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Jill Alliman, CNM, MSN has been in practice as a birth center nurse-midwife in rural Tennessee for over twenty years. She has served as the Center Director of Women's Wellness and Maternity Center for the past six years, and maintains a clinical practice along with her administrative responsibilities. During her tenure as Director, the Center has expanded its role as a primary care provider for women by becoming a Rural Health Clinic, and has been awarded the designation of Rural Frontier Women's Health Coordinating Center by the Office on Women's Health. An evening well child clinic provides children's preventative care services. Jill has received recognition from Good Housekeeping and Wyeth as their 2004 Healthcare Provider of the Year, and the Tennessee Primary Care Association as recipient of the Caryl E. Carpenter Award. She is currently the President of the American Association of Birth Centers.

Jill received her Nurse-Midwifery certificate from the Medical University of South Carolina, and her Master's in Nursing from Case Western in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Adina Andrea, CNM began her career in 1986 as a Florida licensed midwife performing home births in private practice. After obtaining her CNM from Education Program Associates and working in a birthing center she decided to attack the last frontier by midwifery in a hospital setting at Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory, NC. She currently is the administrator of the The Center for Women & Children at the same hospital and also manages three outpatient clinics including a GYN Clinic and a Ryan White Clinic. She obtained her BSN at UNC Charlotte and is completing her masters at Walden University.

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Kim currently serves AWHONN as an elected director on their board of directors and is a member of the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Womens Health. She has served as expert faculty with NICHQ and HRSA, as well

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Deborah Armbruster, CNM, MPH, FACNM is currently the Director of Prevention of Postpartum Hemorrhage Initiative (POPPHI) within Program for Appropriate Technology for Health (PATH). She was with ACNM Global Outreach for 15 years and Director for 3 years. With over 26 years of experience in international reproductive health programs, she has worked in more than 20 countries. She participated in the Sri Lanka Safe Motherhood Technical Consultation and the Geneva and Tunis Technical Consultation on 'Skilled Attendance at Birth'. Ms. Armbruster has experience in competency-based training, materials and program development for a variety of cadres of health providers including co-author of the ACNM *Home Based Life Saving Skills* manual. She has worked with professional associations in capacity building, standard setting and institutional strengthening.

Mary Barger, CNM, MPH, Assistant Professor of Maternal and Child Health in the Boston University School of Public Health, teaches in the areas of perinatal epidemiology and maternal and child health. She practices midwifery with Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates in Boston. For over 25 years, she has practiced nurse-midwifery and taught and directed nurse-midwifery programs. She has written and spoken on a large range of topics. She currently is completing her doctorate in epidemiology. Ms. Barger serves on the editorial board of JMWH, ACNM Fellows Board of Governors, and AMCB Board of Directors as chair of the Certification Maintenance Program.

Kate Bauer, MBA is the executive director of the American Association of Birth Centers (formerly the National Association of Childbearing Centers) and the executive secretary for the AABC Foundation. She has been involved with birth centers at the national level for 20 years. She has published numerous reports on the birth center experience and is part of the AABC's Uniform Data Set Task Force. She earned her BA from Earlham College and her MBA from Penn State University. On a personal note, Kate is the proud mother of two birth center babes.

Diana Beck, CNM, MS is presently a Senior Technical Advisor with ACNM's Department of Global Outreach. Ms. Beck has practiced full-scope midwifery in a variety of settings, established a midwifery service, and was nurse-midwifery faculty at Georgetown University. With over 20 years of experience in international maternal and reproductive health programs she has worked in more than 17 countries. Her international experiences includes program design, implementation, evaluation, training, and curriculum development for traditional birth attendant training, in-service and pre-service training of nurses, midwives and doctors, as well as midwifery association strengthening. She is the co-author of the ACNM *Home Based Life Saving Skills* among other training manuals.

