

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Marquyne Leoner C. Ola

Date: October 24, 2021

DAS Assignment # 4

Name of the defendant: Brandy Mae Faust

License number of the defendant: 726037

Date action was taken against the license: May 14, 2013

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.

On or about September 1, 2010 and January 27, 2011, while employed with Methodist Health System, Dallas, Texas, Brandy Mae Faust misappropriated dilaudid from the facility and the patients thereof. Dilaudid is a narcotic medication used to treat pain and it falls under controlled substances and can be addicting if not taken with precautions, hence, nurses are given strict warnings when giving this type of medication. Faust's action was deceptive and was likely to defraud the facility and its patients of the cost of the medications.

Furthermore, on or about January 20, 2012, Brandy Mae Faust was dismissed from Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) due to non-compliance with treatment, drug testing and monthly reporting requirements. Faust's actions deceived patients, their families, her employer, and the public in that they believed her nursing practice was in compliance with all Board Rules and Regulations.

It is therefore decided by the Texas Board of Nursing that due to non-compliance of Faust to undergo treatment of controlled substances, Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 726037, issued to Brandy Mae Faust, be REVOKED.

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.

I think the best measure that could have prevented the action of revoking Faust's license is to never have taken or misappropriated the drug, dilaudid at the very first place. Furthermore, when it was found that she has been misappropriating this type of medication, the Texas Board of Nursing has been merciful to her and gave her the opportunity to heal, better herself so that she can continue to practice as a nurse in the state of Texas. However, she refused to be treated which eventually lead to her license being revoked. As a nurse, she should know better the side effects of taking this narcotic medication. She should have sought help right away when she started to feel she was being addicted to the use of controlled substances because we all know that addictions to such drugs would always end in miserable way. The bad thing about this case is that she was given the chance to get her license back, unfortunately, it might have been too late at that time because she

might have been too dependent on the drug that she even refused to get treated. It is sad to see that our nurses sometimes, can become the source of danger or causing harm to the patients when they are expected to give care, to provide healing. But who are we to judge? We are all humans and the common thing that we can do is committing mistake; nonetheless, mistakes should always build an opportunity for us to better ourselves.

There was no specific harm caused to a patient mentioned in the case. It was only stated that Faust's conduct was deceptive and was likely to defraud the facility and its patients of the cost of the medications.

I think the universal competencies that are violated in this case is Safety of the Patient, proper Documentation of the medications given to the patient, and Professional Role of Nurses.

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 always inform the supervisor or the manager of the facility whenever witnessing this kind of case. When there is misappropriation of medications especially when it involves narcotic drugs, a prudent nurse should not turn a blind eye to what is happening because there is a great risk to the safety of not only the patients but also to other nurses. Furthermore, it can also damage the integrity of the facility and its nurses. A prudent nurse should always be proactive about this kind of situation because it poses a great risk of harm and the very least thing we would want for our patients is injury and destroying oneself at the same time if ever there is an addiction to controlled substances.