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BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In the Matter of Charges and Complaint

Against:

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VIVIAN ANN HENDRIX, CRT

Respondent.

Case No. 21-23256-1

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS By:

COMPLAINT

The Investigative Committee¹ (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), by and through Aaron Bart Fricke, J.D., General Counsel and attorney for the IC, having a reasonable basis to believe that Vivian Ann Hendrix, CRT, (Respondent) violated the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 630 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 630 (collectively, the Medical Practice Act), hereby issues its Complaint, stating the IC's charges and allegations as follows:

1. Respondent was at all times relative to this Complaint a certified respiratory therapist holding an active license to practice respiratory therapy in the State of Nevada (License No. RC165). Respondent was originally licensed by the Board on November 29, 2001.

COUNT I

NRS 630.306(1)(b)(1) – Deceptive Conduct

- 2. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 3. Pursuant to NAC 630.540, a practitioner of respiratory care is subject to discipline or denial of licensure by the Board if, after notice and hearing in accordance with this chapter, the Board finds that the practitioner of respiratory care violated, among other provisions, any

¹ The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, at the time this formal Complaint was authorized for filing, was composed of Board members Rachakonda D. Prabhu, M.D., Ms. Sandy Peltyn, and Victor M. Muro, M.D.

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provision that would subject a practitioner of medicine to discipline pursuant to NRS 630.301 to 630.3065, inclusive, or NAC 630.230. See NAC 630.540(23).

- Pursuant to NRS 630.306(1)(b)(1), engaging in conduct, which is intended to deceive, is grounds for initiating disciplinary action or denying licensure.
- 5. On October 3, 2015, Respondent was employed at University Medical Center at 1800 W Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89102 (UMC) as a respiratory therapist. She clocked-in for work that day at UMC at 5:26 a.m.
- 6. Respondent then left UMC, and crossed Charleston Boulevard and entered St. Joseph Transitional Rehabilitation Center at 2035 W Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89102 (SJTRC), where she was also employed as a respiratory therapist. Respondent clocked-in for work at SJTRC at 6:02 a.m. that same day.
 - 7. Respondent then returned to UMC and clocked-out at 12:02 p.m. the same day.
 - 8. Respondent then clocked-in at UMC at 12:32 p.m. the same day.
 - 9. Respondent then returned to SJTRC and clocked-out at 1:00 p.m. the same day.
 - 10. Respondent then clocked-out at SJTRC at 2:45 p.m. the same day.
 - 11. Respondent then returned to UMC and clocked-out at 5:54 p.m. the same day.
- 12. Again, on November 14, 2015, Respondent was employed at UMC as a respiratory therapist. She clocked-in for work that day at UMC at 5:26 a.m.
- 13. Respondent then left UMC, and again crossed Charleston Boulevard and entered SJTRC, where she was also employed as a respiratory therapist. Respondent clocked-in for work at SJTRC at 5:58 a.m. that same day.
 - 14. Respondent then clocked-out at SJTRC at 1:31 p.m. the same day.
 - 15. Respondent then clocked-in at SJTRC at 2:01 p.m. the same day.
 - 16. Respondent then clocked-out at SJTRC at 2:23 p.m. the same day.
 - 17. Respondent then returned to UMC and clocked-out at 3:00 p.m. the same day.
- 18. As demonstrated by, but not limited to, the above-outlined facts, Respondent engaged in conduct intended to deceive both her employers, UMC and SJTRC, respectively, on both October 3, 2015, and on November 14, 2015, by clocking-in to work and claiming that she

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was working exclusively for one or the other of them, as required by both UMC and SJTRC, respectively, when she was, in fact, working for both employers simultaneously.

- 19. Respondent engaged in conduct intended to deceive the Board and its investigators when she denied engaging in the deceptive conduct alleged in the preceding paragraphs 5 through 18.
- 20. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

WHEREFORE, the Investigative Committee prays:

- 1. That the Board give Respondent notice of the charges herein against her and give him notice that she may file an answer to the Complaint herein as set forth in NRS 630.339(2) within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint;
- 2. That the Board set a time and place for a formal hearing after holding an Early Case Conference pursuant to NRS 630.339(3);
- 3. That the Board determine what sanctions to impose if it determines there has been a violation or violations of the Medical Practice Act committed by Respondent;
- 4. That the Board award fees and costs for the investigation and prosecution of this case as outlined in NRS 622.400;
- That the Board make, issue and serve on Respondent its findings of fact, 5. conclusions of law and order, in writing, that includes the sanctions imposed; and
- 6. That the Board take such other and further action as may be just and proper in these premises.

DATED this 8^{11} day of October, 2021.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA)
	: SS
COUNTY OF CLARK)

Victor M. Muro, M.D., having been duly sworn, hereby deposes and states under penalty of perjury that he is the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that authorized the Complaint against the Respondent herein; that he has read the foregoing Complaint; and that based upon information discovered in the course of the investigation into a complaint against Respondent, he believes that the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate and correct.

DATED this day of October, 2021.

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

By:

VICTOR M. MURO, M.D.

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Chairman of the Investigative Committee

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am employed by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on the 8th day of October, 2021, I served a file-stamped copy of the foregoing COMPLAINT, via U.S. Certified Mail to the following parties:

VIVIAN ANN HENDRIX, CRT 5026 Great Abaco North Las Vegas, NV 89031

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DATED this 8th day of October, 2021.

MEG BYRD, Legal Assistant

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners