

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Gabby Barrientes Date: 11/11/2022 DAS Assignment # 3 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Misty Pullen License number of the defendant: 795480

Date action was taken against the license: 11/10/2020

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

The events taken against the license were, Pullen falsely documented a Fentanyl IV and she made up a false medical record of her patient to make it look like she distributed the medication, but nobody knows where the medication actually went. Pullen also did the same thing with a different patient and pulled Dilaudid from the pyxis and never used any of her medications. It shows on the image it was overridden by a MD. The hospital never found out where Pullen actually wasted her med, or if she ever did. Pullen then at a different hospital she was working at failed to document a pain assessment or any reassessments on a Labor and Delivery floor, it does not specify if it was the mother or the child, but either is just as careless, and could have easily put the patient in danger of a life or death situation. Pullen was also charged with dispensing medication without a valid physician's order.

These actions could have been easily prevented by checking the pyxis and looking at Pullens charting. The pyxis override by a doctor is a suspicious activity because the nurse is the one pulling the medication. As for the charges on Pullen's assessment of patients, the nurses that took over Pullen's shift could have realized that no assessments were ever made and could have been brought to the attention of the charge nurse on shift. The universal competency violated here is critical thinking. Pullen not doing any kind of assessments on these patients could have led to worse outcomes due changed vitals or complicated symptoms.

As a prudent nurse and saw a nurse not doing any kind of assessment on any of her patients I would confront the situation and ask why she is not doing them. If she continued not to do any kind of assessment, then I would bring it to the charge nurse on the clock at the time, not only to protect Pullen as a colleague but to protect all patients. Furthermore, if I saw Pullen overriding medications, or not disposing of medications properly, that is something that needs to be

brought to the charge nurse immediately. Messing with the pyxis can be a serious offense and lead to multiple people being brought into a situation they should not be a part of in the first place. The documentation of any names in the pyxis that goes along with Pullen's actions could be immediately terminated, rather they knew what Pullen was doing or not with the medications she was withdrawing.