



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

The American College of Nurse-Midwives

The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM), a tax exempt 501(c)(6), was incorporated in 1955. ACNM establishes clinical practice standards for certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and certified midwives (CMs), supports research, administers and promotes continuing education programs, creates liaisons with state and federal agencies and members of Congress, and advocates for women and families. The primary mission of ACNM is to support midwives and advance the practice of midwifery to achieve optimal health for women throughout the lifespan with a focus on well-woman and gynecologic care and practices that promote optimal pregnancy outcomes, physiologic birth, postpartum care, and care of the newborn.

The A.C.N.M. Foundation, Inc.

The A.C.N.M. Foundation, Inc. (ACNMF), a tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, was incorporated in 1967 as the philanthropic arm of ACNM with a mission to promote excellence in health care for women, newborns, and families worldwide through the support of midwifery. ACNMF collaborates closely with ACNM by supporting midwifery education, research, practice, and leadership activities that advance the provision of high quality maternal, newborn, and well-woman health care services. As defined in the Certificate of Incorporation, ACNMF's purposes are to support and benefit the mission of ACNM and 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.

Governance

ACNM is governed by a Board of Directors that consists of active members of ACNM who are elected by the members. The ACNMF is governed by a Board of Trustees which consists of midwives who are clinicians, educators, and researchers, as well as other interested individuals with expertise in such areas as fundraising, law, financial management, and investment. The ACNM President or designee holds a voting position on the ACNMF Board, and the ACNMF Board President attends ACNM Board meetings as an ex-officio member.

Financial Relationship

All financial agreements between ACNM and ACNMF are in accordance with the laws that govern charitable organizations and are stipulated in a memorandum of understanding as well as in written contracts that address specific collaborative projects and activities.

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