Patricia Beckman, CNM, MPH has been a CNM for over 12 years. Since graduating from Boston University's Nurse Midwifery Program she has worked in many settings including home, birth centers, and hospital. She loves her current position as a staff midwife at Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory, NC. It has been her privilege to work with the nursing staff there and to promote evidenced based practice in the second stage of labor. She believes that all nurses and midwives would change their second stage management if given the opportunity to really look at the evidence.

Andrew Brill, MD is presently the Director of Minimally Invasive Gynecology, Reparative Pelvic Surgery, and Surgical Training at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. He is the past president of the AAGL, the world's leading organization for minimally invasive gynecology. He serves on two editorial boards and has authored more than 50 articles covering all aspects of minimally invasive gynecology. He recently moved to San Francisco after a 16 year academic career at the University of Illinois in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology as Professor and Fellowship Director of Gynecologic Endoscopy.

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Barbara Camune RNC,CNM, WHNP, DrPH is CNM from the University of Illinois at Chicago and the program coordinator there for midwifery and women's health. She has been teaching neonatal resuscitation for 10years. She has experience as the Head Nurse of Level I & II Nurseries and Mother /Baby units.

Catherine Carr, CNM, DrPH is an associate professor in the Department of Family and Child Nursing at the University of Washington, Seattle. She obtained her midwifery education at the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing in Hyden, Kentucky and received her Doctor of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She is a member of the International Committee and of the International Section of the Division of Research of the ACNM. She works with students and midwives in Central America in Guatemala and Costa Rica.

Sue Carter, PhD is Professor of Psychiatry and Co-Director of the Brain Body Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her research program focuses on the neurobiology of social behavior, including social bonding and social support. Dr. Carter also has examined endocrine changes associated with human behavior, including studies that demonstrate the physiological benefits of lactation to the mother. She has published over 200 papers and edited or co-edited five volumes including the *Integrative Neurobiology of Affiliation* (MIT Press, 1999) and *Attachment and Bonding: A New Synthesis* (MIT Press, 2006), and is past president of the International Behavioral Neuroscience Society.

Ellen Chetwynd, RN BSN IBCLC is currently a nurse, a lactation consultant, and the Co-Director of the Maternal Child Health Program at the UNC Department of Family Medicine. She received her degree in nursing in 1991, and became a Lactation Consultant in 2000. She has worked in the area of perinatal health since 1992, caring for young families in a number of different settings, including a hospital Labor and Delivery department, birthing centers, and currently, an outpatient clinic. For over 5 years, she has been a speaker on childbirth, breastfeeding, and parenting topics for both the birthing community as well as providing education to physicians, nurses, doulas, and lactation consultants.

P. Annie Clark, CNM, MPH, became a certified nurse-midwife in 1980. For 18 years, she practiced full-scope midwifery in rural hospitals and occasionally attended births at home. Her supervising physicians, who were not routinely in the hospital, taught her how to use the vacuum extractor. She obtained her Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Hawaii, and in 1998, began working for the ACNM Department of Global Outreach as a Senior Technical Advisor. She trains doctors and midwives in developing countries to use the vacuum extractor as part of the ACNM Life Saving Skills program.

Carolyn Clancy, MD was appointed Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) on February 5, 2003. Prior to her appointment, Dr. Clancy had served as AHRQ's Acting Director since March 2002 and previously was Director of the Agency's Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research (COER). Dr. Clancy, who is a general internist and health services researcher, is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Following clinical training in internal medicine, Dr. Clancy was a Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. She was also an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond before joining AHRQ in 1990.

Dr. Clancy holds an academic appointment at George Washington University School of Medicine (Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine) and serves as Senior Associate Editor, Health Services Research. Dr. Clancy has served on multiple editorial boards (currently *Annals of Family Medicine*, *American Journal of Medical Quality*, and *Medical Care Research and Review*). Dr. Clancy has published widely in peer reviewed journals and has edited or contributed to seven books. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine and was elected a Master of the American College of Physicians in 2004.

Her major research interests include various dimensions of health care quality and patient, including women's health, primary care, access to care services, and the impact of financial incentives on physicians' decisions.

