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## **ACNM WELCOMES TINA JOHNSON, CNM, MS, AS DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND HEALTH POLICY**

**Silver Spring, MD** – Tina Johnson, CNM, MS, will fill the Professional Practice and Health Policy Director position at the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) beginning Monday, January 5.

“I am honored and excited to serve our members and our profession in this challenging role,” said Johnson. “I welcome the opportunity to work alongside our members in breaking down barriers to midwifery services and supporting them in providing the highest quality care to women and families. I look forward to working diligently with our ACNM team to enhance our national and global visibility at this pivotal time of change in the health care arena.”

Johnson’s previous position was Director of Midwifery Services with Maryland General Hospital Women’s Healthcare Associates in Baltimore. While there, she played an instrumental role in establishing this model midwifery service which the hospital currently utilizes. She continues to practice and provide clinical education for midwifery and nursing students as well as family practice physician residents. Johnson has also practiced full-scope midwifery care in both birth center and home settings. She has represented ACNM Maryland Chapter as both chapter chairperson and as legislative liaison. She received her master’s degree in nurse-midwifery from Stony Brook University in 1999, and her nursing diploma from Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing (Kalamazoo, Michigan). Johnson also holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Virginia Tech.

ACNM Executive Director Lorrie Kline Kaplan says, “We are thrilled that Tina is joining our team at this critical time when health policy initiatives are on the table. With her background, ACNM will continue to expand its focus on professional practice and health policy issues, ensuring that ACNM remains a leading voice for improved women’s health and maternity care.”

### **About the ACNM Department of Professional Practice and Health Policy**

The Department of Professional Practice and Health Policy provides leadership in the development of resources for the ACNM membership related to professional practice issues. The department also has responsibility for the oversight and conduct of national and international advocacy on health policy and professional practice issues.

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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 infants 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](http://www.midwife.org).