BEFORE THE
PEFUSIONIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re: )
) CONSENT ORDER
Maria Mathilda Goossen, LP, )
) Respondent.
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This matter is before the Perfusionist Advisory Committee ("Committee") and the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") regarding information provided to the Committee and the Board concerning Maria Mathilda Goossen, LP ("Ms. Goossen"). Ms. Goossen makes the following admissions and the Committee and the Board make the following findings and conclusions:

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Committee and the Board are bodies duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and are the proper parties to bring this proceeding under the authority granted to them in Articles 1 and 40 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Goossen was first issued a license to practice perfusion by the Board on or about March 23, 2016, license number 1000-00649.

At all times relevant hereto, Ms. Goossen practiced perfusion in Fayetteville, North Carolina.
On October 13, 2018, Ms. Goossen was on call with an assigned team that consisted of a nurse, a surgical tech, and a surgeon.

Ms. Goossen was initially contacted by "Tiger Text", a confidential health system communication used by the hospital, to report to the hospital. Ms. Goossen was needed to set up and operate an extracorporeal membrane oxygenation ("ECMO") machine. Since the hospital did not receive a response from Ms. Goossen and the "30-minute window" policy of the hospital to respond was getting close, she was contacted again by a regular phone text. The hospital did not receive a response; however, Ms. Goossen did report.

Although Ms. Goossen was familiar with the ECMO machine and had operated it numerous times, she had difficulty setting it up for surgery. Ms. Goossen called a co-worker to come to the hospital to assist her. The co-worker noticed that Ms. Goossen "fumbled around" with the disposable tubes and equipment for the ECMO machine and made "un-purposeful" movements.

The co-worker also noticed Ms. Goossen was chewing gum, which was unusual for her, and her speech was slurred. The charge nurse, registered nurse, and coordinator for cardiac surgery were concerned about Ms. Goossen. Ms. Goossen had a breathalyzer test which indicated her blood alcohol content ("BAC") was .135. A second breathalyzer test indicated her BAC
was .130. Ms. Goossen admitted to consuming two glasses of wine before she came to the hospital. Ms. Goossen’s hospital privileges were suspended on October 15, 2018.

On October 22, 2018, Ms. Goossen presented to the North Carolina Physicians Health Program ("NCPHP"). The NCPHP recommended that Ms. Goossen undergo a comprehensive assessment for a possible substance use disorder.

On October 24, 2018, Ms. Goossen signed a Non-Practice Agreement with the Board.

In November 2018, Ms. Goossen underwent the comprehensive assessment. The assessment found that Ms. Goossen met the criteria for alcohol use disorder (moderate). Ms. Goossen enrolled in and successfully completed in-patient, residential treatment for her condition. Upon discharge, Ms. Goossen signed a five-year monitoring agreement with the NCPHP.

The NCPHP and the residential program advocates for Ms. Goossen’s return to practice.

Upon her request, the Committee and the Board dissolved Ms. Goossen’s Non-Practice Agreement.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Ms. Goossen suffers from a condition, when not treated, constitutes Ms. Goossen having an habitual substance use disorder that interferes with her ability to provide appropriate patient care within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-
which is grounds under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Committee to annul, suspend, revoke, condition, or limit Ms. Goossen’s license to practice perfusion or to deny any application she may make in the future.

**PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS**

Ms. Goossen acknowledges and agrees that the Committee and the Board have jurisdiction over her and over the subject matter of this case.

Ms. Goossen knowingly waives her right to any hearing and to any judicial review or appeal in this case.

Ms. Goossen acknowledges that she has read and understands this Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily.

Ms. Goossen desires to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings.

The Board has determined that it is in the public interest to resolve this case as set forth below.

**ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, with Ms. Goossen’s consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Ms. Goossen is hereby REPRIMANDED.

2. Ms. Goossen shall maintain her current contract with the NCPHP and abide by its terms, including the timely payment of any fees required by the NCPHP.
3. Unless lawfully prescribed for her, Ms. Goossen shall refrain from the use or possession of alcohol and all other mind- or mood-altering substances and all controlled substances including but not limited to, sedatives, stimulants, and pain medication.

4. Upon request by the Committee or the Board, Ms. Goossen shall supply urine, blood, hair, or any other bodily fluid or tissue sample the Board might reasonably require for the purposes of analysis to determine if she has consumed any of the substances mentioned above.

5. Ms. Goossen shall obey all laws. Likewise, she shall obey all rules and regulations involving the practice of medicine.

6. Ms. Goossen shall meet with the Committee or members of the Committee for an investigative interview at such times as requested by the Committee.

7. Upon request, Ms. Goossen shall provide the Committee and the Board with any information the Committee or the Board deems necessary to verify compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order.

8. If Ms. Goossen fails to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order, that failure shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-691(a)(7) and shall be grounds, after any required notice and
hearing, for the Committee and the Board to annul, suspend or revoke Ms. Goossen's license to practice perfusion and to deny any application she might make in the future or then have pending for a license to practice perfusion.

9. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by Ms. Goossen, the Committee, and the Board, and it shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Committee and the Board.

10. Ms. Goossen hereby waives any requirement under any law or rule that this Consent Order be served on her.

11. Upon execution by Ms. Goossen, the Committee, and the Board, this Consent Order shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the provisions thereof. Additionally, it will be reported to persons, entities, agencies and clearinghouses as required and permitted by law including, but not limited to, the Federation of State Medical Boards and the National Practitioner Data Bank.
By Order of the Perfusionist Advisory Committee and the North Carolina Medical Board this the 16th day of May, 2019.

PERFUSIONIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By: [Signature]
Greg T. Griffin, LP
Chair

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: [Signature]
Barbara E. Walker, D.O.
President
Consented to this the 8th day of May, 2019.

Maria Mathilda Goossen, LP

State of NC
County of Cumberland

I, Amy B. Hatfield, do hereby certify that Maria Mathilda Goossen, LP personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 8th day of May, 2019.

Amy B. Hatfield
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 30, 2022