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## **Kelly Connor Petty becomes new assistant superintendent**

### **For immediate release:**

CLEVELAND (July 12, 2011) — The Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities has named Kelly Connor Petty assistant superintendent/chief operating officer. The position had been vacant since Dr. Terrence M. Ryan became superintendent in 2002. She will be responsible for the divisions of Adult Activities, Employment Services, Children’s Services and Assistive Technology, Behavioral and Health Supports, SAW, Inc., and Transportation and Security.

Petty is a graduate of Xavier University, where she earned a BS in psychology, and Cleveland State University, where she earned a master’s degree in public administration. She has also completed the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities Leadership 2010 program and its superintendent development program.

Petty has been with the Board of DD since 1991, when she began working as a Medicaid specialist in the Community/Residential Services Division. Later she held various positions in that division before being named general manager in 2002 and then director in 2007. In 2008, she became the director of Community and Medicaid Services as the Board of DD consolidated the departments of Support Administration and Community/Residential Services into one.

Prior to joining the Board of DD, Petty worked for two private providers of residential services.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. Ryan said, “Ms. Petty has a strong history of leadership and service within our organization. She demonstrates the leadership, vision, professionalism and integrity necessary to take on this important position within the board. She has a strong relationship with her colleagues, community providers and Ohio Department of DD staff. Most importantly, she understands the needs of our consumers and their families and the challenges we face today and in the future of improving their lives. I can think of no one better to partner with as we chart our course to the future.”

Petty and her husband Keith live in Grafton. In her free time, she enjoys reading, playing the piano, golf, boating and water sports.

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