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JOANNA KING JOINS ACNM AS STATE POLICY ANALYST

Silver Spring, MD – The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) welcomes Joanna M. King, JD as the State Policy Analyst. King will manage the state legislative and regulatory affairs and is the ACNM member's contact for issues at the state level.

“Joanna has the experience and passion to address the many challenges midwives face at the state level. This is a critical position and we welcome her expertise,” said Lisa Summers, CNM, DrPH, ACNM Director of Professional Services.

King completed her bachelor's of art at University of Vermont in 1982 with a double major in Economics and Philosophy. She earned a JD from Albany Law School in 1986 and has extensive experience working in state legislative, private legal practice, trade association and policy research settings.

The policy and legislative research she conducted as Senior Legislative Counsel at the MayaTech Corporation's Center for Health Policy and Legislative Analysis involved analysis of state legislative and regulatory activities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. While serving as Legislative Counsel for State Government Relations at the Distilled Spirits Council trade association, she managed regional staff and contract lobbyists, advocated for model drunk driving laws in various states, and reported to the membership on state legislative and regulatory developments in weekly newsletters, monthly legislative update reports and action alerts. During her tenure as Counsel to the New York State Senate, she performed research, wrote testimony and reports and drafted legislation.

King has a strong interest in health policy issues and women's issues. She is committed to working on “guarding against unnecessary supervisory oversight requirements, stemming encroachment on scope of practice, and effectuating tort reform.”

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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.