger to the patient. Since there was no patient involved with this incident, I only noticed one major universal competency that Harvey violated, and this was emotional Safety and Security. I stated this violation because Harvey's actions did not promote trust and respect as a nurse should. However, I have recognized that the order did not state whether the provider had signed off for this medication order. In continuing, I have learned that a provider must acknowledge and sign off a verbal or written order within 24 hours after it has been requested. Although I am unsure if this did or did not occur, this action from the provider could have been a major prevention in this matter.

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 was a nurse who discovered Harvey in this action, I would have notified the charge nurse or supervisor that was in charge during this time. Next, I would have called Ken Rogers Smith, M.D, to give him a warning of the incident, tell him to notify anyone who can change his DEA number as soon as possible, and make sure this is not an occurring incident. Lastly, I would call the pharmacy and explain the situation to them so that they are able to discard this order and not give it to Harvey. However, if I had noticed Harvey was leaving before I could reach the supervisor or provider, I would contact the pharmacy first so that Harvey would not be able to obtain this medication.