



JOINT STATEMENT ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE-MIDWIVES AND THE A.C.N.M. FOUNDATION, INC.

American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) is a tax exempt 501(c)(6) professional membership organization incorporated in New Mexico since 1955. The mission of ACNM is to support midwives, advance the practice of midwifery, and achieve optimal, equitable health outcomes for the people and communities midwives serve. ACNM is the professional association that represents certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and certified midwives (CMs) in the United States (US). ACNM sets the standard for excellence in midwifery education and practice in the US and seeks to strengthen the capacity of midwives in low- and middle-income countries. Members of ACNM provide care during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period; sexual and reproductive health; gynecologic health; and family planning services, including preconception care. They also provide primary care for individuals from adolescence throughout the lifespan as well as care for the healthy newborn. ACNM establishes clinical practice standards for CNMs and CMs, supports research, administers, and promotes continuing education programs, creates liaisons with state and federal agencies and members of Congress, and advocates for those who desire care from midwives.

The A.C.N.M. Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity incorporated in New York since 1967. The mission of the Foundation is to promote excellent health outcomes for all people and communities through the support of midwifery. The Foundation's charitable purposes are to support and benefit the mission of ACNM and other organizations, groups, and individuals with similar purposes to advance the public knowledge and understanding of professional midwifery in the following ways: sponsoring studies, surveys, and research and preparing, publishing, and disseminating essays, studies, reports, treatises and other scientific and educational materials; granting scholarships and fellowship funds; sponsoring and arranging educational observations for professionals and sponsoring educational or scientific meetings, conferences, workshops, and symposia; establishing and/or maintaining libraries; and other proper activities. The direct beneficiaries of the Foundation's vital financial support are aspiring midwifery students, promising research scholars, new clinical service leaders, midwives undertaking innovative projects worldwide, and other impactful initiatives that support midwifery.

Governance

ACNM is governed by a Board of Directors that consists of midwives who are active members of ACNM, elected by the members, and other Board-appointed positions as needed. The Foundation is governed by an appointed Board of Trustees consisting of midwives who are clinicians, educators, researchers, global health professionals, and others committed to the Foundation's mission who bring a special level of expertise in areas such as fundraising, finance and legal matters.

Financial Relationship

All financial agreements between ACNM and the Foundation are in accordance with the laws and regulations that govern charitable organizations and are stipulated in memoranda of understanding and in written contracts that address specific collaborative projects and activities.

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