Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Date: DAS Assignment # _2_____ (1-4)

Rebecca Harvey 01/27/2023

Name of the defendant: License number of the defendant: 771548

Julie Jean Brestle

Date action was taken against the license: June 6, 2016

Type of action taken against the license:

Warning with stipulations and a fine

Use the space below to describe the events which led to the action(s) 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

Ms. Brestle was reported to the board of nursing for falsifying documents in relation to her PALS certification and the expiration date. She was applying for a travel position and provided a document that did not match records in regards to the correct expiration date.

She, however, did provide proof to the board that the PALS certificate never expired and completed education prior to her sanctioning. Due to her actions before the proceedings Ms. Brestle, was only issued a warning with stipulations and a fine.

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.

If in fact the document that was provided to the agency was falsified and she was not appropriately certified to perform pediatric advanced life support she could have put herself and her patients in a life threatening situation. Pediatric patients, in my opinion, bring a totally different type of need to nursing, especially when they need advanced care. Falsifying records in regards to helping these patients is absolutely unethical and could have ultimately cost a pediatric patient their life. It is an offense that should have severe consequences.

She could have prevented this charge from the board by notifying the potential hiring company of the correct status of her PALS expiration and by making sure that all of her documents were correct before jumping into a travel assignment. In this case, being upfront and honest with the company and potentially waiting an additional week to start a travel assignment would have kept her out of trouble and never put any patients in harms way.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Ms Brestle broke the universal competencies of communication and professional role. If she had communicated clearly about the expiration of her PALS certificate she would have prevented any misunderstandings in regards to this matter.

In addition, it appears and is greatly possible that she purposely tried to deceive the company by providing fals information. This is unethical and unacceptable behavior by any nurse. Nurses are held to a higher ethical standard by the board of nursing and the public in general. It is important for us as nurses to live up to the standards and provide a high level of care to our patients.

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.

Any prudent nurse who recognizes a license in default status or a potentially fraudulent documentation that says a nurse has skills that they might not necessarily have has a legal obligation to immediately report the incident. I as the prudent nurse would have done just that. Luckily, in this case, no patient was harmed or impaired by the negligent actions of this nurse. Based on what I read it appears that the nurse either realized she had made a mistake or realized she had been caught for fraud and knew she would be in trouble if they determined she purposely committed fraud. She did take the correct actions to prove to the board that it was an honest mistake. I can commend her for these actions and hope that she learned a lesson of taking the time to clearly communicate and double check her documentation in these situations in the future.