

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Saul Benavidez

Date: 08/26/2022

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Miriam Ivone Rubio
755039

License number of the defendant:

Date action was taken against the license: 07/30/2020

Type of action taken against the license: REMEDIAL EDUCATION

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10) & (13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on June 23, 2020. During the initial occurrence Miriam Rubio was an RN in the Labor and Delivery Unit in The Hospitals of Providence Transmountain Campus in El Paso, Texas. Around May 10th through May 11th, 2019, Miriam Rubio failed to document, accurately document or completely document medicine administration in the patients MAR and Nurse's Notes. Miriam Rubio's decisions formed false medical records risking the patient's health through med errors. Moreover, this decision also effected the hospital by violating Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Throughout the same days Miriam withdrew Hydrocodone and Acetaminophen for patients but did not follow the hospitals policy and procedure for wasting unused amounts of the medication, leaving medications unaccounted for, misleading the hospital pharmacy and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code. She also was accused of misappropriating six tablets of Hydrocodone 325/5mg and two tablets of Acetaminophen 500 mg belonging to facility and patients or didn't take precautions to prevent such misappropriations. These actions were likely to defraud the facility and patients for the price of the medication and is a violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

The measures that could have possibly prevented any action being taken against the license is to practice and apply Universal Competencies when managing patient care since they are incorporated in every interaction a nurse has with a patient. The Universal Competency of Safety and Security (Physical) of the patients are at risk when critical elements such as the 7 rights for Medication Administration are not applied before, during, and after Medicine Administration. The Universal Competency of Communication is an important tool for nursing staff to teach patients on medication safety, procedures, or treatment plans keeping the patient informed and aware of the future. The Universal Competency of Human Caring must be felt by the patient through the nurses' actions by spending time, listening to their concerns, and involving them in their plan of care to promote better quality life for them. The Universal Competency of Critical Thinking has important elements for patient safety and high-quality care that include decision making, evaluations and revisions of interventions, and assessments related to patients' symptoms by utilizing the SBAR protocol. The Universal Competency of Documentation is the Nurse's most important tool to show evidence of your work and health status of the patient throughout your care.

