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LESLIE LUDKA, CNM JOINS ACNM AS THE NEW SENIOR TECHNICAL ADVISOR

Silver Spring, MD – The **American College of Nurse-Midwives** announces that Leslie M. Ludka, CNM, MSN will be the new Senior Technical Advisor in Professional Services at ACNM. Ludka will be responsible for communication with ACNM members and other interested parties regarding clinical and practice issues.

“Leslie’s rich background, having practiced in such varied settings, positions her to ably assist our members in solving their practice issues,” said Lisa Summers, CNM, DrPH, ACNM Director of Professional Services.

Ludka comes to ACNM after a diverse career in women’s health care. She began her career in health care in 1979 with an Associate Degree in Nursing from Northern Essex Community College. Ludka earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Boston University in 1986 and worked as a nurse at a free-standing birth center before becoming a midwife. In 1991, she graduated from the midwifery program at Yale University School of Nursing. After a year of providing full scope midwifery care to native Hawaiian and rural community women on the island of Molokai, Ludka returned to Boston where she spent the next nine years at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, the primary teaching facility for Harvard Medical School. At Brigham and Women’s, Ludka worked to create the position of Director of Midwifery, and in that role was responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating all aspects of the midwifery practice, maintaining practice statistics, and serving as liaison between nursing and medicine regarding midwifery practice. Since leaving that position, Ludka has been self employed with LML Consulting, providing full-scope clinical midwifery care on a Locum tenens and per diem basis, both nationally & internationally.

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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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