

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Sadie Soto Date: 05/07/22

DAS Assignment # 3 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Sandy Jean Stephenson

License number of the defendant: 216988

Date action was taken against the license: 08/14/2012

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.*

Misappropriated drug- Ms. Stephenson was charged with misappropriating Dilaudid from the facility where she worked and admitted taking the medication for her own personal use.

Erratically behaving- Stephenson was charged again when she was observed behaving erratically while caring for patients. This could have affected her ability of caring for her patients and caused her to make irrational decisions that puts patients at risk.

Misappropriated drug- Stephenson's third charge was given when she injected herself with Dilaudid while being on duty. She was in the unlawful possession of the medication, and administering it while at work could affect her ability of thinking rationally and lead to injury of her patients.

*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.*

To keep this situation from leading to a license being revoked, Stephenson should not have had Dilaudid within her possession at all and definitely shouldn't have administered it to herself while at work. Working within a professional manner would have kept these charges from occurring.

*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, if she noticed the situation would immediately notify the nursing supervisor or the charge nurse while also making sure that Stephenson wasn't going near her patients. I feel as though she was acting very careless, and this would put her patients at a high risk of something wrong happening to them.