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for MIDWIFERY EDUCATION

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To: ACME Stakeholders

From: Gretchen Mettler, PhD, CNM, FACNM, Chair, ACME Board of Review
Peter G. Johnson, CNM, PhD, FACNM, Chair, ACME Board of Commissioners

Re: Change of Accreditation Status

Date: August 29, 2017

On July 20, 2017 the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME) Board of Review placed seven programs (Case Western Reserve University, Emory University, Marquette University, Midwifery Institute at Jefferson, University of Indianapolis, University of Kansas, and Wayne State University) on warning for failure to meet the following criterion:

Criterion VI: Assessment and Outcomes

A.2. Program's aggregated annual American Certification Board (AMCB) pass rate for first time takers is **at least** 85%

While the ACME Board of Review action is consistent with our ACME Policies and Procedures Manual (as revised June 2013), the Board of Commissioners, in consultation with the Board of Review and other stakeholders, believes there is reason to review this criterion and its current administration and application.

ACME is therefore rescinding all warnings related to Criterion VI A.2 pending review by the Board of Commissioners.

NOTICE OF ACCREDITATION ACTION

August 21, 2017

(Updated from July 20, 2017 Action Notice)

Accrediting agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) are required to notify regional accreditors, selected specialized accreditors, and state licensing agencies responsible for post-secondary education of final accreditation decisions. In addition, the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME) also provides notice of its accreditation decisions to the public on its website.

In accordance with 34 CFR §602.26(a), you are being provided with notice of these actions no later than 30 days following the Commission decision.

Please be advised that ACME, the recognized accrediting agency for the accreditation and pre-accreditation of basic certificate, basic graduate nurse-midwifery, direct entry midwifery, and pre-certification nurse-midwifery education programs, including those programs that offer distance education, took the following actions at its Board of Review (BOR) meeting July 20, 2017.

Preaccreditation

- **Fairfield University**, Nurse-Midwifery Program - Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) Preaccreditation granted. (July 2017) The program will be reevaluated for initial accreditation within six months of graduation of the first class.

Continued Programmatic Accreditation

- **University of Kansas**, Nurse-Midwifery Program - Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and Post-Graduate Certificate (July 2017 through July 2027)

Substantive Change

- **The Ohio State University**, Nurse-Midwifery Program – The substantive change was to provide an additional pathway to the M.S. degree for nurse-midwife students by allowing students to take DNP coursework in the nurse-midwifery master's program. The request is to substitute eight doctoral level courses for five master's level core courses. The M.S. midwifery specialty courses and M.S. midwifery clinical courses will remain the same. Accreditation granted July 2017 through July 2024.

Adverse Action

- None – See Cover Memo dated August 21, 2017 from ACME BOR Chair

Withdrawal of Accreditation

- None

These actions and decisions have been posted on the ACME website at <http://www.midwife.org/ACME-Accreditation-Action-Notices>. For additional information about nurse-midwifery and midwifery accreditation, contact the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 1550, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, Phone: 240-485-1802, Fax: 240-485-1818, Email: hmaurer@acnm.org, website: <http://www.midwife.org/acme>.