Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Voltaire A. De Vera Date: 11/09/2023 DAS Assignment # ___3_____ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Franklina Gyamfua Asabere License number of the defendant: 911554

Date action was taken against the license: 04/25/2019

Type of action taken against the license: Warning 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.

Sometime on May 27, 2017, the alleged respondent, employed at Southwest Correctional Medical Group was taking care of an inmate with restraints. However, she failed to assess and complete a restraint check according to the policies and procedures of said facility which is to check patients with restraints every 15 minutes and document. The said respondent failed or inaccurately documented the patient's record that she had completed to check the restraints. This inaction or omission of act thereby putting unnecessary risk or injury to the patient's extremities, and I quote "the respondent's conduct exposed the patient at risk of harm from potentially adverse complications undetected changes in circulation of the restrained limbs and created an inaccurate medical record.

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 alleged respondent, with more than 4 years of professional nursing experience, could have thought about checking the patients with restraints according to the policies and procedures of the said facility. Given the benefit of doubt, she could have ask the charge nurse or house supervisor regarding policies on patients' with restraints.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

I think the universal competencies that were breached is safety and security, critical thinking, human caring and documentation. Restraints are ordered for many reasons. In this case, it is because the patient is an inmate. Inmates are required to be on restraints when in hospital for the safety and security of the staff as well as with other patients. Though they may be inmates, caregivers are still obliged to perform their duties within the standards of practice without discrimination and doing what

is right. In this case, it was checking the restrained extremities for any breach of skin integrity and adequacy of blood perfusion. Critical thinking and human caring entails us to think what might happen if the said restraints are too tight affecting the skin integrity of the limbs or obstructing the blood flow to the limbs. Documentation must be accurate as to the presence or absence thereof tissue breakdown.

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.

Staff nurses should be aware of policies and protocols of the facility where they work. If in doubt, ask fellow caregivers on that shift regarding best practice for inmates with restraints. If somebody found out that the inmate wasn't check, remind the one who is caring to check that individual according to the policies. Most of all, prioritization and organization must be practiced so that timely intervention be provided to patient care.