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WOMEN'S HEALTH AGENDA SET FOR ACNM 52nd ANNUAL MEETING IN CHICAGO

WHAT: The 52nd Annual Meeting & Exhibit of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM), the nation's oldest women's health organization

WHEN: May 25 – 31, 2007

WHERE: Chicago Sheraton Hotel & Towers, 301 East North Water Street, Chicago, IL

Silver Spring, MD – More than 2000 certified nurse-midwives, certified midwives, and other women's health care professionals will meet in Chicago Memorial Day weekend for the 52nd Annual Meeting & Exhibit of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM). During the Annual Meeting, attendees will hear from renowned speakers on health disparities and receive updates in women's health research. The College will hold its annual business meeting to discuss the state of the profession and there will be dozens of educational sessions, poster presentations, and workshops on a wide range of topics. This year's meeting has a special focus on breastfeeding and lactation. A complete schedule of events is available online at www.midwife.org.

“The widening gap in health disparities, the rising cesarean delivery rate, and the ongoing liability crisis present considerable challenges for today's health care system, and our Annual Meeting will energize our members with tools and resources to tackle these challenges,” said Katherine Camacho Carr, CNM, PhD, president of ACNM.

Attendees will share cutting-edge ideas and examine the latest trends in women's health with expert speakers at dozens of workshops, panel sessions, and symposia. This year's program features:

- Dr. Joycelyn Elders will give the keynote address at 6:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 26. Dr. Elders, a former US Surgeon General, will discuss the importance of comprehensive health education and various public policies that influence the health, economy, and well-being of our country, and some of the strategies we must take to transform our society into a healthier nation.
- Dr. Jacqueline Kent will address recent advances in the science of lactation during her premier session from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, May 26 (repeated from 2:30-3:30). Kent is a researcher at the University of Western Australia.
- Dr. Carolyn Clancy, director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, will discuss “Quality, Access and Disparities in Care: Driving Change through Research in Action” during her premier session from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, May 26.
- Other session topics will include the troubling rise in cesarean sections, pain during childbirth, breastfeeding, and advances in midwifery care, menopause and other women's health matters.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Dozens of manufacturers of women's health care products and services will be featured in ACNM's Exhibit Hall. Vendors include contraceptive and fertility test makers, cord blood banks, breast pump manufacturers, laboring pools, medical publishers, childbirth educators, and midwifery education programs. The Exhibit Hall is open to meeting attendees only, and is open on Saturday, May 26, Sunday, May 27 and Monday, May 28.
- Eunice "Kitty" Ernst, CNM, MPH, DSc (hon), FACNM will be inducted as the ACNM President during the Closing Business Meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 29.

MEDIA/PRESS PASSES:

- All covered journalists must check in at the General Information Desk at the ACNM Registration area for admittance to the Annual Meeting. Please have press credentials available. Press badges and other press materials will be available during normal registration hours. Please contact Rebecca Jacob, ACNM Communications Manager at (240) 485-1822 (before 5/25) or at (248) 514-8264 (after 5/25) to arrange interviews.

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With roots dating to 1929, the American College of Nurse-Midwives is the oldest women's health care association in the U.S. ACNM's mission is to promote the health and well-being of women and newborns within their families and communities through the development and support of the profession of midwifery as practiced by certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives. Midwives believe every individual has the right to safe, satisfying health care with respect for human dignity and cultural variations. More information about ACNM can be found at www.midwife.org.

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