

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Clarissa Perales Date: April 3, 2025 DAS Assignment # 1 _____

Name of the defendant: Matthew Aycock License number of the defendant: 825850

Date(s) and BON decision(s) taken against the license: 1/21/2016, 2/8/2022

Type of action(s) imposed to retain or regain licensure, if applicable: Warning with stipulations and fine, Revoked

- *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 each of them, e.g. drug diversion, HIPAA violation, abandonment, etc.*

Matthew Aycock had multiple incidents of unprofessional actions while in the clinical setting which led to multiple disciplinary actions. These unprofessional actions included: failure to document discharge orders, failure to administer correct dose of medication, failure to document an assessment in the medical record, failure to document deteriorating status of patient, failure to administer Hepatitis vaccine as ordered, failure to document a discharge summary in patient's medical record. These occurrences all lead to inaccurate medical records and put the patient in jeopardy of harm due to inaccurate medical records

The inaccurate medication administration of Diuril 250mg, a diuretic medication, was given two times the amount needed at 500mg, the patient was at risk of harm from excessive administration of extra doses of diuretic medication, this could result in a low blood pressure or converted fluid levels.

The failure to administer a Hepatitis vaccine to the patient upon discharge not only affected the patients medical records but also the health of the patient which could cause the patients health to decline.

- *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.*

There are many preventative considerations that could have been taken to protect the patient from unwanted harm and to keep the patient safe. First off, documenting is an important part of a nurse's job

not only for the patients but for health care providers as well. The nurse could have asked for help from their peers if it was too much to handle at the time, or working at an adequate pace to ensure patient safety.

Medication administration is another very important part of the job of a nurse, to help prevent incorrect medication administration the nurse could have prepared medications for one patient at a time and reading labels during the 3 medication checks would have been an efficient way to prevent medication errors.

- *Identify ALL universal competencies (4-5) that were violated and explain how in detail to reflect your understanding and importance of the universal competencies.*

Safety and Security was violated when the nurse administered the wrong amount of medication which is violating the 7 medication rights for administration. Also, the nurse failed to administer Hepatitis vaccine to a different patient which violates the 7 rights of medication administration.

Documentation was violated as the nurse failed to document discharge summaries for two different patients, they also failed to document an assessment done for a patient and signs of the patient's status deteriorating, the patient later experienced respiratory distress which the nurse also did not document. All these occurrences would harm the patient since their medical record would not be fully accurate.

Communication was violated when the nurse did not notify other health care providers about their patients deteriorating status. This would lead to further complications for the patient.

Critical thinking was violated when the nurse did not give the patient the right dose of medication. The nurse did not prioritize the tasks and procedures they needed to do to ensure patient safety. For example, giving the wrong dose of medication, not documenting assessments done for the patient, failing to document multiple discharge summaries, and failure to administer a Hepatitis vaccine upon discharge.

- *Use the space below to describe what actions 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 had been the first person to discover any of these events, I would notify the charge nurse and the physicians in charge of these patients. I would check on the patient to make certain that nothing else has happen to the patient. I would check vital signs and ask the patient how they are feeling and if they are feeling any different after getting more medication than needed and run the needed test to ensure safety. I would look over the needed I would talk to that nurse to try to help them identify the root cause by providing feedback and discussing the issue. I would recommend additional training, or having them shadow a nurse to help them with how to effectively do their job.