

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Katelyn Kelley

Date: 3/12/23

DAS Assignment # 1 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Sosamma Abraham

License number of the defendant: 585236

Date action was taken against the license: November 12th, 2014

Type of action taken against the license: The nurse was given education classes to take within the year as well as having to be supervised while at work by another RN. There was paperwork assigned to her to inform her future employers of the stipulations on her license and the RN that would be supervising her. The RN that would be supervising her also had to fill out paperwork to send to the TXBON. The nurse was also ordered to provide her employer with a Form of Employment to fill out and return to the TXBON within five days of being an employee. These stipulations were to last two years and the nurse was required to work 64 hours a month for the next 24 months she worked as a nurse. She was not allowed to be an agency nurse, work in home health, hospice, be on a nurse registry, or have multiple employers. However, it shows her license is revoked on the TXBON website. This may be a failure to comply with the stipulations placed on her.

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.

This nurse was taking care of a patient with extremely low blood sugars. According to the findings page, the patient came in with a low blood sugar of 20 and was required to have glucose checks every two hours. The nurse was working the night shift and did not document sugars from 0120 to 0545. When the patient was checked on at 0600, the blood sugar had dropped to 26 and the patient coded. They were moved to ICU and died three days later. The nurse ultimately did not document the blood sugar even though she claimed that the AccuChecks were completed as ordered by the physician.

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.

Nurses should always document no matter what. The nurse also should have known how sick the patient was and performed the AccuChecks as ordered or at least placed the machine back in the slot to document what sugars she took. Documentation will always save a nurse's back because it shows if you did or did not do something.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Critical thinking was compromised because she may not have placed this patient as her biggest priority since she most likely failed to check their blood sugars knowing how ill the patient was. Documentation was also violated in this case. She claims she checked the sugars as they were ordered but there was no

documentation done to prove that she did the sugars. Nurses must always document because if it is not documented then it did not occur.

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 would immediately report this to my charge nurse and instructors. This patient was extremely sick, and they needed immediate care. Informing the charge and others would allow them to have gotten care quickly and may have saved their life.