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Two Members Appointed to the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Medina, Ohio, Tuesday, October 10, 2017 – The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dave Hartman and Sally Albrecht, both from Medina, as its newest Board Members. Each was appointed and sworn in by Medina County Probate Judge Kevin Dunn during the week of October 2.

“We are pleased that Judge Dunn is committed to appointing talented citizens to our board,” said MCBDD Interim Superintendent Jon Bluebond. “We look forward to the expertise and experience that Mr. Hartman and Ms. Albrecht will bring to the table. I am confident they will make important contributions as we move forward in continuing to connect people with excellent services, strengthen our community partnerships, and build value for Medina County taxpayers.”

Dave Hartman holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Akron and has worked as a Director of Business Development, President/CEO, and District Engineer for various government agencies and private companies. After retiring in 2015, Mr. Hartman started a small technical consulting firm to assist in the marketing of Engineering and Architectural services to Ohio based clients. He previously served on the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities from 1998 to 2009. He has also served on the Board of Directors for Medina Creative Housing, Buckeye STEPS, the Medina County Federal Credit Union and the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers. Upon his appointment, Mr. Hartman stated, “As an MCBDD Board Member, I look forward to working with a great staff to help develop individuals with developmental disabilities become all they can and want to be. It is my honor and privilege to work with a progressive county and agency that embraces continued growth of individuals with special needs.”

Sally Albrecht has worked as a Montville Township Trustee since 2012, served on the Montville Township Board of Zoning Appeals from 2000 to 2012, and as its chairperson for seven years. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Administration, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, a Master’s Degree in Cognitive Psychology, and a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology. She has completed coursework for her Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology. Ms. Albrecht owns and operates two businesses – one of which is A.I.D. Training; a company that specializes in Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities approved training classes for employees of county boards and provider agencies throughout Ohio. She also is employed as an adjunct professor at Lorain County Community College. As an MCBDD Board Member, Ms. Albrecht hopes “to assist in making the transition a person-centered venture that emphasizes our clients with developmental disabilities.”

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is comprised of seven volunteer members who are appointed by either the Medina County Commissioners or the Medina County Probate Judge. Board Members have various professional backgrounds and include community leaders and family members of individuals with disabilities. The MCBDD meetings are held each month; agency business, policy, budgets, and program planning are discussed during Board meetings. The community is always welcome and encouraged to attend.

“As we continue to envision a new future for our agency and people with disabilities in Medina County, it is a benefit to be able to work with a board made up of experienced community leaders,” said Sandra-Thomas-Fain,

MCBDD Board President. “We made a promise to our community to continue to make sure Medina County has the best services possible and with the support of our Board Members we know we will be able to deliver on that promise.”

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About MCBDD

MCBDD is the lifeline which connects individuals with disabilities to a wide range of resources, including educational opportunities, employment training, funding sources, residential, and transportation services. The mission of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to promote and empower over 1250 individuals with developmental disabilities - from birth to death - to live, learn, work, and socialize as valued citizens in the community.

Photos included: