

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Brianna Amaya Date: 4-14-23 DAS Assignment # 4 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Tammy Sue Wagstaff License number of the defendant: 606681

Date action was taken against the license: February 11, 2021

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary surrender, License was Revoked.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.

A patient had gone into the ER that had “become progressively less alert, hypoxic and hypotensive.” The nurse did not make sure the patient was wearing their BiPap mask and did not give the patient the IV fluids the HCP had ordered for the patient. The patient ended up coding and then passing from undetected and untreated changes in cardiovascular status.

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.

In my opinion had she done what she was supposed to do as a nurse and also followed doctors orders the patient would not have expired. If the patient is altered and hypoxic, I would ensure that they had the BiPap on correctly and that the patient was not removing it because that is what is keeping oxygen going through their body. Patient also should have been connected to a monitoring system that would alarm the nurse's desk if something was happening to the patient that could have also prevented this from happening.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

She violated safety and security with the patient since the patient ended up coding and expiring. She didn't promote trust with the patient or attend to the patients needs. She had no human caring because she didn't care enough to even follow the doctor's orders and give fluids or even ensure the patient had his BiPap on. The nurse also to me had zero critical thinking going on with this patient.

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 it was me who had discovered the patient in the state prior to coding I would put the BiPap on connect the patient to a monitor and document my actions in the patient's chart. I would then speak to the nurse about the

patient and then speak with the charge nurse, house supervisor, and make an incident report concerning the nurse. Especially if what I had done did not help the patient not code and expire. If the patient still expired, I would then contact HR and make sure my charting was complete and accurate as to not be incriminated with the nurse who was at fault for being negligent.