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Engaging Life Integrated Wellness Center 12600 North 113th Avenue, Suite B9 Youngtown, AZ 85363

RE: CEASE AND DESIST NURSING PRACTICE IMMEDIATELY

Ms. Robinson:

The Arizona State Board of Nursing ("Board") received information that you have been misrepresenting yourself as a Board Certified Nurse Practitioner while employed as the Executive Medical Director/COO at Engaging Life Integrated Wellness Center, in Youngtown, Arizona.

You are listed on the Engaging Life Integrated Wellness Center webpage as a Board Certified Nurse Practitioner.

However, based upon a review of nurse licensing databases, you do not have an Arizona nursing license, an advanced practice (nurse practitioner) certification, or a privilege to practice nursing in Arizona. In fact, we were unable to identify any valid nursing license or certificate for you in the United States.

While misrepresenting yourself as a nurse practitioner, you wrote numerous prescriptions, for multiple patients, for controlled substances.

On, May 27, 2020, you submitted an application to the Board for a 90 Day Emergency Waiver by Endorsement for APRN certification. This application was denied for reasons unrelated to the issues raised in this letter. With your application, you listed a registered nurse license number from the state of Maine that was not issued to you, provided an ANCC certification number that was not issued to you, and supplied a Social Security Number that also was not issued to you.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1666 (A) It is unlawful for a person who is not licensed or certified under this chapter to: (1) Practice or offer to practice as a registered or practical nurse,

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registered nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in this state and (2) Represent or use any title, abbreviation, letters, figures, sign, card or device to indicate that the person or any other person is a registered, nurse, graduate nurse, professional nurse, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, practical nurse, licensed nursing assistant or certified nursing assistant.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1636 (A) Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice registered nursing in this state or in a party state pursuant to section 32-1668 may use the title "nurse", "registered nurse", "graduate nurse" or "professional nurse" or the abbreviation "R.N."

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1606 (A) The Board may: (4) Refer criminal violations of this chapter to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1667 A person is guilty of a class 6 felony who: (2) Engages in any conduct prohibited in section 32-1666.

The Board demands that you immediately cease and desist presenting to the public of Arizona that you hold a Board-issued license or certificate, or authorization to practice nursing in Arizona.

Be advised that the Board has forwarded this information to the Office of the Arizona Attorney General for review for potential criminal charges.

If you have any questions regarding the Board's investigation, please contact Dolores Hurtado, Senior Investigator, at (602) 771-7845.

Sincerely,

Joey Ridenour, R.N., M.N., F.A.A.N.

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cc: Supervisory Special Agent, Office of Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, 2005 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004