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John Parkowski named acting GM of Community & Medicaid Services Division

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CLEVELAND (August 2, 2011) — The Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities has named John Parkowski acting general manager of its Community & Medicaid Services Division. He succeeds Kelly Connor Petty, who was named assistant superintendent/chief operating officer last month. Effective September 1, he will be responsible for the intake, support administration, residential services and quality assurance efforts.

A graduate of Bowling Green State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Parkowski is now pursuing a MBA/MPA at Northcentral University. He has also completed the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities Leadership 2010 program.

Parkowski started his career with the Board of DD in 1989 as an assistant auditor. In 1990, he became the residential finance specialist in conjunction with the Board of DD's efforts to assist the Ohio Department of DD with downsizing the Broadview Developmental Center, a large state residential facility located in Broadview Heights. He later became manager of residential finance and contracts, and in 2008 he became the division manager of business services as the residential and support administration functions merged into the Community & Medicaid Services Division. He received the Ohio Association of County Boards of DD Partners in Excellence award in 2007 for efforts on behalf of county boards of developmental disabilities and the Ohio Department of DD in system changes relating to waiver reimbursement, room and board costs, the residential facility waiver transition to the individual options waiver and budget neutrality.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. Terrence M. Ryan, Board of DD superintendent, said, "Mr. Parkowski is respected within the agency and by our community partners. The appointment assures a smooth transition of leadership within that division."

Parkowski and his wife Linda, a Board of DD support administrator, live in Olmsted Falls with their two sons, where he is actively involved with the Olmsted Falls City Schools and levy efforts.

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