

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Thalia Cole

Date: 9-2-22

DAS Assignment # 1 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Patricia Sibley Anthony

License number of the defendant: 714398

Date action was taken against the license: 10/24/19

Type of action taken against the license: Probated suspension

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.

- Charge 1: The nurse was employed as a case manager and failed to timely assess the patient or ensure the LVN under her supervision would assess the patient after being informed by the family member about the patient's cough and congestion.
- Charge 2: The nurse failed to instruct the LVN that went to go assess the patient to call 911 after receiving the vitals of blood pressure 130/110 and heart rate of 62 with having difficulty breathing, profuse sweating, and coughing. She instructed the LVN to go home and asked her to check on him in the morning. The following day the LVN found the patient in worse condition and called the nurse to report. The nurse declined for the LVN to call an ambulance. The nurse calls the family member after speaking with the LVN instead of going to the patient's home to take him to the emergency room due to his anxiety, agitation, aggression, the nurse was worried the patient would harm himself or others if the family member did not take him instead of an ambulance. The patient was rushed to the ICU unit and passed away 10 days later in the hospital. The nurse's conduct resulted in a delay in emergency treatment for the patient that was needed to prevent further complications.
- Charge 3: The nurse failed to timely arrange a physician evaluation of the patient's condition. This conduct was likely to injure the patient in the significant changes in the patient's respiratory status may have gone undetected and prevented a timely intervention.

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.

- **Critical thinking:** The nurse failed on deliberate and rational thinking that focuses on clinical decision-making.

-The nurse failed in decision-making to facilitate patient outcomes using SBAR communication. The nurse did not focus on the current condition the patient was in and did not further assess after the LVN reported the vitals and symptoms to the nurse.

-The nurse failed to use evidence-base practice with the conditions the patient was in.

The nurse failed to evaluate the plan of care, and treatment plans or notify the physician in the patient's poor condition.

- The nurse failed to provided emergency care when the patient was showing signs of distress.

- **Communication:** The nurse failed to interact with the caregiver, and the patient's family on the patient-related or professional concerns.
- **Human caring and relationship:** The nurse failed to engage with the patient on not listening to the needs or checking on the patient or including the patient in plan of care.

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 would have performed focus assessments to the patient after receiving the critical vital signs from the LVN. The nurse would have instructed the LVN to stay with the patient until she arrives to assess and call an ambulance due to the patient's distress.
- A prudent nurse would have reported the finding to the physician right away when symptoms were first discovered and not waited days to do something about it.
- A prudent nurse would have been more engaged in the patient's plan of care and providing communication with the patient on reporting the symptoms worsening.
- A prudent nurse would have not delayed on patient's critical symptoms for the following day to reassess. The nurse would have taken action that very moment on being informed on the worsening symptoms.