

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Leslie Boatman

Date: 5/19/2022

DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: Lauren Elizabeth Bigony

License number of the defendant: 852374

Date action was taken against the license: 4/22/2021

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulations and Fine

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.

Ms. Bigony had a patient that she was monitoring after the patient got out of surgery. The patient had an order for 10 mcg of Fentanyl to be administered every five minutes. The nurse, however, gave the took it upon herself to give the patient 20 mcg of Fentanyl in a single dose. She stated that she did this because the patient was in a lot of pain, and she figured if the physician was there, that he would have given her that verbal order at the bedside. She then falsely documented that she gave two separate doses of the drug, each five minutes apart, which was the actual order.

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.

Although no harm occurred to the patient, there definitely could have been. The nurse went completely out of her scope of practice by giving more of the medication than what was ordered for the time frame that she gave it in. Even if she did make the right call, it was not her place to do so. She should have contacted the patient's physician to get an actual order written if the patient was really in that much pain. If she would have done this, most likely the doctor would have put the order in, and then the nurse could give the medication. By giving too much of the dose, she breeched safety and security of the universal competencies because the patient was not given the correct seven rights. She also lied on documentation which is another violation of the universal competencies. If you have to lie about what you did on documentation, then you probably should not have done what you did. She should have just contacted the doctor and waited for him to put an order in.

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.

If I discovered that a coworker had given more of a dose of drug than what was ordered, and then lied about it on documentation, I would first give her a chance to turn herself in to the charge nurse. If she chose to not tell the charge nurse, I would tell the charge nurse myself. This may have been the first time that Ms. Bigony chose to give a bigger dose than the doctors orders, or it may have been the hundredth time. If she lies on documentation, there is really no way to know. If she continued to go against doctor's orders when she felt it was appropriate, eventually, it could be detrimental to the patient. Most of the time, the patient would probably be okay, but nurses need to be held accountable before harm is caused to the patient.