April 5, 2006 – Teleconference
The Hospice Foundation of America will present the 13th Annual live-via-satellite teleconference Pain Management at the End of Life: Bridging the Gap Between Knowledge and Practice from 1:30 – 4:00 PM. To learn more about the program or to register for a downlink site near you, go to www.hospicefoundation.org/teleconference or call 800/854-3402.

April 24-25, Traverse City, MI
The Upside of Aging: The Business of Aging Professional Development Seminar will be held on April 25. The conference is aimed at businesses and nonprofit organizations committed to the future of aging and preparing communities for the boomers. A special pre-conference event is planned for April 24: Ageonomics: Aging and the New Economy. Both events will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. The fee is $90 for April 24, $150 for April 25 and $200 for both days. For more information or to register, go to www.seniorsummit.net or call the Aging Institute of Michigan at 231/941-1905.

April 27, 2006 – Southfield, MI
Person-Centered Dementia Care: What is It, Why it Works and Methods for How To is jointly sponsored by Optimal Life Designs in Dementia Care and UHHS Heather Hill and is being hosted by the Greater Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association at their offices. The individual rate is $85 and a group rate of $70 per person is available to organizations that send three or more staff. Continuing education credits are available. This one-day seminar lays the foundation for the three-day course Dementia Care Mapping that will be offered June 6-8, 2006 in Novi. For further information or to receive a brochure, contact Anne Robinson at 810/231-2723 or annerobinson2@sbcglobal.net

May 15-16, 2006 – Troy, MI
The Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University will hold the 19th Annual Issues in Aging Conference at the Management Education Center. On May 15, the conference focus is Cognitive Impairments: Clinical and Community Impacts and on May 16, Optimizing Physical and Mental Health Functioning in Older Adults: Emerging Tools and Programs. Continuing education credits are available. Fees are $115 for one day and $200 for two days. For further information, email Talmage Crossley at tcrossle@med.wayne.edu or call her at 313/577-1180.

May 15-16, 2006 – Kalamazoo, MI
Partnering in Care: The Seventh Dr. Richard Seyfarth Schreiber Memorial Conference will be presented at the Radisson Plaza Hotel on May 16 by the Michigan Great Lakes Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association. A preconference program, Foundations of Dementia Care, will be held on May 15th. Continuing education credits are available. There are several different registration fees, including an early bird rate for those who register by April 14. For further information, visit the conference webpage at http://conference.wmich.edu/conferences/alzassoc or call the Great Lakes Chapter office at 800/272-3900.

May 23-24, 2006 – East Lansing, MI
The third annual Michigan Mental Health and Aging Conference (formerly the OBRA Conference) will be held at the Kellogg Center at Michigan State University. This conference is designed to address the continuing education and training needs of clinicians in Michigan’s CMH system who work with older adults with mental illness, dementia, and/or developmental disabilities. Topics include: evidence-based treatment modalities for older
adults with mental illness, serious mental illness in late life (including schizoaffective disorder and bipolar disorder), addressing hoarding behaviors, end-of-life and ethical issues, and addressing challenging behaviors in dementia. Nursing CEs are available. Continuing education credits for social workers are pending. Fees: $195 for two days and $120 for one day. The brochure for the Conference can be viewed online or printed from the Mental Health and Aging Project website at http://www.lcc.edu/mhap. Click on the link for the 2006 brochure. For further information contact Matt Beha at beham@lcc.edu, or call 517/483-1529.

June 5-6, 2006 – East Lansing, MI
The 19th Annual Conference of the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan will be held at the Kellogg Center at Michigan State University. For more information, contact AAAAM at 517/886-1029.

June 6-8, 2006 – Novi, MI
Dementia Care Mapping will be offered by Optimal Life Designs in Dementia Care at Twelve Oaks. Dementia Care Mapping is an innovative method for evaluating current dementia care approaches using a unique assessment tool. Upon completion of the training, participants will receive certification in Basic Dementia Care Mapping. For more information, contact Anne Robinson at annerobinson2@sbcglobal.net or call her at 810/231-2723.

June 12-13, 2006 – Lansing, MI
The 9th Annual Self-Determination Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn South. For further information, visit the website of the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards at www.macmhb.org or call 517/374-6848.

June 16, 2006 – Lansing, MI
The Michigan Hospice & Palliative Care Organization presents the 2006 Michigan Depression in Bereavement Conference, at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center. The conference, which is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and other partners, will feature a keynote presentation by John Schneider, PhD. Registration for the conference is $99. For further information contact the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization at mihospice@mihospice.org or call 800/536-6300. Email questions to Natalie Brocieus at nbrocieus@mihospice.org

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Challenging Behaviors of Dementia: A Model For Caregivers
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Stanton, MI

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Reed City, MI

Friday, June 9, 2006
Holland, MI

Registration is $45.00 per session (session size is limited). Phone 616/771-9710 or 800/730-6135, Ext. 710. Website: www.gerontologynetwork.org
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

MDCH Dementia Wraparound Initiatives

The Michigan Department of Community Health has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Demonstration Grants to States (ADDGS) Wraparound Initiative. The MDCH will award two grants to pilot the development of Wraparound Model Initiatives. The proposal application deadline is April 14, 2006. The project period is May 15, 2006 through September 30, 2008. The RFP is available on the Internet at the MDCH webpage: http://www.michigan.gov/mdch (on the left side of the page, click on Mental Health & Substance Abuse, then Mental Health, then Reports & Proposals). Eligible applicants are community mental health services programs, aging network organizations, public health or other community-based service organizations as lead agency for the project.

The Administration on Aging (AoA) awarded funding for ADDGS in July 2005 to further the development of innovative approaches to provide care for people with Alzheimer’s disease and support for their family caregivers. The AoA is strengthening the ADDGS Program by continuing to incorporate a greater focus on community-based care, including state programs to streamline consumer access to services and family caregiver support programs. The two pilot lead agencies will each identify a facilitator, develop a wraparound community team, and implement an integrated system array of wraparound protocols, services, and supports for individuals with dementia who exhibit acute behavioral symptoms of distress and their families. A Wraparound Model that is currently successfully used for children and families will be modified to provide a strategy to help this new target group to remain in the community and prevent premature institutionalization.

The Wraparound Initiative (one of three Michigan ADDGS initiatives) will grant each lead agency up to $75,000 per year for a project of approximately 29 months. Non-federal matching funds provided through the lead agency are required. The Michigan ADDGS grant is administered by MDCH’s Mental Health & Substance Abuse Administration. Contact Marci Cameron at cameronm@michigan.gov with questions.

2006 MetLife Foundation Family Caregiver Awards Program

The National Alliance for Caregiving and MetLife Foundation announced a new national awards program focused on family caregiving. The goal of this program is to improve the quality of life of family caregivers by recognizing and supporting the efforts of community groups that work with them. The awards will recognize the work of community agencies and other organizations that support family caregivers as a significant part of their mission.

Six awards will be presented in three different categories: caregiver education, technology, and caregiver support. Each award will carry a cash value of $25,000 that will be designated for use in the awardee’s caregiver support program.

All not-for-profit organizations in the U.S. that support family caregivers as a significant part of their mission are encouraged to apply.

For additional information, go to: http://www.asaging.org/caregiver or contact Mary Brugger Murphy at the National Alliance for Caregiving, mary@caregiving.org or phone 301/718-8444.