Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Priscilla Garcia Date: 09/05/2023 DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: Peggy Melissa Register License number of the defendant: 864491

Date action was taken against the license: 07/23/2015

Type of action taken against the license: Reprimand with stipulations

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.

- Nurse administered a heavy alert paralytic medication to her patient rather than the antibiotic prescribed, because of this the patient went into cardiac arrest and had to be resuscitated.

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.

- *This nurse was a new employee to the hospital, she was four months in, and I believe it was her responsibility to learn the hospitals policy regarding how the pyxis dispenses medications with black box warnings such as paralytics.*
- *I believe this nurse could have prevented this mistake by verifying the medication as she received it from the pyxis. I have seen how easy it can potentially be to grab the wrong medication so a double check that takes less than a minute can be very crucial in making sure our patient gets the right medication.*
- *I believe had this nurse not overrode the double check warning on her pyxis it could have prevented this medication error as well as had this nurse did her final check at the bedside before administering the medication.*

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

- *Safety and security- by not preforming the seven rights of drug administration. This nurse failed to verify medication in the medication room and overrode the double check warning on her pyxis. This nurse grabbed a paralytic medication that required heavy monitoring of the patient and shouldn't be given without protected airway rather than an antibiotic the patient was prescribed. The nurse also failed to do a final verification of the drug at the bedside.*
- *Communication- Had this nurse communicated this drug and possible side effects with patient it would have required her to check the medication she was giving to the patient.*
- *Human Caring- This nurse did not have a caring manner when she overrode the double check message on the pyxis. Our patients depend on us administering the right medications, and it is*

negligent to not double check the medications we are giving to our patient especially when we are prompted to do so.

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 believe had a prudent nurse found the patient unresponsive she would first call rapid response and start taking the necessary measures to save this patient. I believe a prudent nurse would document all her finding to the charge nurse and to the rapid response team and not leave this patients side.