

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Shelby Alexander

Date: 4/6/23

DAS Assignment # ____3____ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Sonya Melissa Wildcat

License number of the defendant: 769501

Date action was taken against the license: September 8, 2015

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.

The nurse failed to move a patient to the infirmary who fell out of his bunk and complained of numbness, tingling, and neck pain. He then fell out of his bunk again later that day and was unable to move his extremities. She did not notify the PCP of the patient's condition and she also did not document any of her assessments or findings on the patient.

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.

The nurse should have documented her assessments on the patient when he fell out of bed. The patient should have been removed from his cell and given a thorough assessment instead of being left alone where he subsequently fell again. The PCP was also not notified which should have been a priority with the symptoms he presented.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

The main universal competency broken was documentation. She didn't document any of her assessments on the inmate which could have ended in detrimental effects. Since she did not document any of her assessments or findings we cannot truly know if the nurse intervened or not. The other universal competency broken was critical thinking. The doctor was not notified of the patient's condition or the critical symptoms he exhibited; the nurse should have known that his symptoms warranted a call to the doctor.

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.

First, make sure that the patient was stable, in the infirmary, and that the doctor had been notified of the patient's condition. After that, ask why the nurse did not document her assessments/findings or notify the physician. The nurse gave reasoning that if they performed an assessment and there was no findings then as

a facility they regularly didn't document it. Facility policy may need to be changed along with the nurse's thinking and actions. All of these things should have been done by the nurse as they are essential parts to nursing. Since she did not perform them, her license did have good reason to be revoked.