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NCDMPH's Rebecca Zukowski Named Director of Nursing Program at Mount Aloysius College

Bethesda, MD – Following a national search, Rebecca Zukowski, Senior Research Associate for the National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health (NCDMPH), has been named Director of the Nursing Program and Chair of the Nursing Division at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, Pa.

In this role, Ms. Zukowski will have executive leadership responsibility for the college's nursing program, which consists of an associate's degree, LPN-to-RN and RN-to-BSN programs, including a track that enables students to earn an associate's and bachelor's degree in nursing in four years. Approximately 400 students are enrolled in the College's nursing program.

As the Senior Research Associate for the NCDMPH, Ms. Zukowski has been integral in establishing the Center's mission, strategic planning and field research work since 2009. In that time, she has led efforts in supporting the evaluation of humanitarian assistance and disaster response education and training needs of embarked healthcare personnel during the Navy-sponsored Operation Continuing Promise missions of 2010 and 2011.

"The NCDMPH is truly going to miss the keen insight and strategic thinking that Ms. Zukowski has provided us over the years," said Kandra Strauss-Riggs, Operations Director. "However, our loss is certainly Mount Aloysius' gain – they're getting an extremely talented and hard-working new Associate Dean who we hope to collaborate with in the future."

Established in 1853, Mount Aloysius College is a private, Catholic, liberal arts and science-based institution, sponsored by the Religious Sisters of Mercy, with a commitment to career-directed study.

To learn more about the NCDMPH, visit <http://ncdmph.usuhs.edu>.

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About NCDMPH:

Created by Presidential Directive HSPD-21 in 2008, the NCDMPH has been charged with "leading Federal efforts to develop and propagate core curricula, training and research related to medicine and public health in disaster" by serving the U.S. government as an academic home for the development and dissemination of this information. The NCDMPH is supported by the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, the nation's only federal health sciences university.

About the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Located on the grounds of Bethesda's National Naval Medical Center and across from the National Institutes of Health, USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. The university educates health care professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense and the U.S. Public Health Service. Students are active-duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service, who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, natural disasters, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies. Of the 4,700 physician alumni, more than 75 percent currently serve on active duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and U.S. Public Health Service. Additionally, many alumni are assigned to provide medical support to Marine Corps and Coast Guard units.