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Dear Service Provider:

My name is David Garvin. I am a founding member of BISC-MI and the present chair. If you are a current Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan (BISC-MI) member whose membership has expired, I want to take this time to thank you for past support and encourage you to renew your BISC-MI membership. If you have never been a BISC-MI member, please consider joining this statewide coalition.

The membership process has changed in a number of ways. The calendar year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31. In addition, you can now register online, which only takes a few moments to complete.

There are many reasons to join BISC-MI. You will be a part of a growing organization and have many opportunities that are not available to non-members. Some of these include: reduced rates for attending trainings and conferences; full access to the BISC-MI website; being listed as a member on the website; the ability to join a group in your area of other batterer intervention programs (BIP's) and others working with batterers or victims through BISC-MI hubs; links from our website to your organization to list jobs; easy access to information on how to be in compliance with State Standards; have input and stay up to date on the monitoring process that Michigan will be implementing in the future to make sure that BIP's are in compliance with State Standards; earn CEU credits; and participate in networking opportunities.

There are two types of memberships. One type is an **individual membership**. This costs \$75 per year. This entitles you to voting privileges at annual meetings and the ability to attend any BISC-MI board meetings, regional meetings or committees. You will also receive discounts on BISC-MI annual conferences and trainings. To become a member you must accept and agree to further the BISC-MI mission and goals, and must complete a membership application.

The second type of membership is a non-voting **organizational membership**. This costs \$120 per year, although it is free for domestic violence survivor services organizations (DVSSO). A DVSSO is defined as "an organization whose only purpose is providing victim services and who does not have a batterer intervention program." An organization that is a member can send as many staff members to annual BISC-MI conferences and trainings at a reduced cost. You must also complete a membership application.

Please renew your membership now, or join for the first time, so that you can start receiving the benefits from being a member. The spring training brochure is enclosed, offered at a reduced rate for members. This is only one of the many ways that a membership will benefit you.

For more information about BISC-MI and Statewide Standards, go to our website at: www.biscmi.org or go to www.regonline.com/biscmimembership to register.

Sincerely,

David J. H. Garvin
BISC-MI Chair