

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Cristen Moreno

Date: 10/17/2021

DAS Assignment # 3 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Kendra Lynn Anthony

License number of the defendant: 757290

Date action was taken against the license: 07/25/2014

Type of action taken against the license: Enforced suspension

Kendra Anthony was working at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas as a Registered Nurse (RN) during the first occurrence on June 10, 2010. During this time, she participated in drug diversion and produced a positive on a reasonable cause drug screen for Methadone. These actions are not only unlawful, but dangerous for her patients and fellow staff as well due to her impaired judgement. Her second offense was at Parkland Health and Hospital System in Dallas, Texas where she worked as an RN. Kendra admitted to misappropriation of narcotics for her own use. Her third offense was while she was participating in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN), where she produced a positive result in a drug screening for Tramadol. Kendra's fourth offense was at Green Oaks Hospital in Dallas, Texas where she worked as a Registered Nurse. Here she admitted to taking the Norco for her own personal use and this is another case of drug diversion and misappropriation that leaves patients at risk. Her last occurrence was at this same hospital where she produced a positive on a reasonable suspicion drug screening for Codeine, Hydromorphone, Morphine, and Hydrocodone.

Luckily harm did not occur in this case of drug diversion at multiple facilities, that we know of. I do think the stipulation where she has to enroll and complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) is a great start to possibly getting her license back. She did state that since she was not working currently, that she does not pose a threat to anyone, but I think that is false and I agree with the Board's actions in forcefully suspending her license. She was able to work at multiple facilities and perform the same harmful actions so I think there should be better screening processes for Registered Nurses.

If I knew drug diversion and misappropriation was happening, I would report it immediately to the Charge Nurse because it is a question of patient safety at that point. I would not want any further harm to be done to any patients due to lack of judgement and impaired thinking because of the narcotics she was taking. Patients put their trust in us to be in the right state of mind when they are not feeling their best. The unlawful use of narcotics just tells me she was taking it for herself and not medicating her patients correctly and that is unacceptable behavior.