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**TO:** Potential Interested Parties

**FROM:** James K. Haveman, Director  
Michigan Department of Community Health

**RE:** Mental Health First Aid Grant

The Michigan Department of Community Health Fiscal Year 2014 Budget appropriates funds to provide Mental Health First Aid Training. Mental Health First Aid Training is an evidence-based and internationally recognized program that has been shown to greatly increase the understanding of mental health issues. This training applies to community members and organizations, education systems, law enforcement, faith communities, healthcare, and parents. The Michigan Department of Community Health expects to increase the number of individuals trained in Michigan with the hopes that Mental Health First Aid will become a common training statewide, just as regular first aid trainings are. Mental Health First Aid Training has the potential to reduce stigma, improve mental health literacy, and empower individuals.

The Michigan Department of Community Health is pleased to announce the opportunity for organizations to apply for one-time Mental Health First Aid grant in the amount of \$1,300,000. We are looking for public, non-profit, and private organizations to apply for this initiative. Each project must have clear and defined outcomes based on the Scope of Work and Deliverables. MDCH encourages the partnership with foundations or like grant opportunities to increase the overall capacity for training.

Please refer to the enclosed documents for specific guidelines and instructions. Questions on the Mental Health First Aid Grant can be directed to Elizabeth Knisely, Director of the Bureau of Community Based Services, Michigan Department of Community Health. Email: [Kniselye@michigan.gov](mailto:Kniselye@michigan.gov).

Applications are due to Elizabeth Knisely by October 28, 2013. Awards will be announced by December 2, 2013.

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