

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: **Ameer Haron**

Date: **08/19/24**

DAS Assignment #**1**

Name of the defendant: **ELIZABETH CLAIRE STURMAN**

License number of the defendant: **757496**

Date action was taken against the license: **JUNE 12, 2015**

Type of action taken against the license: **SUSPENSION**

- *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.*
 - o **Elizabeth Claire Sturman had multiple unprofessional actions that is considered a violation of her RN license according to the Texas Board of Nursing. These actions included: diverting drugs for personal use, falsely documenting the administration of Norco to her patient, misappropriated Norco that belongs to the facility, failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation and using fraudulent written prescription to obtain Hydrocodone for a CVS pharmacy and Tom Thumb Pharmacy. These unprofessional actions all lead to inaccurate medical records and abuse of drugs.**
 - o **The incident where she falsely documented the administration of Norco to her patient raises a lot of question and multiple mistakes on her part. These types of behavior could be used as an indication that she has a drug addiction towards Norco. She falsely documented to feed her addiction and she also put her patients life at risk by not giving the patient the medication they needed.**
 - o **Elizabeth used a fraudulently prescription, by using the name and DEA number assigned to Shannon McCants, M.D., to obtain Hydrocodone from 2 different pharmacies. This is against the law and she clearly has a drug addiction by this point**

- *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, if she knew that she had a drug addiction, she should have tried to get some help before it was too late. Clearly, she was more concerned about her drug addiction than actually trying to take care of her patient.

- *Identify ALL universal competencies were violated and explain how.*

Documentation was violated by falsely documenting the administration of Norco to her patient and her patient not receiving the medication.

Critical Thinking was violated when she exhibited drug seeking behavior because that affects her ability to take care of her patient the right way. She also violated it by using a fake prescription to acquire Hydrocodone

Safety and security was violated when she did not give the Norco to her patient which left her patient in pain and at risk of their health being compromised in a life threatening way.

- *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 i was the first person to discover er addiction, I probably would have talk to her in private and offered my help for her to get treatment. I would help her find a rehabilitation place and I would try to be supportive towards her. I would then tell my charge nurse about the situation and acknowledge them to try to help her.