



OPRA Board of Director Election Ballot

District 8

Serving Multiple Districts or Out-of-State

In accordance with OPRA's Code of Regulations, votes are being requested from current OPRA Members for OPRA **District 8**. This representative will fill a three year term beginning **January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2021**. Any/all nominees are listed below. The individual selected will have all the rights and responsibilities of an OPRA District Director as outlined in the Code of Regulations, and will address the issues of OPRA Provider Members.

Three (3) Directors are to be elected. Please vote for three (3) nominees.

Stephen Colecchi
Hattie Larlham Community Services

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Felicia Hall
ResCare, Inc.

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Than Johnson
Champaign Residential Services, Inc. (CRSI)

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John Swanson
Echoing Hills Village, Inc. (EHVI)

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**Ballots must be returned by email, fax, or postal mail
by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2018 to:**

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Signature of Individual Voting

Organization

Date

Meet Your District 8 Candidates

(All Candidates are listed in alphabetical order)

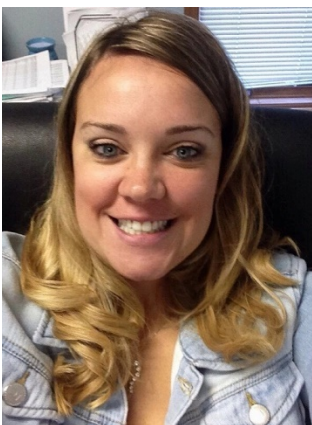
Stephen Colecchi – CEO, Hattie Larlham Community Services



I have the privilege of serving as CEO of Hattie Larlham after joining the organization as a consultant and Interim CEO on August 1, 2017. I served for 22 years as President of UH Portage Medical Center (formerly known as Robinson Memorial Hospital) before retiring in 2016. I also served as General Counsel for the hospital and previously served as Assistant Prosecutor for Portage County and Assistant Law Director for the City of Kent, Ohio. I have extensive experience as board member for organizations similar to OPRA, serving as a member of the board of directors of the Ohio Hospital Association, the Akron Regional Hospital Association and The Center of Health Affairs. I am a long time member of the board of directors of Direction Home (Akron-Canton Area Agency on Aging). I also served a nine year term (appointed by the Governor) on the Kent State University Board of Trustees from 2008-2017.

Although I am relatively new to the provider community, I believe that my broad background as a hospital CEO, attorney, and board member will bring a different perspective to the OPRA Board. I have extensive experience in working with the Ohio legislature on a number of issues involving the hospital and Kent State University over the years, which would bring added value to my role as an OPRA Board member. As we begin to work with a new Governor, a new Director of the Ohio DODD, and new an OPRA Executive Director, I think that my unique background would be of assistance to OPRA as we position OPRA and the provider community for the future.

Felicia Hall – Regional Director, ResCare Inc.



My name is Felicia Hall, I am the Regional Director for ResCare in Ohio. I have worked in the DD field for 10 years. I started out as a QIDP at a day program, and then worked my way up through various other positions. I have served on the OPRA board for about 2 years. I feel like I am a good candidate to continue on the OPRA board for your district because I am well versed in the whole DD system (ICF, Waiver, Day Services, etc). I am excited about the work we have done and would love to carry on the basis that was built, but also to help evolve the system, into the best it can be for the individuals we serve and more efficient for providers. I think we need to look to what the future holds and continue to grow and develop the younger generation within the field.

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Than Johnson – CEO, Champaign Residential Services Inc. (CRSI)



As a long standing member of OPRA , I would be honored to continue serving as a trustee for the OPRA Board. I have participated in the selection process of the last three OPRA Presidents/CEO. I have been actively involved with OPRA, serving as President and other officers position. I also bring a connection with ANCOR and OPRA as a ANCOR national board member and also the experience of over 30 years in our field. I have represented OPRA before both the Ohio House of Representative and Ohio Senate in over 10 bi-annual state budget presentations. OPRA has been one of the primary reason our provider agency has had successes. OPRA's role in protection the interests of its members and those individuals with disabilities that are supported by OPRA members is of vital importance. I will continue to support that role of OPRA by serving on numerous statewide committees, meeting with our

state legislators, assisting other OPRA members in developing their voice for public policy debates and messaging to our elected officials. I have also hosted the annual PAC event and raised thousands of dollars for our government relations efforts in public policy development. It is my intention to support and actively participate in continuing the many successes of OPRA. I would appreciate your vote in this upcoming board elections

John Swanson – CEO, Echoing Hills Village Inc. (EHVI)



It has been my pleasure and honor to serve you as a member of the OPRA Board of Directors. After participating for decades on the OPRA policy committee it was a joy when I was asked to serve as a multi-county provider on the OPRA Board of Trustees serving District 8. My service on your behalf has included work on several biennium State budget workgroups, testifying before State legislators on key reimbursement issues, participation on the DODD ICF process workgroup and DODD waiver housing workgroup, the OPRA finance committee and CERIDD. Some of my most enjoyable involvement with providers has included training on downsizing strategies, the benefits to individuals served and reimbursement strategies to help during the transition from ICF to waiver. Having been a provider for 35 years and participating in residential and non-residential services, housing, recreation, travel and community integration programs I believe I bring a breath of service types and experiences to fully

represent you as a multi-county Board Member. I hope you will vote to allow me to continue to serve you in the role of District 8 Trustee as we go through some of the most extensive system transformation our industry has seen in decades.