

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Alaejah Morrison Date: 8/25/2023 DAS Assignment # 1 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Elizabeth Opal Cooke License number of the defendant: 814632

Date action was taken against the license: 14th day of February, 2017

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.

Charge 1

During her shift at Baylor Scott and White Hillcrest Medical Center, Elizabeth Cooke had a white box, syringe, a hair band, and a spoon in her bag. The bag was tested positive for methamphetamine. This type of medication is heavily addictive and would be mentally altering. A nurse on this type of medication during her shift would be putting patients at risk.

Charge 2

Cooke left her shift without giving a report of her assignments to the oncoming nurse, this could have resulted in poor care for her patients.

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.

Charge 1

Not only should Cooke not have those items in the facility, she as a nurse should not be taking a unprescribed drug. Doing this she put herself and most of all her patient at a high risk of danger. If she didn't have drugs in her purse her licenses wouldn't have been revoked.

Charge 2

Cooke should have stayed to give report, as a nurse, you are not supposed to leave until you have passed the most recent information about your patient's on to the next nurse. This

could have resulted in a nurse not knowing a change in patient's condition or without a nurse there to take care of these patients.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Cooke violated her professional role because she was not prepared to help her patients properly. With the presence of methamphetamine on her person, it is not specially said if she was under the influence, but this violates the nurse's ability to perform. Cooke also failed to perform critical thinking by not prioritizing giving report for the safety of her 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.

As a nurse if I were aware of another nurse having any substances on her person, I would immediately inform my charge nurse. In addition, I would volunteer myself to monitor Cooke's patients until a new nurse arrived.