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Kuzmickas and Demopoulos named to leadership positions

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CLEVELAND— The Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) has named Barry Kuzmickas general manager of transportation and Bonnie Demopoulos MUI (Major Unusual Incidents) manager. These appointments have been made in response to the retirements of two long-term employees.

Kuzmickas transitioned to the role of general manager of transportation on November 1, 2017 and will spend time training with Tony Lemut, prior to his retirement at the end of this year. Kuzmickas is responsible for overseeing all aspects related to the transportation of individuals served by CCBDD's programs, under the direction of the chief operations officer.

Kuzmickas started his career with CCBDD in 1990 as a unit supervisor in the transportation department. He has since held various management positions in adult activities, labor relations and transportation, including his most recent appointment as manager of community alternative transportation. Kuzmickas holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Malone College and a master's degree in labor relations and human resources from Cleveland State University.

CCBDD also named Bonnie Demopoulos as its MUI manager effective November 15, 2017. Demopoulos, who worked alongside Ed Stazyk prior to his recent retirement, was hired by CCBDD in 2012 as an investigative agent and was promoted to administrative manager of the MUI department in 2014. She is responsible for developing systems and insuring that all MUIs and similar complaints are investigated according to policies and procedures and supervising investigative agents.

Prior to her employment with CCBDD, Demopoulos served as a certified investigative agent for North East Ohio Network Council of Governments and as an owner/operator of a private investigation firm. Demopoulos holds an associate's degree in private and public investigations from the Academy of Court Reporting and a bachelor's degree in nutrition and food service management from the University of Dayton. She also holds a master's degree in public administration from American Public University.

In announcing these appointments, Superintendent & CEO Kelly Petty said, "Our organization is fortunate to have experienced, talented employees able to step up to leadership positions during this time of transition in the DD system. Both Kuzmickas and Demopoulos have the backgrounds and skills necessary to provide seamless leadership as we continue to plan for our future."

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