

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Katy Needham

Date: 2-3-23

DAS Assignment # 3 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Brooke Barry

License number of the defendant: 740952

Date action was taken against the license: August 20th, 2013

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

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.

While working as a charge nurse Mrs. Barry removed a total of ten Hydrocodone tablets from the Pyxis but failed to document the administration of those medications. She also failed to follow the hospital's policy on wasting unused medicine and therefore ten pills went unaccounted for. Mrs. Barry agreed to a drug test per request of the hospital and it came back negative.

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.

I do believe that the license being revoked was the correct action because Mrs. Barry endangered her patients and broke a policy. Perhaps though because the drug screen did come back negative, she could have been demoted and suspended in order to save her license. Re-training would have been helpful as well because it could reinforce the importance of the medication wastage policy.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Mrs. Barry violated her professional role and safety universal competencies. By not documenting, she endangered her patients in two ways. One if they did not actually receive the drug then they were left in pain. Two by not documenting she could have caused an overdose on hydrocodone for her patients. She failed in her professional role as a nurse because she broke a policy, failed to document, and endangered 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.

If I discovered what Mrs. Barry was doing, I would report her. Let HR handle her while I checked on the patients. I would determine if and when they received the medicine so no further mistakes/ harm would occur.