Mary Curran, CNM, MPH first became interested in emergencies and disasters when she trained as an Emergency Medical Technician in 1975. Throughout her nursing and midwifery career she has continued this interest and worked as a volunteer for the American Red Cross. She presently is on the Board of Directors for the Greater Nashua Area Medical Reserve Corps, which is an organization for volunteer medical health professionals. She also serves on the State of New Hampshire Advisory Committee for ESAR-VHP.

Rebecca Cypher, MSN, PNNP is a perinatal nurse with over 20 years experience as a clinical nurse, university faculty, manager, educator and advanced practice nurse. Miss Cypher received her BSN from Eastern Michigan University and a MSN from Regis University. She is currently an active duty Air Force nurse who is the clinical specialist at Wilford Hall Medical Center's Hauth Birthing Center in San Antonio. She has held various positions in AWHONN including consultant and the Armed Forces Section Chair. She has presented and published on a variety of topics to include fetal monitoring, legal issues, and high risk conditions in pregnancy.

Robbie Davis-Floyd, PhD, Senior Research Fellow, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Texas Austin, is a medical anthropologist specializing in the anthropology of reproduction. An international speaker and researcher, she has given over 500 talks around the world in the past 10 years, and is author of over 80 articles and author, co-author, or co-editor of ten books, including *Cyborg Babies: From Techno-Sex to Techo-Tots* (1998), *Birth as an American Rite of Passage* (2004), and *Mainstreaming Midwives: The Politics of Change* (2006). She is Editorial Chair for the International MotherBaby-Friendly Initiative.

Ron Degon RSA CFA SA-C is a registered First Assistant in the State of Illinois, and holds multiple national certifications as a Surgical First Assistant. He is a working member of a surgical assisting service in Kansas. He has been working as an assistant for over ten years. Over this time he has assisted on well over one thousand procedures in multiple specialties, including Obstetrics and Gynecology. Ron is also a co-founder and instructor with The Elite School of Surgical First Assisting. They instruct healthcare providers of many backgrounds in the techniques and principles used in being a successful First Assistant at Surgery.

Sandra DeGroot, CNM, MSN is a Registered Nurse, a Board Certified Nurse-Midwife and a retired Navy Nurse Corps Captain. She received her BSN from Keuka College in 1976 and her MSN from the University of Utah in 1992. She recently completed a 30 year career in the United States Navy as a Navy Nurse. Highlights of her career included being a full scope Nurse Midwife, the Specialty Leader to the Navy Surgeon General for Nurse Midwives and Women's Health Nurse Practitioners, the Navy's first Director of Women's Health Care Services at Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Florida, the Executive Officer of U.S. Naval Hospital Keflavik, Iceland and the Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Lemoore, California. Her command received the Department of Defense OB Patient Satisfaction Award two years in a row during her tenure as Commanding Officer. She has a passion for integrative health care practice and is trained in CranioSacral Therapy. She is currently residing with her husband in Bellingham, Washington.

Angela Deneris, CNM, PhD has taught at University of Utah for 16 years. She has practiced as a CNM for 26 years, with a clinical interest in menopause, primary care and pregnancy. She has authored several book chapters. Dr. Deneris has served as a peer reviewer for the *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*.

Peg Dublin, RN, MPH is a community health nurse with a special focus on developing health promotion and chronic disease management programs in underserved communities in Chicago. Much of Peg's work has focused on maternal-child health and systems change. Peg has published articles on a successful Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program, based at Cook County Hospital that she directed for many years. She recently coordinated the Care Improvement Collaborative of the Ambulatory and Community Health Network within the Cook County Bureau of Health Services where she was the institutional champion of Centering Pregnancy! Centering Pregnancy is now established in several County outpatient health centers as the standard of care. Peg received her BSN at Rush University and her Masters' in Public Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Peg is also a CenteringPregnancy facilitator and National Workshop Leader. Ms. Dublin is currently the Sr. Manager of Maternal Child Health Programs with Access Community Health Network, based in Chicago.

