

## 2012 PCSAO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Executives



**President**  
**Chip Spinning, MPH, Franklin County Children Services**

Chip Spinning began his position as executive director of Franklin County Children Services, one of the premiere child welfare agencies in the nation, in October 2011. Inspired by his grandmother, who suffered from Parkinson's disease, Spinning began his community service career as an administrator for nursing homes and assisted-living facilities. He was able to transfer his skills and knowledge to a wider population when he was afforded the opportunity to return to his hometown of London, Ohio, as director of Madison County Department of Job and Family Services. During his 11 years in Madison County, Spinning – who has always had a passion for child welfare – was able to engage various community coalitions to help improve services to children and families. Spinning strongly believes that meeting the needs of our most vulnerable populations – particularly abused and neglected children – is a community responsibility.

A graduate of Ohio University, Spinning has a bachelor's degree in health care and a master's degree in health care administration. He has served on numerous community boards, committees and task forces.

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**Vice President**  
**Moira Weir, MSW, MBA, Hamilton County DJFS**

Moira Weir, named director of Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services in 2007, worked her way up from being a children services line worker, a position she accepted when she joined the Department in 1993. She now leads a department with a \$1.3 billion annual budget that is responsible for local child protection, elder protection, child care, child support enforcement, workforce development, cash assistance, food stamp disbursement and Medicaid disbursement.

A reform-minded leader who has made the department more accessible and accountable, Weir has a vision for Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services to be the center of a collaborative effort that draws together and leads social service agencies, businesses, governments, families and other community stakeholders to tackle the community's toughest social problems, such as poverty and child abuse.

Weir has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Boston's Simmons College, a Master of Social Work from Bryn Mawr College and a Master of Business Administration from Thomas More College.

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**Secretary**  
**Randall Muth, JD, Wayne County Children Services**

Randy Muth began his career in child welfare in 1999 as a staff attorney for the children services division of the Stark County Department of Job and Family Services. In that position, he prosecuted child dependency, neglect and abuse complaints in the Stark County Family Court. It was there that Muth first developed a deep appreciation for the great work that child welfare professionals do on a daily basis.

In November 2006, Muth was appointed executive director of the Wayne County Children Services Board. Since coming to work for Wayne County, he has had the privilege to serve on a number of boards, commissions and organizations that place the wellbeing of children as their primary purpose, including the Wayne County Family and Children First Council and the Wayne County Children's Advocacy Center. Muth feels truly blessed to work in a community that values the health and safety of its children.

Muth received his Juris Doctor from the University of Akron School of Law in 1994 and graduated from Kent State University in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He currently resides in Dalton, Ohio, with his wife, Kim, a child welfare case worker for Summit County CSB, and their two children, Joey and Jordan. Muth and his family enjoy camping at Ohio state parks and spending time with their many family pets.

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**Treasurer**  
**Kate Offenberger, Carroll County DJFS**

## Board Members



### **Susan Bailey-Evans, MSW, Champaign County DJFS**

Susan Bailey-Evans has been the director of Champaign County Department of Job & Family Services since May 2008. She brings more than 29 years of DJFS experience to PCSAO, including 13 in child welfare. Bailey-Evans received her undergraduate degree from Urbana University in 1993 and her Master of Social Work from The Ohio State University in 2002.



### **June Cannon, MA, LSW, Miami County Children Services**

June A. Cannon has been the executive director of Miami County Children's Services since 1998. The agency is responsible for local child protection, foster care, and adoption. Under Cannon's leadership, Miami County Children's Services has developed programs that enhance and support family preservation and child permanency and increase child safety.

Cannon received her undergraduate degree in psychology from Miami University. She graduated from the University of Dayton with a master's degree in clinical psychology. Prior to her current post, Cannon was the director of foster care services at St. Joseph Children's Treatment Center in Dayton, with foster care programs in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. Cannon is a licensed social worker and a registered play therapist.



### **Gary Crow, MSW, PhD, Lorain County Children Services**

Gary A. Crow is the executive director of Lorain County Children Services, a position he has held for 16 years. A native of MacArthur, Ohio, Crow received his undergraduate degree in philosophy from Ohio University in Athens, and his MSW and PhD degrees in Social work from The Ohio State University in Columbus. His professional experience includes work in the mental health, substance abuse, and, of course, child protection fields in Ohio and North Carolina. He is extensively published with titles that include Leadership in Child Protection, Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention, The Functioning of the Family System, and 101 Ways To Be a Better Manager, and a series of self-help books for elementary-aged children.



