

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Juliana Adams Pogoy

Date: 08/30/2024

DAS Assignment # 2_____

Name of the defendant: Karen Janet Schatte

License number of the defendant: 534653

Date action was taken against the license: 11/13/2018

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with fine

- *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.*

Karen Janet Schatte was a registered nurse at Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital when she violated some universal competencies. She was assigned with an infant at this time. She was ordered by a physician to administer a tube feeding to the infant but failed to administer the said tubing. On this same day, she documented that she was able to administer the feeding tube to the patient despite failing to do so. The RN stated in response to these facts that she placed the baby's breast milk in the warmer to follow the scheduled feeding. She also stated that she had believed that she was able to start the feeding, documented that she was able to feed the patient, and forgot to change this documentation. As a result of her actions, she received an order of warning with fine.

- *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.*

A measure that could have prevented this from being happening could have been the nurse focusing on one task at a time or one patient at a time. If she was able to focus on the infant and put a reminder on herself about it, she could have been able to administer the tube feeding on time. She could have also went back, check on the patient again and confirm if she administered the feeding on the infant before actually documenting. As she also goes through everything she needs to document, she could have also thought first and made sure that she was able to do all the stuff she was about to document before putting anything down on the medical record.

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

Karen Janet Schatte violated the universal competency of critical thinking. Being busy is not an excuse to fail on administering a tube feeding. Prioritizing her task could have prevented this from happening. Deciding which patients should be checked first and attend to their needs first before moving on to another patient could have helped. Not administering a tube feeding could have affected the patient badly. It could lead for the treatment to be non-effective. She also violated the universal competency of documentation. Falsely documenting could have hurt the patient. This could have resulted in the patient having more of what was ordered or less which could have harmed the patient. All these lead to inaccurate care plan for the patient affected.

- *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 saw the nurse looking so busy, I would have reminded her to slow down and prioritize which patients she needed to attend first. I could have told her to always double check and be 100% sure if she was able to administer a tube feeding, meds, or whatever else the physician had ordered for the patient before documenting anything. If I saw her preparing the supplies needed for tube feeding, I would ask her if she was able to successfully administer the tube feeding as a reminder about it before she was able to document. If she would not listen to me, I would then let the charge nurse take care of this matter.