

Meet Your District 6 Representatives

District 6

Serving Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway & Union Counties

Adam Guinther – Executive Director, Residential Home Association of Marion (RHAM)



I have had the privilege of representing District 6 on the OPRA Board of Trustees for 6 years. Over the past year, I have also served as the elected Treasurer for the OPRA Board. The future is as bright as it ever has been from the perspective of a Provider. OPRA has positioned itself to be the leader and major instrument of change within our field. As you know, we will have a new Governor and a new Director of DODD. We have named the new President/CEO of OPRA (Jeff Davis!). With all these changes taking place within a two-month span, this could have been a recipe for disaster. I can assure you that myself, the entire OPRA Board, as well as the OPRA staff are prepared for this day. We will not miss a beat and will continue to address the major needs for Providers! The number one focus being workforce crisis, followed by advocating for adequate and sustainable funding, and working with our system partners to create a more efficient and simplified working environment. As the Executive Director of Residential Home Association of Marion, Inc. (RHAM), I completely understand the importance of the role of the Provider. We must remain solvent and strong to continue this great work!! Without us... there is no system!

Liz Owens – CEO, The Alpha Group of Delaware Inc.



I believe that success is built through partnership, teamwork and collaboration. I have an MBA in Organizational Development and a Bachelor's of Business Administration both from Mount Vernon Nazarene University. I am active in my community by serving as the Past President of the Delaware Rotary Club and as a Board Member for the Delaware Chamber of Commerce. I also served on the Executive Committee for PSG for 4 years. I began my career in direct service and now serve as the CEO of the Alpha Group for the last 5 ½ years. Through my 22 years in the field, I am well versed in the services provided from residential, day, work, employment, transportation and OOD services. Alpha has been CARF accredited for more 20 years. I pride myself on being a goal-driven, result-oriented, innovative thinker in both my previous role by creating a start-up company and current positions by creating successful satellite sites to take our services to the communities in which our clients live and by developing a growing transportation service in our community. My team and I work hard to be the leaders to create a vision for tomorrow that will help those with ABILITIES to succeed.

Robert Heinzerling, NHA – Executive Director, Heinzerling Community



I have served as the Executive Director of Heinzerling Community since 2006. I started working in the developmental disability field as a teenager in the mid 1980's. This has given me a unique opportunity to see many changes throughout the years in the philosophies in how services are provided, the payment methodologies that provide our funding, and the government efforts that are made on behalf of the individuals we serve. As a current OPRA board member and officer, I have worked diligently to make sure the individuals we serve receive the best possible care. I have advocated for program policies and legislative processes that will have an ever changing, positive impact on developmental disability programs. In addition, I have been privileged to represent our providers in District 6 by hosting many legislative visitors on home tours and educating them on our mission. Testifying before the House of Representatives and participating in DODD's ICF work group and budget committees allows me to make sure the voice of our providers is heard. The developmental disability field is currently in a state of transition. There have been many changes in recent years, and there are many unknowns in the future. A new administration may contribute even more change and uncertainty to us as providers in Ohio.

Meet Your District 8 Candidates

Multidistrict Providers

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 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.

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



As a long standing member of OPRA , I am 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 officer positions. I also bring a connection with ANCOR and OPRA as an 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.

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.