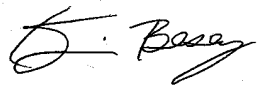




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TO: All Local Health Departments (LHD's)
Attn: Health Officer / Director of Environmental Health
Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA)
Attn: Food and Dairy Division Managers
FROM: Kevin Besey, Manager
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SUBJECT: Food Service Sanitation Section Update

The Food Service Sanitation Section (FSSS) is charged with providing consultation, evaluation and training services to Michigan's Local Health Departments (LHD's) that are delegated to conduct food service program activities. The section also strives to provide food service program leadership, working closely with LHD's and related organizations.

The recent turnover in section staff has provided an opportunity for MDA to reorganize the FSSS staff speciality areas to better accomplish its food safety protection goals.

Beginning July 1, 2006 section staff specialties will be aligned as follows:

<u>Speciality Area</u>	<u>Responsible Staff</u>
Risk Factor Reduction Lead staff person on section's risk factor reduction and FDA Voluntary Retail Standards activities.	Barbara Coy
Evaluation Lead staff person for LHD accreditation and standardization activities.	Becky Ouellette
Plan Review Lead staff person for plan review, mobile food and STFU activities.	Sandra Walker
Specialty Food Lead staff person for activities related to temporary foods, vending machines and retail operations (i.e. processing, packaging, labeling, meat processing, etc).	Jasmine Lincicome

For questions relating to these specific areas, please contact the person listed. For all other questions, please contact your assigned area consultant.

A designation of new staff consultant areas will be made by late summer 2006.

The major focus areas of the FSSS for the coming year include:

- ✓ Team development among new and existing staff.
 - This will include assessment, training, mentoring and evaluation.
- ✓ Building trust among section customers (LHD's, other MDA staff, industry and organizations) that staff are competent, knowledgeable and responsive to their needs.
 - Sandra Walker will work towards becoming FDA Certified. Barbara Coy and Becky Ouellette will be recertified by FDA.
 - Evaluation of section activities will be obtained and reviewed at every opportunity (i.e. accreditation reviews, training evaluations and individual discussions with customers).
- ✓ Focus on development and implementation of activities to help reduce the occurrence of the most commonly occurring risk factors in food establishments.
- ✓ Work to bring the food service program into compliance with the FDA Voluntary Retail Standards.
- ✓ Work to support adoption of the 2005 Food Code.

I would also like to thank everyone for their patience and support as the FSSS works through this transitional period.