

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: **Angelique Fuambu**
Assignment # 4 (1-4)

Date: **5/27/2022**

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Name of the defendant: **Julia Hultz**

License number of the defendant: **796426**

Date action was taken against the license: **November 13, 2018**

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

Drugs diversion is a risk not only for the person taking the medicine, but also for the patients, colleagues, the hospital and the entire health care system.

In the case of Julia Hultz, she was first charged with multiple counts of medications diversion (Dilaudid) for personal use. In the second charge, she engaged in the intemperate use of Amphetamines, Nordiazepam, Oxazepam, Temazepam, Clonazepam, Triazolam, and Hydromorphone Her last offense was the engagement in the intemperate use of alcohol while on work duty.

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.

When medications intended for patients are not administered, symptoms such as pain, are not relieved. Patients may be exposed to additional risks due to certain decisions such as a prescription of an increase doses to remedy the lack of pain control. Situations like this cause harm to the patients. Julia should not have taken medication from her work especially Narcotics which are count medication. Also by using anxiety medications and alcohol at work, she put herself in a state likely to compromise the quality of care and services. Julia should have avoided being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, narcotics, hallucinogens, or any other substance capable of producing intoxication, impairment or disturbance of faculties or unconsciously putting her patient in an unsafe situation.

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.

As a prudent nurse, I would have notified the charge nurse of the situation and without violating HIPPA, monitored the patient to make sure his is safe and then check the documentation to provide accuracy.