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TO: Michigan's Community Mental Health Aging Services Providers
FROM: Christine W. Hennessey, Director
Mental Health and Aging Project
TOPIC: 2009 New Worker Orientation
WHEN: Wednesday, November 18, 2009
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
WHERE: Lansing, MI

Each year, the Mental Health and Aging Project provides a New Worker Orientation for aging services providers in Michigan's CMH system. This program is designed for recently-hired staff who work with older adults, including OBRA staff, contract agency personnel, and staff serving older adults who have developmental disabilities or dementia. **The training is intended for CMH workers who have been on the job one year or less, or those who were unable to attend the last orientation held on November 5, 2008.**

Highlights of this year's New Worker Orientation include:

- An overview of the statewide mental health system and the aging services network;
- Services provided for older adults through the Michigan Department of Human Services and the Michigan Department of Community Health/Bureau of Health Systems;
- An overview of the OBRA "basics", including pre-admission screenings, resident reviews, and specialized services; and
- Resources, training, and technical assistance available through the Mental Health and Aging Project.

Please share this memo with any of your colleagues who are new aging services providers. If you are no longer serving older adults yourself, give this material to the most appropriate person.

The 2009 New Worker Orientation will take place at the Tri-County Office on Aging in Lansing. **The registration fee is \$50 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and training materials.** Each person who registers will receive a confirmation memo with a map and directions to the meeting site.

To register for the New Worker Orientation, fill out the enclosed registration form and:

- fax the form to Matt Beha at 517/483-1852 to make sure you are registered*
- mail the form, along with your check, to Matt at the address on the form

Checks should be made payable to Lansing Community College.

***If you are submitting the registration form through your financial department, there may be a delay, so please be sure to fax a copy to us to make sure you are registered.** The registration deadline is November 10th.

A special note to OBRA clinicians:

Each year some CMH OBRA staff attending the meeting express surprise and disappointment that the entire day is not focused entirely on the OBRA requirements. Although a generous amount of time is scheduled for this part of the program, the New Worker Orientation is intended to introduce you to a variety of public programs and services that collaborate to provide effective supports and services for older adults and their families. If you have questions, please contact Chris Hennessey at 517/483-5204.

To ensure registration, please fax this form to Matt Beha at 517/483-1852 and include a copy when mailing the check. Thank you.

New Worker Orientation

November 18, 2009

Fee: \$50 per person

includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch

Registration Form

Name _____

Job Title _____

Agency _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____
(Area) (Area)

Email address _____

Please indicate any dietary needs: _____

Check Enclosed

Check has been ordered and will be mailed by _____

Please make check payable to: Lansing Community College

Mail to: Lansing Community College
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* Please include this internal mail code in your address
to assure your check will reach us.

FAX Registration Form to: Matt Beha
517/483-1852

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 10th

A confirmation memo and map will be mailed upon receipt of your faxed registration form. **If you do not receive a confirmation by November 12th**, please call Matt at 517/483-1529.