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TO: All Local Health Departments
MDA Food and Dairy Staff
FROM: Tom Crook, John Tilden
SUBJECT: Food and Dairy Division Welcomes New Employees

Exciting new career opportunities for Neal Fortin and Vito Palazzolo, in conjunction with Doug Park's participation in Michigan's early retirement program, have resulted in new faces in the Division. We are pleased to announce that the following very talented individuals have chosen to become a part of our team.

Food Service Sanitation Section:

The section is comprised of a manager, secretary, supervisor and three food service specialist positions. The state has been divided into three consultative areas (see attached map). Area consultants have general duties, participate in the local health department accreditation process and will each have a statewide program responsibility.

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Barb Coy, HACCP	517-335-4604	coyb9@michigan.gov
Becky Ouellette, Special Food Service (vending, temporary, mobile, STFU)	517-241-0140	ouelletter@michigan.gov

Kevin Besev

Kevin has been promoted to Supervisor of the Food Service Sanitation Section. The position involves the day to day scheduling and supervision of section staff members. As most of you know, Kevin has a distinguished career dedicated to the environmental health profession. He brings to the job over ten years of supervisory experience including six years of experience as an environmental health director. Kevin was an Assistant Professor in the Environmental Health and Safety Management Program at Ferris State University prior to coming to the Food Service Sanitation Section in 2001. He has done a remarkable job of overhauling plan review materials and teaching plan review methods. Kevin's enthusiasm and tireless efforts for continuous program improvements are valuable attributes for this position.

Barb Coy

Barb began her career as a nurse after graduating from Hindsdale School of Practical Nursing. Barb fell in love with the field of environmental health while working to obtain her Bachelor of Science degree at Lake Superior State University. Her thesis "Investigation of Staphylococcus in Swimming Pools and Spas" allowed her to work closely with a local health department where she became hooked! Following graduation, Barb accepted a sanitarian position with District



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Health Department No. 4. She has a wide range of experience in a variety of environmental health programs. Barb is a Registered Sanitarian and a Standardized Trainer. Barb will function as a Food Service Sanitation Section program consultant in an assigned area and will also have statewide responsibility for the HACCP related aspects of our program.

Becky Ouellette

Becky graduated from Siena Heights College with a Bachelor of Applied Science degree. Her nearly 20 years of experience working in clinical laboratories specializing in such areas as microbiology, chemistry, and toxicology brings a new level of expertise to the section. Becky has gained experience in a wide variety of environmental health programs while working as a sanitarian with the Jackson County Health Department. She is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist. Becky will function as a food service sanitation section program consultant in an assigned area and will have statewide responsibility for special food service programs. Becky's local health department experience in working with the special food service aspects of our program will bring a new and much needed feature to our list of services.

Food Safety Planning and Response Section:

The section is responsible for assisting state and local officials respond to food-related emergencies including: outbreak investigations, tracebacks, and recalls.

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Lisa Hainstock

Lisa is a Registered Sanitarian who joins the Food and Dairy Division after working for 4 years with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Type II Water Supply Program. Prior to that, Lisa worked for the Delta Menominee District Health Department for 8 years. She graduated from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental/Occupational Hygiene. Lisa will be working with local health departments statewide coordinating foodborne outbreak investigations. She will also coordinate Food and Dairy Division activities related to food recalls and traceback investigation.

Siobhan Kent

Siobhan manages Michigan's database of reported foodborne illnesses. She is the point person for gathering reports from local health departments, and sharing them with appropriate state agencies. She also forwards CDC forms 52.13, Investigation of A Foodborne Outbreak, so Michigan data can be included in the national foodborne illness database. Siobhan has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Aquinas College with graduate work in microbiology at M.S.U.