

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Ernie Falcon    Date: August 26,2024    DAS Assignment # 2

Name of the defendant: Meghan Manon Stephens    License number of the defendant:815007

Date action was taken against the license: July 14, 2022

Type of action taken against the license:

- *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. **On August 11, 2018, the nurse diverted 17 Promethazine 25 mg. blister packets belonging to the facility and patients. She failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. The packets were found in the nurse's purse. On the same day showed signs of impaired behavior while on duty. She showed signs of being dazed, incoherent, drowsy, unable to complete sentences, unable to follow directions, fidgety, giggling and laughing while talking/mumbling to herself.***
- *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 this matter, the nurse was taking medications not only from the hospital inventory but from the patients to. She took it upon herself to come into work with signs of her being on some kind of drug(s). The only thing that I can maybe think of preventing harm to patients is, management or the charge nurse could have had sent her. Maybe done a sobriety test on her.***
- *Identify ALL universal competencies were violated and explain how. **The main one is safety competencies of the patient and staff. It affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, therefore placing the patient's in potential danger.***
- *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 would have had gone to the charge nurse and mentioned the things the nurse was presenting with. The report did not say if any patients were harmed. Of course her impairment was her showing signs of being incoherent , drowsy and unable to complete sentences. They should of done a sobriety test on her. There are many things that could of gone***

wrong in this situation. She could have had given wrong meds to the patients and really hurt someone.