

**Before the
New Hampshire Midwifery Council
Concord, New Hampshire 03301**

In Re:
Melissa Briggs
Mid. Certificate #1057

Docket No.: 21-MID-001

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE

Recognizing that professional misconduct allegations are now pending against me before the New Hampshire Midwifery Council ("Council") concerning gross negligence I, Melissa Briggs, hereby voluntarily surrender my certificate to practice midwifery (Mid. Certificate #1057). My certificate to practice midwifery expires November 28, 2021.

By voluntarily surrendering my certificate to practice midwifery, I understand that:

1. I relinquish all rights and privileges to practice midwifery in the State of New Hampshire.
2. I admit that this certificate surrender has occurred, in settlement of pending misconduct allegations that my certification to practice midwifery in the State of Maine was revoked without subsequent reinstatement of certification, similar to one issued under RSA 326-D.
3. I admit to no violations of RSA 326-D:8, II and/or Mid 404.02, or any other laws, statutes or regulations, but recognize that the fact of my *Voluntary Surrender of License* will be distributed by the Council as a disciplinary action.
4. Should I again seek certification in the State of New Hampshire, I must meet and shall bear the burden of proving compliance with all of the standards and prerequisites then required by the Council for new applicants, including professional character requirements.

5. I understand that the pending disciplinary allegations shall be resolved via a Show Cause Hearing in any future certificate application I may submit in New Hampshire. I hereby specifically waive any statute of limitations or laches defense, which might then be available as to these misconduct allegations, including those under RSA 332-G:8 and 9.
6. I understand that this document shall be distributed to all relevant licensing authorities and professional societies in the same manner as a final decision making specific findings of professional misconduct. I further understand that this document shall become a permanent part of my file, and will be maintained by the Council as a public document.
7. I understand that the Council must review and accept the terms of this *Voluntary Surrender of License*. If the Council rejects any portion, the entire *Voluntary Surrender of License* shall be null and void. I specifically waive any claims that any disclosures made to the Council during its review of this *Voluntary Surrender of License* has prejudiced my right to a fair and impartial hearing in the future if this *Voluntary Surrender of License* is not accepted by the Council.
8. I certify that I have read this document titled *Voluntary Surrender of License*. I understand that I have the right to a formal adjudicatory hearing concerning this matter and that at said hearing I would possess the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, to call witnesses, to present evidence, to testify on my own behalf, to contest the allegations, to present oral argument, and to appeal to the courts. Further, I fully understands the nature, quality and dimensions of these rights. I understand that by signing this *Voluntary Surrender of License*, I waive these rights as they pertain to the

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misconduct described herein. This *Voluntary Surrender of License* shall take effect as an Order of the Council on the date it is signed by an authorized representative of the Council.

9. I voluntarily submit this *Voluntary Surrender of License* to the Council and state that no promises or representations have been made to me other than those terms and conditions expressly stated herein.
10. I understand that I have the right to seek legal counsel, at my own expense. I have entered into this *Voluntary Surrender of License* after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and with the full understanding of the legal consequences of this *Voluntary Surrender of License*.
11. I am not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time I sign this *Voluntary Surrender of License*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature on this 13th day of July 2021




Melissa Briggs

ACCEPTED BY THE MIDWIFERY COUNCIL on this 13th day of August 2021.

8/13/2021

Date



Signature

CHRISTINE L. SENKO

Printed or Typed Name
Authorized Representative of the
New Hampshire Midwifery Council