

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Hans Burda

Date: 5/6/22

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Woods, Virginia Bernice

License number of the defendant: RN 607967

Date action was taken against the license: 1/21/2021

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.

The defendant has a total of 7 charges against her.

Charges 1, 2 and 6 were related to the defendant's impaired behavior and exhibited signs of unstable mental health. The defendant's condition could have affected her ability to provide adequate patient care, putting patients in potential danger. Charge 6 also includes a record that the defendant was witnessed behaving erratically and a strong odor of alcohol was found in her cup.

Charges 3, 4, 5 and 7 were related to medication errors. These charges indicate that the defendant was likely to injure the patient and failure to administer medications as ordered by the physician could have resulted in ineffective treatment and the introduction of adverse reactions from excess dosages.

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.

It seems that the root of the problem lies in the defendant's mental health status. Seeking professional help could have potentially revealed proper self-care activities and healthy coping strategies and may reduce the overall impaired behavior that is dangerous to the nurse and their patients. Being able to make rational choices and assessments when providing care is essential for the patient's overall safety and an impaired mental status cannot guarantee competency in the healthcare field.

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.

Patient safety is first priority so in regards to medication error, the proper interventions and documentation must be implemented according to the procedures of any certain healthcare system. If I was a nurse who has witnessed another nurse with an evident change in mental status, I would have to follow the correct procedures in reporting such instances to the proper authorities going up the chain of command. The earlier the issue is addressed, the less likely it is for a mistake to happen that jeopardizes patient safety.