

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Joanna Laguna

Date: 10/23/22

DAS Assignment # 1 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Friend, Catherine McAuliffe

License number of the defendant: RN 526104, LVN 78804

Date action was taken against the license: 14 – Jun -16

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulations

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.

HIPAA violation. The defendant was reported to have accessed and disclosed confidential health information to co-workers by not logging off the computer she used. Additionally, the file was of a patient who she was not involved with and did not have the patient's consent. Also, the defendant has her log-in password on her clipboard, which is a security issue.

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.

Advocate for patient's emotional safety and security. It is pertinent to the patient's rights that we maintain the confidentiality of their information while we are in charge of their care. So, make sure all appropriate measures are taken to maintain confidentiality throughout the shift. If it gets busy, organize time and make sure all safety measures are taken properly in order to protect the patient and the nurse herself. Make sure to save and close all assigned patient files and log off on all computers immediately after use. Avoid accessing other patient's files, especially if they are not assigned. Lastly, if it is hard to remember a password, make sure that it is written and hidden somewhere secure so that no one can gain easy access to it.

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 provide privacy and promote trust and security . If I had discovered such offense, I would first log off the computer if it was not in use and no nurse is around for it, making sure

pertinent information remains confidential without impeding with the nurse's work. Then I would let the nurse know that I logged her out for safety reasons and notify her about the consequences of her actions in a professional manner. If such actions are repeated again, then I would report to my charge nurse to proceed with the appropriate actions.