

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Reagan Pearson Date: DAS Assignment # 2 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Kenneth Alan Cohen License number of the defendant: 512417

Date action was taken against the license: June 10, 2014

Type of action taken against the license: Restricted

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.

On September 23, 2013, Mr. Cohen was issued an order for emergency restriction of his license to practice as a CRNA and a ARNP. Mr. Cohen admitted without persuasion to the Impaired Practitioner Program for the Board of Nursing that he had diverted fentanyl from his current place of practice. Mr. Cohen was sent to rehab and was under evaluation by a psychiatrist. Where Dr. D.M. (his psychiatrist) diagnosed Cohen with opioid dependence, benzodiazepine abuse, anxiety disorder, and bipolar disorder. He later broke attendance stipulations with his IPN and was considered non-compliant leading to the restriction of his license until IPN notifies TBON that Mr. Cohen is safe to practice.

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.

Luckily no harm came to any patients while Mr. Cohen was practicing. He did the right thing by contacting IMPP. Cohen violated his professional role the moment he diverted medications for personal use. The diversion of medications is coming more common every day. There needs to be better systems put in place that ensures that it is close to impossible to divert medications.

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.

Mr. Cohen turned himself in as sought out treatment. He knew what he was doing was wrong and is seeking help for his addiction problems. A prudent nurse if they discovered that Mr. Cohen was diverting meds

should go talk to administration as soon as possible and describe the event truthfully and in full detail. No patient was harmed by Mr. Cohen according to the legal document.