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BOARD WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS

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Two new faces will begin four-year terms on the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities at its meeting on January 14, 2010. Butler County Commissioners appointed Richard Meier from Fairfield and Connie Sullivan from Hamilton to two vacant posts on the seven-member board. The Board now has representation from each geographic area of the county.

Ms. Sullivan is replacing Board member Craig Moon's position on the Board. Her term will end December 31, 2013. Mr. Moon did not ask to be re-appointed. Mr. Meier was appointed to finish out Board Member Linda Good's term, which ends December 31, 2012. Ms. Good resigned from the board due to health reasons and passed away in December.

"Mr. Meier and Ms. Sullivan are both parents of young adult children with a developmental disability. They will be able to appreciate the viewpoint of other families who receive our services. They each also bring unique skills and work experiences that will add to our Board," said Superintendent Christina Hurr.

Mr. Meier worked as a paralegal for more than 20 years. He currently works out of his home on a part-time basis and cares for his daughter.

"I am excited to find a way to give something back to the folks that have been such a blessing to our family, especially my daughter who receives services from the Board. One huge benefit we have seen is that her self-esteem has grown tremendously. If I can help others with disabilities feel good about themselves, in at least a small way, then I have done the right thing," Mr. Meier said.

Ms. Sullivan was employed by Coors Brewing Company for 28 years as an administrative assistant, in sales and in training. She currently works for a consulting firm that provides leadership development and training to corporations.

"I'm very honored to join the board and look forward to learning a lot from the other members. My daughter has been the beneficiary of the Board's programs for over nine years. She will leave the school system in less than two years. As I've learned more about what the Board does for her and her peers, I now know that she will need their services more than ever as she enters the world outside of school. Not only do I want to give back to an organization that has given so much to my daughter and me, but I hope that my perspective as a parent of a special needs child will assist the board to better meet the needs of the community. I appreciate that the board values what a parent can bring to this organization," said Ms. Sullivan.

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The membership of the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities includes seven members, five appointed by the Butler County Commissioners and two appointed by the Judge of the Butler County Probate Courts. Current Board Member Dr. Kathy McMahon-Klosterman was re-appointed and will serve her second term, set to end December 31, 2013. Other Board Members include Imogene O'Lenick, Reverend Dr. Kim Katterheinrich, Tony Yocco and Utawna Leap.

The Board meets the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 1910 Fairgrove Avenue, Suite E in Hamilton. The Board schedule, agenda and minutes are available on our web site: www.butlerdd.org.

The Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities assists the community in meeting the individual preferences and needs of nearly 2,000 people. Supports and services are available life-long through contracts with partner agencies or directly provided by the agency. Much of what the Butler County Board does goes beyond the walls of its facilities and takes place in the community, where we support individuals to successfully live, work, and learn in their community.

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