

October 22, 2018

Dear OPRA members:

On behalf of the OPRA Board of Directors, I announce with much surprise that President Mark Davis has given the Board his notice of resignation. Mark will be moving to Pennsylvania where he will become the CEO of PAR (Pennsylvania Advocacy and Resources for Autism and Intellectual Disabilities).

In turn, we are very excited to announce that Jeff Davis will be appointed as Interim-Executive Director of OPRA effective 11-1-2018. Jeff is very excited to take the reins and move forward through the upcoming change in Governor and a new Director of DODD. As you all know, Jeff is very skilled in legislative and state department processes. We are very lucky that he has agreed to step into this role.

I have assigned a number of Board members to a Selection Committee, to come together shortly to begin their work. This process may take some time to complete, so please be patient with us. In the meantime, we are in very capable hands with Jeff leading the organization along with the hard work of our OPRA staff.

Mark's last day in the office will be October 31<sup>st</sup> and then he will transition into a consulting role, concentrating on having a smooth transition of leadership to Jeff. We are also very lucky that Mark has agreed to do this, until late December when he will then begin his new job.

Next Friday morning at the OPRA Conference, we will be honoring Mark and all of the work and dedication he has shown to OPRA over the years. Please join us to thank Mark and wish him well in his new role.

Over the course of the conference next week, certainly please say your goodbyes to Mark, but it is also VERY important that you give your support to Jeff. Jeff has a big job over the next few months to represent all of us with our new elected officials and new DODD leadership. He needs YOUR support.

Members, this transition will be very smooth and seamless. The Board is very active in all activities of OPRA and have all the confidence that Jeff and our wonderful staff won't miss a beat.

Feel free to contact Jeff or myself with any questions or concerns. The OPRA Board, Jeff and staff have your back! I mean that.

Sincerely,

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