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RE: Notification of Laboratory Director Change at Bureau of Laboratories

Michigan Laboratory System Partner,

The Michigan Department of Community Health Bureau of Laboratories (BOL) is pleased to announce the appointment of Sandip Shah, Ph.D., HCLD (ABB) as Acting Laboratory Director as of August 13, 2012. Dr. Shah succeeds Dr. Frances Pouch Downes who served as BOL Laboratory Director for the past thirteen years. Under Dr. Downes' leadership, the laboratory improved efficiencies in response to recent economic pressures and was successful in obtaining grant funding for advancing the BOL's capabilities. Dr. Shah is committed to continuing the legacy Dr. Downes has brought to the Bureau of Laboratories.

Dr. Shah earned his Ph.D. in 2009 from the College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University; his Master's degree in 1976 from MS University, Baroda, India; and his Bachelor's degree in 1974 from Gujarat University, India, with undergraduate work and Advanced Levels from University of London, UK. Dr. Shah has been with the BOL for 25 years, serving as Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases for the past 3 years and as manager in the Microbiology Section for 16 years.

As Acting Laboratory Director, Dr. Shah will continue the leadership and collaboration with Michigan Laboratory System partners that enables the BOL to fulfill our mission to provide quality laboratory science for healthier people and communities.

As always, we, at the BOL, thank you for your continued diligence and service in all you do to protect the public's health.

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