BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE EXAMINERS

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In the Matter of:)	CASE NO. 2018-RCE-0046
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CHRISTINE FURNO, RCP)	CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR
HOLDER OF LICENSE NO. 010772)	FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS
)	OF LAW AND NON-DISCIPLINARY
FOR THE PRACTICE OF)	ORDER FOR CONTINUING
RESPIRATORY THERAPY IN THE)	EDUCATION AND CIVIL PENALTY
STATE OF ARIZONA)	
CONSE	ENTA	GREEMENT
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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. § 41-1061(D), Christine Furno, RCP ("Respondent"), holder of license number 010772 to practice respiratory care in the State of Arizona, and the Board elect to enter into the following Consent Agreement for Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order for Non-Disciplinary Continuing Education and Civil Penalty ("Consent Agreement") as part of the final disposition of this matter.

- 1. 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.
- 2. Respondent understands that they have 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. Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be irrevocable and any

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25 26 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties in writing.

- Respondent agrees that the Board may adopt this Consent Agreement or any part 3. 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 him or her.
- 4. 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.
- 5. All admissions Respondent makes in this Consent Agreement are made solely for the final disposition of case number 2018-RCE-0046, 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.
- The Consent Agreement shall be subject to adoption by the Board and shall be 6. 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.
- Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement is a public record that may 7. be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board.

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 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

 Based on the evidence before it, the Board found that Respondent has failed to submit documentation that demonstrated compliance with the continuing education mandate during the last renewal period. Respondent was unable to submit 1 hours of approved continuing education as required.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board of Respiratory Care Examiners of the State of Arizona possesses jurisdiction over this matter and this Licensee pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3501, et seq.
- 2. 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.A.C. R4-45-208 (1), which states in pertinent part, "A respiratory care practitioner shall acquire 20 CEUs during every two-year licensure period. To renew a license, a respiratory care practitioner shall report compliance with the continuing education requirement. A respiratory care practitioner shall submit documentation showing evidence of compliance only if requested by the Board."

ORDER

- IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Christine Furno, RCP, holder of License
 No. 010772 shall be subject to the following:
- Respondent shall pay a Civil Penalty in the amount of \$25.00 within NINETY
 (90) days of the effective date of this Order. [\$25.00 per hour]
- Respondent shall submit 1 hours of approved continuing education that will be applied toward the last renewal period and may not be utilized for the current renewal period within NINETY (90) days of the effective date of this Order.

Christine Furno, RCP

DATED THIS 5 DAY OF May 2019.

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8	Original Consent Agreement for Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Non-					
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10	Sitt day of MARCH 201	9 with the:				
11	Arizona Board of Respiratory Examiners					
12	1700 West Adams Street, #3 Phoenix, AZ 85007	400				
13	Copy of the foregoing sent by electronic and regular mail this day of MALC + 2019 to:					
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