BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE EXAMINERS

In the Matter of:)	CASE NO. 2019-RCE-0138
JACINDA A. DEMETROS, RCP)	CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR
Holder of License No. 009377)	NON-DISCIPLINARY CIVIL
)	PENALTY
Or the Practice of Respiratory Care)	
In the State of Arizona)	

CONSENT AGREEMENT RECITALS

In the interest of a prompt and judicious settlement of the above-captioned matter before the Arizona State Board of Respiratory Care Examiners ("Board") and in the interest of protecting the people of the State of Arizona, consistent with the statutory requirements and responsibilities of the Board pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3501, *et seq.* and A.R.S. § 41-1092.07 (F)(5), Jacinda A. Demetros, RCP ("Respondent"), holder of license number 009377 to practice respiratory care in the State of Arizona, and the Board enter into the following Consent Agreement for Non-Disciplinary Civil Penalty ("Consent Agreement") as the final disposition of this matter.

- 1. Respondent agrees to accept this Consent Agreement for Non-Disciplinary Civil Penalty without admitting any guilt and states that patient health, safety and welfare was not at risk because she did not practice any direct patient care.
- 2. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Consent Agreement. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement as set forth herein, and has had the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney or has waived the opportunity. Respondent voluntarily enters into this Consent Agreement for the purpose of avoiding the expense and uncertainty of an administrative hearing.
- 3. Respondent understands that she has a right to a public administrative hearing concerning each and every allegation set forth in the above-captioned matter, at which time Respondent could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. By entering into this Consent

Agreement, Respondent freely and voluntarily relinquishes all rights to such an administrative hearing, as well as all rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review, or any other administrative, and/or judicial action concerning the matters set forth herein.

- 4. Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be irrevocable and any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties in writing.
- 5. Respondent agrees that the Board may adopt this Consent Agreement or any part of this agreement under A.R.S. §§ 32-3552 and 32-3553. Respondent understands that the Board may consider this Consent Agreement or any part of it in any future disciplinary action against her.
- 6. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of other matters currently pending before the Board, *if any*, and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigation, action, or proceeding.
- 7. All admissions Respondent makes in this Consent Agreement are made solely for the final disposition of case number 2019-RCE-0138, and any related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Respondent further understands that acceptance of the Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or officer of this state from instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement.
- 8. The Consent Agreement shall be subject to adoption by the Board and shall be effective only when signed by the Chairperson of the Board or the Executive Director of the Board, on behalf of the Chair. In the event that the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, it is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any action by any party. The parties agree that if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement and this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent shall assert no claim that the Board

was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this document or any other records relating thereto.

- 9. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement is a public record that may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board.
- 10. Respondent understands that any violation of this Consent Agreement could be grounds for further disciplinary action by the Board pursuant to A.A.C. R4-45-214(3).

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Arizona State Board of Respiratory Care Examiners is the duly constituted agency for licensing and regulating of the practice of respiratory care in the State of Arizona pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3501, et seq.
- 2. Jacinda A. Demetros, RCP ("Respondent"), is the holder of License Number 009377 which enables her to practice respiratory care in the State of Arizona.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice respiratory care was originally issued on February 18, 2010 and expires on May 12, 2021.
- 4. Under A.R.S. § 32-3501, *et seq.*, the Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter and over Respondent as a licensee of the Board.
- 5. Respondent allowed her license to expire on May 12, 2019. Respondent submitted a late renewal application on June 3, 2019. On her Affidavit Respondent self-disclosed that she had practiced respiratory care without the benefit of holding an active and valid license on between May 12, 2019 and June 3, 2019.
- 6. Respondent worked fifteen (15) shift(s) without the benefit of holding an active and valid license issued by this Board.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The conduct described in the Findings of Fact constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-3552(A)(3) and violate the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-

1	3501(10)(k), which states, "Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting
2	in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate a provision of this chapter."
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5	DATED: 10/14/2019 SIGNED: SIGNED: SIGNED:
6	<u>ORDER</u>
7	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Jacinda A. Demetros, RCP, holder of license
8	number 009377, shall be assessed a non-disciplinary CIVIL PENALTY in the amount of
9	THREE HUNDRED FIFTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$350.00). This non-disciplinary Civil
0	Penalty shall be paid to the Arizona State Board of Respiratory Care Examiners by no later than
1	NINETY (90) DAYS from the effective date of this Order.
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15	Jack Confer, Executive Director DATED THIS 15th DAY OF October 2019.
16	Original Consent Agreement for
17	Non-Disciplinary Civil Penalty
1 /	filed this 15thday of October 2019 with the:
18	Arizona Board of Respiratory Examiners
9	1740 West Adams Street, Suite 3406
20	Phoenix, AZ 85007
	Copy of the foregoing sent by electronic,
21	Regular and certified mail this <u>15th</u> day of October 2019 to:
22	day of October 2019 to:
23	Jacinda A. Demetros, RCP Camilla Porter, Esquire
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