Janet Engstrom, CNM, PhD, FACNM is a certified nurse-midwife and a women's health nurse practitioner. She is currently Professor and Acting Chairperson of the Department of Women's and Children's Health at Rush University. She has researched lactation and infant feeding issues in very low birth weight infants for the past two decades and is currently a researcher with the RUSH Mothers' Milk Club.

Jenifer Fahey, CNM, MSN, MPH is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. In addition to her clinical duties (full scope midwifery) and her faculty duties (clinical and classroom instruction of medical students and Ob/Gyn Residents) she is also the Perinatal Outreach Coordinator and has, in conjunction with the Chair of the department, set up and operates an obstetric simulation program. Ms. Fahey also team teaches Complex Midwifery at the School of Nursing and precepts midwifery students. Her research interests/areas of expertise include breastfeeding, electronic fetal heart rate monitoring, shoulder dystocia and patient safety. Ms. Fahey obtained her B.A. from the University of Texas in Austin in 1994 and then went to Harvard University's School of Public Health where she obtained a Masters of Science in Public Health in 1997. Upon completion of her public health masters, Ms. Fahey went to New Haven where in 2000 she completed her Masters of Science Nursing in the Midwifery division of the Yale School of Nursing.

Mary Faucher, CNM, PhD is a Certified Nurse-Midwife and an Associate Professor of Nursing at the Louise Herrington School of Nursing at Baylor University in Dallas, Texas. Mary Ann has been practicing midwifery or working in women's health in the Dallas community for 20 years. She received her midwifery education and a Master in Public Health from Columbia University, in New York City. Her doctorate is in health behavior and education from Texas Women's University. Her research interests include, cardiovascular health modification of health behaviors in woman, and adolescent risk behaviors, specifically smoking in young woman. Mary Ann is the program director for the new Nurse-Midwifery-DNP program soon to open at Baylor University. It will be the only nurse-midwifery program in Texas.

Barbara Fildes, MS, CNM served as Director, Division of Midwives and Nurse Practitioners in the Department of Ob/Gyn at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire from 1994-2005. In 1997, Barbara co-chaired a Task Force on Credentialing and Privileging for Advanced Practice Nurses at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and became the first non-physician member of the Credentials Committee on which she served for many years. She is now leading a three-year initiative on Regional Obstetric Quality Improvement and provides consultation regarding credentialing and privileging of CNM's and NP's. She is ACNM Region I Representative, representing the six New England states.

Jennifer Foster, CNM, PhD is a midwife and anthropologist. She is currently Assistant Professor of Nursing and Anthropology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Jennifer has served in the Peace Corps in Guatemala, as well as participated in research projects in Peru and Mexico. She is currently collaborating with AnneMarie Heath in the Dominican Republic to mobilize nurses and the community to improve maternity care using a participatory midwifery model.

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Martha Goedert CNM, FNP, PhD is Associate Professor at Clarkson College graduate nursing program in Omaha, NE. She is a nurse midwife and family nurse practitioner. Her clinical responsibilities include a homeless clinic which also acts as a service learning site for a variety of undergraduate students across several disciplines. Her career has been dedicated to disenfranchised persons and birthing families. She keeps current with locum tenens work and

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Sandra Goldberg, CN, PhD has served as a contributor and consultant to NBC 5 for almost ten years and appears four times weekly with nutritional information, weight reduction tips and lifestyle changes. Her ongoing weekend series, "Food for Thought" has garnered a broad and loyal viewership with welcomed questions and feedback from the public. Dr. Sandy won the 2002 Emmy for "One Woman's Story," a history of her struggle with breast cancer.

Goldberg received a Bachelor of Arts degree from South Arkansas University in 1968, a Masters from Northwestern University in 1969 and, after successfully losing 160 pounds, continued her education by earning a CN (with highest honors) from the American Culinary Federation in 1987, a MS and Ph.D. in Clinical Nutrition from the American College of Holistic Nutrition (UAB) in 1991 and a Master's Certificate in Addictions Counseling, Specialized Eating Disorders certified by the National Board of Addictions Counselors in 1998.

