BSBP FIVE YEAR PLAN – DHS ANNEX

BSBP works in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Human Services to:

1. Improve the quality of life in Michigan by providing services to vulnerable children and adults that enable families and individuals to move toward independence. The BSBP may refer consumers to the MDHS for determination of eligibility for a variety of services including

> the Family Independence Program (FIP-cash assistance); Food Assistance Program (FAP); Child Day Care (CDC); Medical Assistance (MA); State Emergency Relief (SER); Adult Services which includes - Adult Protective Services, Independent Living Services and Adult Community Placement Services

1. Reduce the dependency on permanent disability benefits and promote opportunities for disabled citizens to actively participate in their communities and workforce by

>maximization/coordination of government, private agency and business resources to assist individuals with disabilities to enter or re-enter the workforce

>improving the health and well-being of individuals with disabilities by promoting work participation

>de-emphasizing disability as a de facto public assistance program, refocusing efforts on assisting as many individuals with disabilities as possible to enter or return to the workforce

Specific areas of collaboration will include: developing incentives for individuals with disabilities to enter or re-enter the workforce, encourage and assist individuals with disabilities to enter or re-enter the workforce and provide needed support systems for youth with disabilities to transition into the workforce