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1 **INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE**
2 **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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5 **In the Matter of the Investigation**
6 **of**
7 **MELISSA TERESA CANDRILLI, RRT,**
8 **License No. RC1511.**
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10 **ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

11 The Investigative Committee¹ (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board)
12 hereby **IMMEDIATELY** **SUMMARILY** **SUSPENDS** the license of
13 Melissa Teresa Candrilli, RRT (Licensee) from the practice of respiratory therapy, pursuant to the
14 Board's authority to regulate the practice of respiratory therapy in Nevada pursuant to Nevada
15 Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 630.

16 The IC issues this Order of Summary Suspension (Order) based on its determination that
17 Licensee's acts put the health, safety or welfare of the public at risk of imminent harm pursuant to
18 NRS 630.326(1).

19 Prior to the preparation of this Order, Board staff presented to the IC the following:

- 20 1. Licensee is a respiratory therapist (RC1511) licensed to practice in Nevada.

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¹ The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners is composed of Board members Rachakonda D. Prabhu, M.D., Chairman, Victor M. Muro, M.D., and Ms. April Mastroluca.

1 2. Pursuant to NAC 630.540, a practitioner of respiratory care is subject to discipline or
2 denial of licensure by the Board if, after notice and hearing in accordance with NAC Chapter 630, the
3 Board finds that the practitioner of respiratory care:

4 1. Willfully and intentionally made a false or fraudulent
5 statement or submitted a forged or false document in applying
6 for a license or renewing a license.

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8 4. Disobeyed any order of the Board or an investigative
9 committee of the Board or violated a provision of this chapter.

10 5. Is not competent to provide respiratory care services.

11 6. Lost his or her certification by the National Board for
12 Respiratory Care or its successor organization.

13 7. Failed to notify the Board of loss of certification by the
14 National Board for Respiratory Care or its successor
15 organization.

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17 9. Rendered respiratory care to a patient while under the
18 influence of alcohol or any controlled substance or in any
19 impaired mental or physical condition.

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21 23. Violated any provision that would subject a practitioner
22 of medicine to discipline pursuant to NRS 630.301 to
23 630.3065, inclusive, or NAC 630.230.

24 3. Pursuant to NRS 630.254, each licensee of the Board shall maintain a permanent
25 mailing address with the Board to which all communications from the Board to the licensee must be
26 sent. A licensee who changes his or her permanent mailing address shall notify the Board in writing of
27 the new permanent mailing address within 30 days after the change. If a licensee fails to notify the
28 Board in writing of a change in his or her permanent mailing address within 30 days after the change,
the Board may impose a fine and initiate disciplinary action against the licensee as provided pursuant
NRS 630.306(1)(j).

4. On May 31, 2018, Licensee's certification as a respiratory therapist by the National
Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) expired.

5. Licensee did not notify the Board of the expiration of her NBRC certification.

6. On June 6, 2018, the Board suspended Licensee's license to practice respiratory care
due to the expiration of her NBRC certification.

7. On June 11, 2018, an Order of Suspension was mailed to Licensee's address on record,

1 which Order was returned to the Board as “unclaimed.”

2 8. On June 26, 2018, the Board reinstated Licensee’s license to practice respiratory care
3 upon being provided proof of renewal of her NBRC certification.

4 9. On information and belief, on or about January 21, 2019, Licensee reported to work at
5 the Complex Care Hospital at Tenaya (CCHT) under the influence of alcohol. Supervisory staff of
6 CCHT requested, and Licensee submitted to, a breathalyzer test.

7 10. On or about January 25, 2019, Licensee was notified by CCHT staff that she was
8 suspended from duty as a respiratory therapist pending the results of an investigation of allegations of
9 being under the influence of alcohol during work hours.

10 11. On information and belief, Licensee’s employment was subsequently terminated by
11 CCHT.

12 12. On or about June 28, 2019, Licensee submitted to the Board a biennial license renewal
13 application (Application).

14 13. On the Application, Licensee denied that during the period of July 1, 2017, through
15 July 1, 2019, she had been “. . . a) asked to respond to an investigation; b) notified that you were under
16 investigation for; c) investigated for . . . any violation of a statute, rule or regulation governing your
17 practice as a practitioner of respiratory care by any . . . hospital” Licensee answered “no” to the
18 inquiry, and thereby failed to report on her Application that she had been under investigation by
19 CCHT for allegations of being under the influence of alcohol during work hours, which would be a
20 violation of, including but not limited to, NAC 630.540(9).

21 14. On information and belief, Licensee’s failure to report on her Application the CCHT
22 investigation, involving a possible violation of NAC 630.540(9), was willful and intentional.

23 15. On or about July 24, 2019, Licensee was arrested by the North Las Vegas Police
24 Department for a misdemeanor charge of providing a false statement/obstruction of a public officer.
25 The police had been called for a possible case of domestic violence. At the time she was arrested, the
26 police observed Licensee to be inebriated. Licensee’s fiancée was arrested due to an outstanding
27 warrant, and Licensee then became verbally and physically aggressive with the police officers.

28 16. On or about August 26, 2019, Licensee pled no contest to the aforementioned charge

1 and paid fees and a fine totaling \$405.

2 17. On or about August 6, 2019, Licensee was again arrested by the North Las Vegas
3 Police Department for a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence (DUI), first offense, and a
4 misdemeanor charge of failure to maintain lane/improper lane change.

5 18. On or about October 7, 2019, Licensee pled no contest to the DUI charge and was
6 ordered to attend a mandated drug and alcohol program. The failure to maintain lane charge was
7 dismissed.

8 19. On December 3, 2019, pursuant to NAC 630.550, the IC issued to Licensee an Order
9 for Competency Evaluation and Fitness To Practice (Order), whereby Licensee was ordered to
10 undergo an evaluation at 12:00 noon on December 13, 2019, at Montevista Hospital at 5900 W.
11 Rochelle Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103.

12 20. Licensee was personally served with the Order on December 5, 2019.

13 21. On December 13, 2019, Licensee met with Larry Espadero, LADC, and underwent an
14 evaluation as ordered.

15 22. On December 16, 2019, Mr. Espadero communicated his report to the Board, wherein
16 he opined that Licensee was unfit to practice.

17 23. Based on the foregoing, the IC finds that the health, safety and welfare of the
18 public is at imminent risk of harm if Licensee is permitted to continue practicing, and that an
19 immediate summary suspension of Licensee's license in the State of Nevada is necessary for the
20 protection of the public. NRS 630.326(1).

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ORDER


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license of Melissa Teresa Candrilli, RRT (RC1511) is **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED** until further order of the IC or Board, and Licensee is prohibited from engaging in any acts that constitute the practice of respiratory therapy; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing on this matter is set for the **18th day of February, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.**, at the Board's office located at 9600 Gateway Drive, Reno, NV 89521, to determine whether this suspension may continue, unless the parties mutually agree in writing to a different time. NRS 630.326(2).

DATED this 19th day of December, 2019.

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Rachakonda D. Prabhu, M.D., Chairman