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TO: All Local Health Departments (LHD's)
Attn: Medical Director / Health Officer / Director of Environmental Health
Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA)
Attn: Food and Dairy Division Managers

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Food Safety Education Grants

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SUBJECT: 2009 Grants Awarded Through the Consumer and Industry
Food Safety Education Fund

The Michigan Food Law of 2000 created two funds to be used for food safety education. Three dollars per food license is collected for consumer education and two dollars per food license is collected for industry education. The Food Safety and Education Workgroup (consisting of members from academia, community, industry, and regulatory groups) evaluated all grant applications. Although MDA is responsible for making the final decision, the committee offered advice and input on the grant proposals.

Eleven grants were awarded in 2009 totaling \$195,713.00. The grant amounts ranged from \$5,200.00 to \$63,000.00.

2009 CONSUMER AND INDUSTRY FOOD SAFETY EDUCATION FUND GRANTS:

**Chinese Language Certified Food Service Management Training Program
(Genesee County Health Department)**

Offer one or more Chinese language certified food management courses for Genesee County (and surrounding counties) food service establishments. Obtain training materials in Chinese. Offer a Management Certification Class and test in Chinese. Video the class for future use by other local health departments in Michigan.

Effective Inspection of Food Establishments (Michigan Public Health Institute)

Produce an On Demand Web cast training program to train evaluators to do Risk Based Inspections. Partner with MDA to produce this training using video, audio, and power point presentations:

- Host on MPHI-ISG website for 1 year, place training on website for 24/7 access.
- Develop registration system to identify trainees and their usage patterns
- Provide MDA with CD of training.

Consumer Food Safety Awareness Campaign (Central Michigan District Health Department)

The Consumer Food Safety Awareness Campaign will be developed to teach the four basics of food safety to large numbers of people ranging from young adults to the elderly. Local radio and newspapers will run public service announcements related to seasonal topics of interest. CMDHD internet site will feature a section devoted to basic food safety with downloadable fact sheets and links to other food safety education websites with interactive and viewing learning potential.

Improving Awareness of the 5 Risk Factors of Foodborne Illness through a DVD Educational Series (Ottawa County Health Department)

Produce a DVD addressing the 5 Risk Factors. Distribute to over 650 licensed establishments in Ottawa County at no charge. Have DVD available to general public upon request. Video will be shown on rotating basis on local public information channel. Video will be provided to the MDA website for statewide application.

Needs Assessment of Licensed Food Establishments Associated with Foodborne Illness through Education and Visual Aids (Michigan Restaurant Association)

Develop a needs assessment to identify the barriers in providing safe foodservice, and obtaining state mandated food safety certification. MRA will work to develop the assessment and solutions with regulatory agencies and industry partners across the state.

Automated Temporary Food Training (Washtenaw County Health Department)

Create a short automated temporary food service training that can be viewed from a computer via a CD ROM or the internet, covering basic food handling requirements. The training will be approximately 20 minutes in length, and will include a quiz on basic food safety items. A certificate can be printed after the completion of the course.

Food Safety Training for Non-Profits and Charities (Altamirage)

Work with Rock City to create training materials that are geared towards the non-profit industry. Provide a 'Food Safety Basics' class for people who have never handled food before that will educate kitchen workers, volunteers, and in-home food preparers (including halfway homes, etc.) about the basics of safe food handling. 'Call the Kitchen' is a resource for non-profit agencies to contact Altamirage's community kitchen, Rock City Kitchen, when questions or conditions arise that an agency is unsure how to handle. Funding for this project will provide this service officially, on a full-time basis.

Training Scholarship Fund (Michigan Dairy Industry Conference)

Scholarships for training and professional growth opportunities to dairy industry and regulatory staff.

Training and Scholarship Fund (Great Lakes Conference on Food Protection)

The GLCFP Training and Scholarship Funds will be used to provide training opportunities for state and local food safety regulatory staff.

Membership Training Opportunity Fund (Michigan Environmental Health Association)

The MEHA Executive Board will use the grant funds for 2009 Food Protection Conference Scholarships (the goal will be to provide at least 30 scholarships for the 2009 Food Protection Conference to MEHA members on a merit basis). Funds will also provide grant funds to the conference planning committees for food safety speaker fees.

Educational Food Safety Stickers for Consumers of Take-Out and Delivered Food (Michigan State University Extension)

Develop a food safety sticker for take-out and home delivered food. Have space on stickers for date purchased and safe-handling information. Print 3,000 stickers and distribute them statewide at MSU extension ServSafe classes. Post cards (200 to each establishment) will also be distributed at these classes as part of an effectiveness survey process.

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