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ELAINE GERMANO JOINS ACNM AS THE EDUCATION PROJECTS MANAGER

Silver Spring, MD – ACNM is pleased to announce that Elaine Germano, CNM, DrPH, FACNM has accepted the position of Education Projects Manager at ACNM. In this position, Elaine will be responsible for leading the implementation of the work plan that emerged from the 2005 ACNM Education Summit.

Elaine is ideally suited to fill this position. She has been involved in midwifery education throughout her career, first as a midwifery education program coordinator at Los Angeles County/University of Southern California (LAC/USC) Medical Center from 1982–1986. She helped to write that program's first Self-Evaluation Report for a successful accreditation visit. Before leaving that position, she began 13 years of service as a volunteer site visitor for the ACNM Division of Accreditation (DOA).

As Director of the Nurse-Midwifery Education Program at Georgetown University from 2002-2005, Elaine conducted and oversaw a revision of the program's curricular materials, wrote a Self-Evaluation Report and organized a DOA site visit that resulted in the maximum reaccreditation timeframe with no citations or recommendations. She also secured a grant for Leadership Training in Maternal and Child Health Nursing Education.

In addition to her work in midwifery education, she spent twelve years as a public health director for the New Mexico State Department of Health, obtaining additional experience in project management and coalition building.

Elaine is well known to many ACNM members through her extensive national and local volunteer experience with the ACNM, chairing her local chapter and various committees, to the Division of Research and the national Nominating Committee. Additionally, in the past year, Elaine has served as

Professional Services Consultant at ACNM, a position that has allowed her to meet and work with many of the national office staff.

The ACNM Education Summit was conducted in 2005 in response to growing concerns that the future supply of CNMs and CMs will not meet the expanding need for women's health and obstetric care in the United States, particularly for vulnerable populations. "Using the framework provided by the Education Summit, ACNM is taking a long-term approach to addressing the fundamental forces affecting enrollment in midwifery education programs and related workforce issues," said ACNM Executive Lorrie Kline Kaplan. "As one of ACNM's most important strategic initiatives we are thrilled that Elaine Germano, with her breadth of knowledge and experience in midwifery education, will be spearheading this initiative." Elaine joins ACNM officially in this role on July 23rd.

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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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