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

**Medina, Ohio, Tuesday, December 19, 2017** – The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) is pleased to announce the appointment of Christy Matthey, and the reappointment of Elaine Orlandi, both of Medina, as Board Members. Both were sworn in by Medina County Commissioner Bill Hutson at the Achievement Center on Friday, December 15.

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.

“We are pleased that the County Commissioners have continued to appoint Board Members who embody the spirit of public service and we know that Ms. Matthey and Ms. Orlandi will continue that tradition with their talents, expertise and energy,” said MCBDD Board President Sandra Thomas Fain. “We are very fortunate to have these Board Members as we continue to expand and strengthen our commitment to making sure people with developmental disabilities have opportunities to succeed in our community.”

Christy Matthey has been a resident of Medina for 24 years. She has spent the majority of her career in healthcare administration and management. She was the Practice Administrator for 15 years at Physicians in Family Practice in Oberlin, Ohio as well as the multi-state Director of Billing and Credentialing for Mobile Hyperbaric Centers. Currently, she is employed as a flight attendant with United Airlines where she also serves as an AFA representative in the Employee Assistance Program and for the Flight Attendant Drug and Alcohol Program. “Giving back to the community and helping make sure services are available for people with disabilities is a passion of mine,” Matthey said about her appointment.

Since 2013, Elaine Orlandi has been involved with making sure the MCBDD is providing quality services to individuals with disabilities in our community. She has been a Medina County resident for 43 years and has had a lengthy career in real estate. “I am proud to be reappointed as a Board Member for the MCBDD,” stated Orlandi. “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.”

“Our Board provides important leadership and direction for our agency. We know Ms. Matthey and Ms. Orlandi’s passionate commitments to helping people with disabilities will bring insightful and helpful perspectives to our Board,” said MCBDD Superintendent Jon Bluebond. “I’m confident they will make important contributions as we move forward in serving individuals with developmental disabilities,

strengthening our community partnerships, and building value for Medina County taxpayers. We made a promise to our community that individuals with disabilities will have access to quality services, and with the support of our Board Members we know we will be able to deliver on that promise.”

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.

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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 citizens in the community.