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American Academy of Nursing Recognizes Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams, an Academy Fellow, Being Named Acting Surgeon General

Washington, D.C. (April 24, 2017) – The American Academy of Nursing today announced its support of Rear Admiral (RADM) Sylvia Trent-Adams, an American Academy of Nursing fellow, being named Acting Surgeon General. In this role, RADM Trent-Adams oversees the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (USPHS) and provides Americans with the best scientific information available on how to improve their health and reduce the risk of illness and injury. She is the first surgeon general who is not a physician.

“We are proud that Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams, who was inducted into the Academy in 2014, has assumed this prestigious top role as the leading spokesperson on matters of public health in the federal government,” said Academy President Bobbie Berkowitz, PhD, RN, FAAN. “Throughout her career, Acting Surgeon General Trent-Adams has worked to improve access to care for poor and underserved communities. The Academy was pleased to have RADM Trent-Adams present at our 2016 policy conference serving on a plenary panel discussing the economic implications of childhood poverty.”

Previously, the Deputy Surgeon General, Trent-Adams advised and supported the Surgeon General regarding operations of the USHS Commissioned Corps and in communicating the best available scientific information to advance the health of the nation. She served as the Chief Nurse Officer of the USPHS from November 2013 through May 2016. In this role, she advised the Office of the Surgeon General and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on the recruitment, assignment, deployment, retention, and career development of Corps nurse professionals.

RADM Trent-Adams has held various positions in DHHS. As a clinician and administrator, she has had a direct impact on building systems of care to improve public health for marginalized populations domestically and internationally.

.RADM Trent-Adams received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Hampton University, a Master of Science in Nursing and Health Policy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She completed an advanced certificate in Health Policy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and was selected as a Doctoral Fellow by the Southern Region Education Board.

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