BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In The Matter of an Investigation of

ANTHONY CRUZ, C.R.T.

License No. RC598

Case No. 10-23453-1

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

On August 18, 2010, Board Staff presented evidence and information to the Investigative Committee, composed of Charles N. Held, M.D., Chair, Theodore Berndt, M.D., Member, and Valerie Clark, BNS, RHU, LUTCF, Member, regarding Anthony Cruz, C.R.T. Upon review of the evidence and information presented by Board Staff, the Investigative Committee hereby IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDS the license to practice respiratory care of Anthony Cruz, C.R.T. (hereinafter “Mr. Cruz”) pursuant to NRS 630.326(1) based upon the following preliminary findings:

1. Mr. Cruz is licensed to practice respiratory care in the state of Nevada and was originally licensed on December 31, 2001.

2. On August 3, 2010 Mr. Cruz was working at Summerlin Hospital and was reported to be exhibiting signs of impairment. Mr. Cruz was requested to submit to a ten-panel urine drug screen and he agreed to do so.

3. Results of the drug screen were forwarded to Summerlin Hospital a few days later and showed that Mr. Cruz was positive for methamphetamine at the time of the test.

4. On August 9, 2010, Mr. Cruz was terminated from Summerlin Hospital

The Investigative Committee believes that due to Mr. Cruz’s use of an illegal narcotic substance, specifically methamphetamine, and being under its influence while providing respiratory care, that the health, safety and welfare of the public is at imminent risk of harm and that a summary suspension of Mr. Cruz’s license to practice respiratory care is necessary to remove said risk of
imminent harm to the health, safety and welfare of the public. Accordingly, pursuant to NRS 630.326(1):

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the license to practice respiratory care in the state of Nevada of Anthony Cruz, C.R.T., (License No. RC598) is hereby suspended until further order of the Investigative Committee or Board; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a hearing be set within forty-five (45) days of this Order regarding this matter pursuant to NRS 630.326(2) to determine the appropriateness of this suspension, unless the parties mutually agree to a longer period of time.

DATED this 19th day of August, 2010.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: 

Charles N. Held, M.D.
Investigative Committee Chair
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I am employed by Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on 19th day of August 2010; I served a file copy of the ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION, by mailing via USPS certified return receipt to the following:

Anthony Cruz  
c/o Melissa Dillard  
1031 NE Cordero Place  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Dated this 19th day of August 2010.

[Signature]

Angela L. Donohoe  
Legal Assistant