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## **Region II's Vivian Lowenstein Named to the ACNM Fellowship**

**SILVER SPRING, MD**—Vivian Lowenstein, CNM, MSN of Jenkintown, Pennsylvania was inducted into the Fellowship of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM) at the ACNM 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Washington, DC this June.

Since becoming an ACNM member in 1983, Lowenstein has demonstrated leadership on the local, state and national levels. She was instrumental in the state legislative victory which extended prescriptive authority to Pennsylvania nurse-midwives. Lowenstein also holds the distinction of being the first certified nurse-midwife to be offered a seat on the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine. She is part of the clinical team at Greater Philadelphia Health Action, a federally funded health care center. In addition, Lowenstein recently established Womencare, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that will provide access to quality care for women, including a birth center.

Before joining Health Action, Lowenstein cared for patients at Hahnemann University Hospital and lectured at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. At Hahnemann colleague describes Lowenstein as “consistently compassionate and thoughtful” with her patients where she was in charge of a clinic devoted to the care of drug-using mothers and their infants. For 10 years, she served on the ACNM Certification Council’s (ACC) National Exam Committee and helped develop certification exams for student graduates. Over the years, Lowenstein has been a frequent presenter on health care legislative action, midwifery education and substance abuse in pregnant women. She was president of the Pennsylvania Association of Licensed Midwives (PALM) for four years; is a previous recipient of the ACNM Regional Award for Excellence and is a member of the national nursing honor society, Sigma Theta Tau.

Lowenstein received her bachelor’s in nursing from Wagner College, a master’s in nursing from Pennsylvania State University, and midwifery education from State University of New York Downstate Medical Center. She completed a post master’s from the Regional Training Center for Nurse-Midwifery and Nurse Practitioner Faculty at the University of Pennsylvania.

Fellowship in the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) is an honor bestowed upon those midwives whose demonstrated leadership, clinical excellence, outstanding scholarship, and professional achievement have merited special recognition both within and outside the midwifery profession. In light of the vast wealth of expertise and collective wisdom represented within the body of Fellows, its mission is to serve the ACNM in a consultative and advisory capacity.

*NOTE TO PHOTO EDITORS: Photos from the award presentation are available. Please contact Yolanda Landon, ACNM Communications Manager, at (240) 485-1822, or via e-mail at [ylandon@acnm.org](mailto:ylandon@acnm.org).*

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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.

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