1 SANDRA KETNER, ESQ., Bar # 8527 RECEIVED Z. KATHRYN BRANSON, ESQ., Bar #11540 **FILED** SERVED ON LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C. 2 **ENTERED** COUNSEL/PARTIES OF RECORD 200 S. Virginia St. 3 8th Floor Reno, NV 89501 APR 2 7 2017 4 Telephone: 775.348.4888 775.786.0127 Fax No.: Email: sketner@littler.com 5 CLERK US DISTRICT COURT Email: kbranson@littler.com DISTRICT OF NEVADA 6 DEPUTY BY: **Attorneys for Defendants** RENOWN HEALTH (improperly named as "RENOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER"), ALMA MEDINA, ALLIE SAUNDERS, MEGAN PAILING, SUZANNE OETJEN, TEENA THOMAS, MANDY ROBERTS, KATHERINE SIMS, LEON GILL 7 8 9 and KRISTA STRYKER UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 10 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 11 12 1)PDAR SHAUN ROBINSON, 13 Plaintiff, Case No. 3:16-cv-00372-MMD-WGC 14 **MOTION FOR EXCEPTION TO** 15 VS. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATION RENOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL 16 SESSION CENTER, ALMA MEDINA an individual, ALLIE SAUNDERS an individual, TEENA 17 **ENE DATE: MAY 12, 2017** THOMAS an individual, KRISTA STRYKER an individual, SUSAN OETJEN 18 an individual, MANDY ROBERTS an **ENE TIME: 1:30 P.M.** individual, LÉON GILL an individual, 19 MAGISTRATE JUDGE VALERIE P. MEGAN PAILING an individual, KATHERINE SIMS an individual, SONIA COOKE 20 TORRES an individual and DOE, 21 Defendants. 22 23 Defendants RENOWN HEALTH (improperly named in the Complaint as "RENOWN 24 REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER"), ALMA MEDINA, ALLIE SAUNDERS, MEGAN PAILING, 25 SUZANNE OETJEN, TEENA THOMAS, MANDY ROBERTS, KATHERINE SIMS, LEON GILL and 26 KRISTA STRYKER1 ("Defendants"), by and through their attorneys of record, hereby file 27

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 $^{^{1}}$ As of the date of filing this Motion, Defendants understand that Sonia Torres has not been served with the Summons and Complaint.

Evaluation ("ENE") Session set for May 12, 2017.

The Order Scheduling ENE Session (ECF No. 48) requires all parties to appear in person for the ENE. Defendants are represented in this action by Littler Mendelson and the undersigned counsel will appear at the ENE. Renown Health will be represented at the ENE by Ryan Mandell, Esq., Deputy General Counsel, who will have binding authority, within his discretion, to settle this matter on behalf of all of the Defendants. Any offer extended on behalf of Renown will necessarily be global and include a release of all claims Plaintiff has asserted against all of the Defendants. Moreover, Defendants submit that the Individual Defendants have been improperly named in this lawsuit and there is no merit to Plaintiff's claims asserted against them, as argued in detail in Defendants' pending Motion

this Motion requesting permission to excuse Individual Defendants Krista Stryker, Mandy

Roberts, Megan Pailing, Katherine Sims, and Leon Gill from attendance at the Early Neutral

Individual Defendants Suzanne Oetjen, Alma Medina, Allie Saunders and Teena Thomas plan to attend the ENE. However, five Individual Defendants seek exemption from the personal attendance requirements for the reasons set forth below:

to Dismiss (which if granted will dispose of all claims asserted against the Individual

Defendants). (ECF No. 27.) Discovery is also currently stayed as to the Individual

Defendants, pending resolution of the Motion. (ECF No. 38.)

Krista Stryker is currently undergoing treatment for a serious medical condition and is also living with her parents in the Bay Area in California. Traveling to Reno to attend the ENE would interrupt her current medical treatment.

Mandy Roberts no longer resides in Reno, Nevada. Mrs. Roberts now resides in Battle Mountain which is approximately three and one-half (3.5) hours from Reno. Mrs. Roberts also has a 14-month old son and her husband is often traveling for business, which renders childcare and multi-day travel extremely burdensome.

Megan Pailing is scheduled to work on the day of the ENE and requests to be excused in order to attend work.

Katherine Sims is graduating from nursing school on the same day as the ENE and

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requests to be excused in order to attend her graduation.

Leon Gill is now employed as a Human Resources manager for a local manufacturing company and is scheduled to work on the day of the ENE. Mr. Gill requests to be excused in order to attend work.

In consideration of the above, Renown Health respectfully requests that the Court grant its request to excuse the attendance of Individual Defendants Krista Stryker, Mandy Roberts, Megan Pailing, Katherine Sims, and Leon Gill at the ENE session scheduled for May 12, 2017.

Dated: April 12, 2017

/s/Sandra Ketner

SANDRA KETNER, ESO. Z. KATHRYN BRANSON, ESQ. LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C.

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S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATED: