

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Abigail West Date: 10/25/24

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Vickey Rodgers

License number of the defendant: Registered Nurse License Number 629565 & Vocational Nurse License Number 112106

Date action was taken against the license: May 3, 2022

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary surrender

- *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 July 31, 2021, Vickey Rodgers was working in the emergency department as a registered nurse. Vickey had a registered nursing license which was her current status at the time. Vickey also had a vocational nursing license that was in delinquent status. In this Order written by The Board of Nursing, registered nurse Vickey Rodgers failed to give the appropriate care to a patient in respiratory distress. The pediatric patient arrived at the emergency department presenting with symptoms of shortness of breath, and breathing with accessory muscles.

Upon arriving at the emergency department, Registered Nurse Vickey Rodgers, turned the patient away and stated they would have to wait their turn. This very obviously upset the mother. The mother then drove to a gas station and called EMS in which EMS then picked up the pediatric patient and stated that including shortness of breath and breathing with accessory muscle, the patient also had an elevated pulse rate and elevated respirations. EMS then transported the patient to the hospital where the patient was diagnosed with an acute asthma attack.

- *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.*

I believe Vickey Rodgers should have taken the pediatric patients' symptoms more seriously. If the patient would have waited in the waiting room the patient might not have survived. The first thing you look for are the "ABC's" which are airway, breathing, and cardiac. This patient presented with symptoms associated with airway and breathing. This was a very serious condition and the fact that this nurse did not take the patient at their word hinders the patients rights. The patient should have been treated as if they were in an emergency situation, in which they were. If I was this nurse I would have taken the patient back immediately to assess and contact the physician.

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

**Safety and security** were violated when the promotion of trust and respect were inhibited. This pediatric patient and their mother lost respect for this nurse when she did not exhibit care regarding patients' needs.

**Critical thinking** was violated when Vickey did not use SBAR, decision making, priority of tasks/procedures, assessment related to patients symptoms when hearing the patients complaints and symptoms. The nurse should have used critical thinking to come to the conclusion that this patient needed immediate help and intervention. If she would have used these critical thinking skills she would have realized that this patient was in a life threatening situation.

**Human caring** was violated when Vickey did not treat the patient with dignity and respect nor did she listen to the patients' needs. This mother and patient were greatly let down by this nurse and that reflects on her position and the company this nurse worked for.

- *Use the space below to describe what action you think a prudent nurse would take as the first 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 immediately taken the patient back and have done a proper assessment regarding the patient's complaints and vital signs. I also would have immediately notified the physician and implemented any emergency plan the physician orders. I would have notified the charge nurse, the head nurse, and physician of this nurse's behavior and carelessness in regards to this patient's care. I would also let them know that I took over this patient's care and did the proper assessments and orders ordered by the physician.