

ACNM DOA Annual Report 2000

The Division of Accreditation (DOA) is the official accrediting body of ACNM that plans, implements, and evaluates the accreditation process for nurse-midwifery and midwifery education programs in order to ensure and enhance their quality and encourage their continuous improvement.

The Division consists of the following units: the Governing Board, Advisory Committee, Site Visitors Panel and the Board of Review.

Preparing the petition for renewal of recognition by the United States Department of Education as an accrediting agency was the focus of the DOA for much of the year. The completed petition was submitted in November 2000 and included a request for expansion of scope of recognition to include direct-entry midwifery education. The status of the petition was not known at the time the Annual Report went to press.

During the fiscal year, the DOA revised *The Skills, Knowledge, Competencies and Health Sciences Prerequisite to Midwifery Practice* and *The Board of Review Operational Guidelines*. In addition, the DOA developed, refined, and distributed the *Guidelines for Collaborative or Joint Site Visits by ACNM DOA and Other Accrediting Bodies* and the *Guidelines for Maintaining Documentation in Nurse-Midwifery/Midwifery Education*.

The DOA Advisory Committee met in January 2000 and emphasized the need for the development of data management for the DOA.

The DOA Governing Board met two times this fiscal year and reviewed DOA responsibilities. A follow-up of the Appreciative Inquiry/Strategic Planning process was completed in May.

The Board of Review (BOR) met in January and June. The BOR conducted a comprehensive program review as well as follow-up on progress reports, evaluation of BOR operations, orientation of new members, and development of a presentation for program directors, faculty, and others.

The Coordinator of the Site Visitor Panel, Teresa Marsico, continued to recruit and orient new site visitors, confirm the site visiting schedule, and together with Diane Bohn, develop, revise, and pilot-test a streamlined Site Visitors Report format. The panel also revised and approved the 2002-2003 site visit schedule so visits are accomplished by the Panel while not compromising the accreditation expiration dates of the academic institutions.

The DOA continued to participate in the Alliance for Nursing Accreditation meetings, hosting a meeting in May. The DOA agreed at this meeting

to participate in a task force on distance education and Melissa Avery agreed to represent ACNM on the task force.

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