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Fellow Michael Evans to Lead ANCC as President

Washington, DC (January 31, 2011) – Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing (AAN) continue to be recognized as uniquely qualified for leadership positions of greater influence. The American Nurses Association (ANA) Board of Directors recently appointed Michael L. Evans, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, as the next President of the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the largest nurse credentialing organization and subsidiary of ANA.

Evans, the Dean and Chief Executive Officer of the Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College in St. Louis, will begin his two-year term on July 1, 2011, succeeding current ANCC President Debbie Dawson Hatmaker, PhD, RN-BC, SANE-A. Evans currently is the ANCC Vice President and previously has served as an ANCC Board Secretary and member.

In addition to the change in board leadership, ANCC underwent a transition in executive leadership in January 2011, opting to employ the expertise of another esteemed Academy member. Fellow Karen Drenkard, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, previously the Senior Director of credentialing operations, was appointed Executive Director, replacing Jeanne Floyd, PhD, RN, CAE, who retired after nearly 10 years. Drenkard also was Co-Chair of the AAN Annual Planning Committee in 2010.

“The Academy congratulates Dr. Evans for his achievements and applauds his recognition as a strong leader for the American Nurses Credentialing Center,” said AAN CEO Cheryl G. Sullivan, MSES. “It is imperative that the nursing profession meets definitive standards to achieve greater health outcomes for our nation. We look forward to the Academy’s continued work with Karen and future collaboration with Michael.”

ANCC provides individuals and organizations throughout the nursing profession with the resources they need to achieve practice excellence. The ANCC Board President serves as chief spokesperson on behalf of ANCC and leads the board in setting goals, policy, and long-range plans for the credentialing center.

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