In 2001, Dr. Sandy created an ongoing cable series on CAN-TV in partnership with the American Cancer Society. In 2002 she founded the Chicagoland Cancer Information Coalition (CCIC), and has assembled the support and expertise of several highly regarded cancer advocacy groups. With the support of Mayor Daley and former Police Superintendent Terry Hillard, she established a citizen link to the 311 system (non-emergency hotline).

Dr Goldberg serves on Boards of the American Cancer Society, Prado Institute, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, and is an active volunteer with the Chicagoland Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, March of Dimes and Stop Colon Rectal Cancer Society.

Steffie Goodman, CNM, MSN, PhD is an Instructor at the University of Colorado at Denver & Health Sciences Center, Department of Ob Gyn, where she is involved in a proteomics and preterm birth research project. She has also taught in the School of Nursing in the midwifery and women's health programs. She has practiced midwifery 27 years in many settings. Her research looks at the political economy of maternity care, with a recent publication in *Social Science and Medicine*. Currently she has a proposal to compare cost and quality outcomes between midwifery-led and physician-led models of maternity care in safety net institutions.

Barbara Hackley, CNM, MSN is a graduate of Columbia University and has worked in midwifery practice and education for over twenty years. Her articles on primary care have been published in the professional literature and presented at national conferences. Currently she is on faculty at Yale University School of Nursing and practices at Montefiore South Bronx Health Center. She cares primarily for low-income minority women, who typically have limited access to quality mental health care. However, many of the needs of these women have been met by expanding practice to include the management of mental health problems and by working co-operatively with a cohesive multi-disciplinary team

Kendra Harrington, PT, DPT, BCIA-PMDB is a Pelvic Floor Physical Therapist, educator, lecturer, and researcher, currently practicing at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Dr. Harrington serves as a clinic specialist to patients, family members, colleagues, and medical students. She holds her certification in biofeedback training for pelvic muscle dysfunction, and has been appointed to the faculty at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. She has been featured in several press releases regarding women's health issues which have transpired into international news coverage as well as the Posture Tips for Mom brochure featured in the American Physical Therapy Association's product catalogue.

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Annemarie Heath, CNM, MSN began her work in international health as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ecuador and the Dominican Republic. Motivated by the health care needs of women, she graduated from Yale University School of

Nursing with her MSN and Certificate in Midwifery. As a midwife she has specialized in working with Latin Americans in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic. She presently works for the University of Massachusetts School of Nursing and with Riverbend Medical Group. She is also the executive director of the non-profit Proyecto ADAMES, a grass roots organization focusing on reducing maternal mortality in the Dominican Republic through the midwifery model of care.

Aggie Hoeger, CNM, MS, has been a practicing nurse-midwife for 21 years. During that time she has precepted over 40 midwifery students from nine graduate nurse midwifery schools. She has also worked with PA students, NP students and medical students. In 1996 she became a Regional Clinical Coordinator or RCC for the Frontier School. As an RCC she has followed 20-30 students a year through their clinical practicum in practices across the country. When problems arose in the clinical area, she worked closely with students and preceptors to find solutions that met everyone's needs. In January of this year, Aggie was hired full time as Clinical Director for the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing.

Donna Jackson-Kohlin, CNM, MSN, received her nursing and midwifery education from the University of Pennsylvania, having graduated in 1990. She has been in full-scope practice with Baystate Midwifery and Women's Health as a clinician since 1994. She is a faculty member of the Baystate Midwifery Education Program. She has been working with incarcerated women as a member of the medical staff for the past 3 years.

Lucia Jenkusky, CNM, WHNP received her BSN from The Ohio State University in 1993 and worked as an ER and L&D nurse until 1999 when she obtained her Masters of Science in Midwifery from Stony Brook University. After graduation she worked as a part-time CNM for a Private Family Practice Physician in Walton, NY. In 2001 Lucia joined another midwife in Oneonta NY and co-founded Birth and Beyond Midwifery Practice. Since its inception Birth and Beyond grew from 30 births in its first year to 120 births in 2006. In February of this year, Birth and Beyond was forced to close due to loss of the midwifery collaborative agreement. Lucia is now working with NYSALM and its Barriers to Practice Committee to change the laws in New York in regards to the collaborative agreement. She is now a full time midwife with Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown NY.