### **Judee Genetin, MPA, JD, Portage County DJFS**

Judee Genetin is the director of Portage County Department of Job and Family Services. She has nearly 30 years in public service including three years as a public defender, 20 years at Stark County Department of Job and Family Services as deputy director of legal services, and five years at Mahoning County Department of Job and Family Services as both deputy director of child support and as agency director. While at Stark County she served in many different capacities with all three divisions but is most proud of the time she spent designing the Children Services Legal Department and prosecuting child abuse/neglect on behalf of the agency.

Genetin is currently the first vice president of the Ohio Child Support Directors Association and is on the Legislative Committee for the Ohio Job and Family Services Directors Association. She received her undergraduate degree from Oberlin College, her JD from Case Western Reserve, her MPA from The University of Akron, and is a licensed attorney in Ohio.



**Scott Ferris, MPA, LSW, Allen County Children Services**

Scott H. Ferris has served as executive director of public children services agencies since 1996 and of the Allen County Children Services Board since 2005. He began his career as a caseworker for the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services in 1989 after working at a children's residential center. In 2010, Ferris was selected by the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services to serve as co-chair of the Midwest Child Welfare Implementation Center (MCWIC) *Partners for Ohio's Families*. Funded by a national grant, the partnership is reforming how the state provides technical assistance and support to Ohio's 88 county child protection agencies. As co-chair, he represents all 88 agencies in the review, development and implementation of a new model of technical assistance.

Ferris serves on the Public Children Services Association of Ohio Board of Trustees and is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, Rotary International, and the National Public Employers Labor Relations Association. He is an adjunct faculty member at Bluffton University in the social work and psychology departments and serves on the Social Work Advisory Board.

He earned bachelor's degrees in the fields of psychology and mass media from Marietta College and a Master of Public Administration from Cleveland State University. He is a graduate of the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, a graduate of the charter class of the George V. Voinovich Executive Leadership Institute at Ohio University, and is a licensed social worker in the State of Ohio.



**Catherine Hill, MSW, LSW, Hocking County Children Services**

Beginning in May 2008 Hill was appointed executive director of Hocking County Children Services Board in Logan, Ohio. A social worker in central Ohio for many years, Hill is honored to have returned to contribute to her hometown. In addition to running a busy rural agency in Appalachia, Hill remains an active volunteer in her community by serving on the United Way board, Empty Bowls steering committee, Family and Children First Council, and as a volunteer gardener and artist with Bishop Educational Gardens in Rockbridge, Ohio. Hill holds a Master of Social Work from The Ohio State University and a BA from Wright State in Dayton.

Remaining active in administration and direct service throughout her career, Hill began her service in a battered women's and children's shelter and rape treatment center in the early 1980s. Working in a variety of settings from inner-city hospital social work to corporate employee assistance program management, Hill kept in touch with her early direct service background in crisis and trauma through volunteering with various community boards and agencies including CHOICES and the critical incident stress management team in Franklin County. She is a licensed social worker and has advanced certification in critical incident stress management.



**Andrea Reik, Med, LWS, Athens County Children Services**

Andrea Reik has been executive director of Athens County Children Services Since 2005. She has many years at the agency as caseworker, supervisor, deputy director of programs as well as director of the Southeast Ohio Regional Training Center, OCWTP.

While the challenges of child welfare are great, a passion for children and families has allowed her to continue her work. As executive director of the agency, Reik has implemented Alternative Response, successfully passed two levies, and most recently received accreditation for the agency through the Council of Accreditation.

Reik earned a Bachelor of Arts and Science in Social Work and a Master of Education from Ohio University. She is active in her community in social service organizations, Rotary, 4-H and the Humane Society.

