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## **Two Members Appointed to the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

**Medina, Ohio, Thursday, February 9, 2017** – The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) is pleased to announce the appointment of Wayne Carroll of Hinckley and the reappointment of Sandra Thomas Fain of Medina as Board Members. Both were sworn in by Medina County Commissioner Bill Hutson at the Achievement Center during the regular MCBDD Board Meeting held on Monday, January 23.

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is comprised of seven volunteer members who are appointed by either the Medina County Commissioners or a Medina County Probate Judge. Board Members have various professional backgrounds and include community leaders and family members of individuals with disabilities.

“This year we are happy that the Medina County Commissioners have again committed to appointing the very best, and most talented citizens to the MCBDD’s board,” said MCBDD Superintendent Annette Davis-Kramp. “We are sure that Mr. Carroll and Ms. Thomas-Fain will continue to bring their expertise and experience to the table. I’m confident they will make important contributions as we move forward to provide better services, strengthen our community partnerships, and build value for Medina County taxpayers.”

Wayne Carroll received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Clarion University of Pennsylvania and a Master's of Education Degree in Counseling from Kent State University. He retired from the Cleveland Metropolitan School District where he was an elementary teacher and school counselor. Wayne currently works part time as a scheduling manager for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's Office of Curriculum and Instruction. Wayne previously served on the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities from 1997 to 2008. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Epilepsy Association of Northeast Ohio for 8 years. “As the parent of an adult with developmental and physical disabilities, I know I will bring an important perspective to the Board as decisions are made,” Carroll said about his appointment.

Since 1999, Sandra Thomas Fain has been involved with making sure the MCBDD is providing quality services to individuals with disabilities in our community. She attended the A&T University in Greensboro, North Carolina and Stratford College in Danville, Virginia. Sandra has worked for the Social Security Administration for over 40 years. She has received a Commissioners Citation, the highest award available from the Commissioner of Social Security. “I am proud to be reappointed as a Board Member for the MCBDD,” stated Thomas Fain. “I look forward to continuing to work with the dedicated management and staff to make sure families continue to receive important, life changing services and support.”

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 address new and revised directives from the state and federal governments, it’s a huge benefit to be able to get advice from a board made up of such experienced community leaders,” said Annette Davis-Kramp, MCBDD Superintendent. “We made a promise to our community to provide the best services possible and with the support of our Board Members we know we will be able to deliver 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 1100 individuals with developmental disabilities - from birth to death - to live, learn, work, and socialize as citizens in the community.