

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Makenzie Lovato      Date: 12/30/21      DAS Assignment # 4

Name of the defendant: Melody Adalia Abshier      License number of the defendant: 781489

Date action was taken against the license: March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary Surrender

On or about July 19, 2013, Abshier engaged in the intemperate use of Oxymorphone in that she produced a urine specimen for a pre-employment drug screen, which resulted positive for Oxymorphone. Respondent admitted to taking a friend's Oxymorphone for an infection.

On or about April 3, 2013, Abshier was referred to the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses for drug use, and subsequently signed a Participation Agreement on April 10, 2014. On or about August 20, 2014, Respondent tested positive on a urinary drug screen, and admitted to drinking alcohol. Due to noncompliance with alcohol testing, TPAPN closed her case and referred her to the Texas Board of Nursing.

In response to the previous findings, Respondent states she took half of a Percocet for leg pain caused by an infection. Respondent admits to drinking champagne during a deployment ceremony in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, on August 20, 2014.

By signing this order, Respondent expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license to practice nursing in the State of Texas. After 12 consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.

I believe that this matter was handled correctly and accordingly. Although something that I would have done is after the second time with drugs or alcohol, I would've suspended Abshier as well as taking matters up with the Texas Board of Nursing because at that point she is purposely putting the lives of patient's at risk. At any point and time when being around the patients or even when preparing medications for the patients, she is putting them at serious risk for their health and safety as a result of her impaired nursing due to her being on drugs or alcohol. Several universal competencies could have been violated but were not stated in the order that any patient harm was taken on.

If I were the nurse that would have discovered the first event, I would have immediately taken it up with my charge nurse and made sure that the patients under her care were being taken care of correctly. Also, if I would have had the chance to notice the nurse acting in a odd manner, I would have also brought that to my charge nurse's attention so that it could be handled before it got out of hand and a patient gets harmed.