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**John Saros, JD, Summit County Children Services**

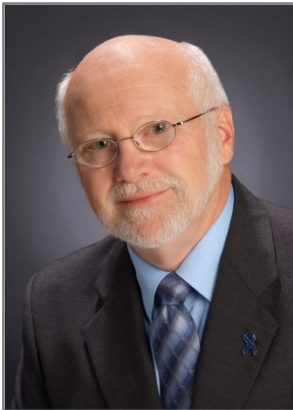
After a 24-year absence – including more than a dozen years as the head of Ohio's largest independent child welfare agency in Franklin County – John Saros returned to Summit County Children Services (SCCS) as its new executive director in September 2007.

Saros, who was raised in Akron, earned his undergraduate, graduate, and law degrees from the University of Akron. He served as associate director of SCCS from 1977-83 before leaving to become executive director of United Disability Services from 1983-94. He then joined Franklin County Children Services as its executive director, a post he held until retiring in January 2007.

According to a July 2007 editorial in the Akron *Beacon Journal*, "Experts in child protective services give Saros credit for the all-around professionalism in operations, fiscal and personnel management that characterized Franklin County Children Services. The adoptive services program there, for example, is considered one of the state's best, with the competence of the agency staff and his active personal leadership leading to a high rate of successful personal placements."

According to Saros, the appeal of returning to Akron – and once more having an opportunity to serve children – were both important factors in his decision to come out of retirement.

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**Dean Sparks, MSW, LISW, ACSW, Lucas County Children Services**

Dean Sparks was appointed executive director of Lucas County Children Services in August 1997.

To meet the demand for increased child protective services, Sparks has worked with the LCCS Board of Trustees to create more than 30 new staff positions and several new programs, including a quality improvement division, neighborhood-based services, a new parent education curriculum, and services to enhance the academic performance of children in the agency's care. In February 2005, LCCS received full accreditation from the Council on Accreditation, becoming just the 12th county child protection authority in Ohio to receive the designation.

A veteran of child protection services, Sparks' experience includes tenures in Franklin County (1977-1979), Montgomery County (1984-1996) and Allen County (1996-1997) where he was executive director. His professional background also includes service in mental health, family therapy, and Christian ministry.

Sparks earned a bachelor of arts in religious studies from Bethany College in West Virginia in 1975 and a Master of Social Work from the University of Kentucky in 1977. He is licensed as an independent social worker by the Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board. His professional affiliations have included the National Association of Social Workers and the Academy of Certified Social Workers. Sparks also serves as a part-time instructor in The University of Toledo's social work program. In March 2005, Sparks was chosen to receive the Social Worker of the Year Award by the National Association of Social Workers Ohio Chapter. His volunteer work includes the Child Fatality Review Board, the Lucas County Family Council, and the Red Cross. Sparks is married and the father of four children.

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**Corey Walker, MS, Paulding County DJFS**

Corey Walker has been the director of Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services since 2005. Walker brought more than 17 years of experience in the community behavioral field with him to PCDJFS. He has served as a chief executive officer, executive director, therapist, and case manager in Ohio agencies and as chief operating officer at a behavioral health agency in Indiana. He has extensive experience in developing comprehensive systems of care based on best practices and consumer outcomes.

Walker has served on several boards, most recently Focus on Friends in Findlay, Ohio, and the Paulding County Carnegie Library. He obtained his master's degree at the University of Dayton in social agency counseling and received his undergraduate degree in communications from Defiance College.

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**Lisa Wiltshire, MSW, LISW-S, Scioto County Children Services**

Lisa Wiltshire has been the director of Scioto County Children Services since 2005. Wiltshire brings a range of experience to PCSAO, with eight years in child welfare, five in juvenile justice, and 20 in community mental health. She has served as an assistant superintendent in a juvenile detention center, as program director for a juvenile/probate judge, as behavioral health program director in a private detox hospital, and as director of the Children Community Support Program at Shawnee Mental Health Center. Her consulting experience runs the gamut from psychiatric to geriatric social work supervision. A member of the National Association of Social Workers and an Alpha Delta Mu National Social Work Honorary, Wiltshire has served on several boards, including Hocking Valley Rehabilitation Center and DYS River Valley Youth Center. She obtained her Master of Social Work at the University of Kentucky, is a Licensed Independent Social Worker-Supervisor, and received her undergraduate degree in social work at Eastern Kentucky University.

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**Dwayne Pielech, Belmont County DJFS**