

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Savannah Thomas

Date: 10-20-22

DAS Assignment # __1__ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Jimmy Linn Clifton

License number of the defendant: 239746

Date action was taken against the license: September 13, 2011

Type of action taken against the license: disciplinary action

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.

- The action that was taken against Clifton was legal and disciplinary action. It included the following charges, Attempt to possess a controlled substance by fraud, possession of a controlled substance by fraud, license revoked by the state of New Mexico, license revoked by the state of Tennessee, license revoked by the state of Kansas, 5 counts of attempted to obtain and obtained a controlled substance by fraud (committed on January 6, 2008, through April 12, 2008), and 3 counts of attempted to obtain and obtained a controlled substance by fraud (committed on April 26, 2008, through May 3, 2008).

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.

- I think that a measure that could have been taken to prevent these actions is a better system for obtaining controlled substances. Now in hospitals medication rooms and machines such as the Pyxis are used to ensure that no drugs are going missing however, in 2008, there could have been better protocol in place. I also think that having a policy in place to make sure that the nurse had a witness when pulling and wasting controlled substances could have helped prevent these charges from being brought against Clifton.

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.

- I think that the prudent nurse would report the findings immediately to the charge nurse. If a nurse is stealing drugs and controlled substances, it could be potentially harmful or dangerous to patients on the floor and a prudent nurse would recognize that immediately.