Cecilia Jevitt, CNM, PhD

Dr. Jevitt is an assistant professor of midwifery and nursing with joint appointments to the University of South Florida Colleges of Nursing and Medicine since 1999. She completed a master's degree in nursing and midwifery at Emory University in Atlanta. Her doctorate in applied medical anthropology is from the University of South Florida. Dr. Jevitt has been in full scope midwifery practice for 24 years in the Tampa Bay area. She is Spanish speaking and has extensive experience with the health of Hispanic women and women in seasonal farm work. In addition to women's health, she teaches health policy and economics, evidence based practice, and practice management. Her program of research focuses on integrating obesity prevention and management into routine women's health, prenatal care, and breastfeeding. She is published in the areas of midwifery workforce issues, postpartum depression prevention, and obesity management in women's gynecologic health, prenatal care, and lactation.

Lisa Kane Low PhD CNM FACNM is currently an assistant professor at the University of Michigan School of Nursing, Women's Studies Department and Department of OB/GYN. She is in full scope midwifery practice also at UM, and is currently focused on developing her research career focused on care practices during labor to promote models of care in support of normal birth. She has published papers related to the use of Doulas, adolescents* experiences of childbirth, PTSD during pregnancy and birth practices in low resources settings. Her recent work explores management of second stage labor to prevent pelvic floor trauma.

Holly Kennedy, PhD, CNM is an Associate Professor at the University of California, San Francisco and Co-Chair of the International Confederation of Midwives Research Standing Committee. Her program of research is focused on midwifery practice and outcomes, particularly in the support of normal birth.

Jacqueline Kent, PhD is a postdoctoral research associate who has been undertaking research on human lactation for over 20 years, working with Professor Peter Hartmann at The University of Western Australia. Her interests encompass the biochemistry and physiology of human milk synthesis, breastfeeding behaviour, and removal of milk from the breast. She has published 20 papers in refereed journals, and has been invited to speak at local, national and international conferences.

Mary Killpack, MSN, RNC is the Clinical Nurse Specialist for Perinatal Outreach with Methodist Hospital in Omaha, NE. She has had 39 years of experience as a nurse and nurse educator promoting optimal pregnancy outcomes for underserved and high risk families. She is certified as a RN in inpatient obstetrics, perinatal grief and adoption counseling. Her most recent project, involved with Partners for Methamphetamine Prevention is dedicated to providing community education and increased awareness about meth. The goal of this project is to educate youth and families to prevent first use of illicit substances.

Joyce King, RN, FNP, CNM, PhD is both a Family Nurse Practitioner and Certified Nurse Midwife. Her Ph.D. is in the area of physiology. She has a special interest in providing holistic GYN care to women of all ages. She currently works part-time in a full scope OB/GYN Nurse-Midwifery practice and teaches full-time in both the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs at Emory University. Her research interests lie in the area of fat cell metabolism, obesity, and gestational diabetes. In addition, she consults both nationally and internationally regarding both obesity and women's health.

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In 1996, Dr. Meier established the Rush Mothers' Milk Club, a program of evidence-based breastfeeding practices for preterm and high risk infants, in the Special Care Nursery at Rush Children's Hospital. This program has become the international "gold standard" for excellence in research and practice, and serves as the model for neonatal intensive care units throughout the world.

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Karen is the current Chair of the Continuing Competency Section of the ACNM Division of Education (DOE) and as such sits on the Governing Board of the DOE. The Governing Board provides leadership and policy recommendations regarding education to the ACNM Board of Directors. The Continuing Competency Section is an active group that has been especially busy for the past 2 years developing and implementing a re-entry to clinical practice pilot program for midwives who have been out of practice. She will be presenting an education session that gives an update and evaluation of this pilot program. Karen lives in southern Vermont with her husband and son.

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