

**THE SUMMIT AND MEDINA WORKFORCE AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
FOR OHIO LOCAL WORKFORCE AREA 2  
RESOLUTION 2020-13**

**A Resolution of the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments appointing Ms. Patricia Dempsey, Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor at Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, to the Summit/Medina Workforce Development Board as a representative of a vocational rehabilitation program in Ohio Workforce Area 2.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 107 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (the “WIOA”) requires the membership of local Workforce Development Boards (“WDB”) to be representative of the workforce area’s businesses, governmental, economic and community development entities, education and training institutions, and labor organizations;

**WHEREAS**, in Ohio Local Workforce Area 2 (the “Area 2”), the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments (the “SAMWA COG”) is responsible for appointing and/or reappointing WDB members who represent the sectors required under WIOA Section 107, as recommended by the Area 2 WDB and/or its Executive Committee;

**WHEREAS**, former Area 2 WDB member Mr. James Lake resigned from the WDB effective 6/1/2020, leaving vacant a vocational rehabilitation appointment that now must be filled;

**WHEREAS**, in a letter addressed to Ms. Colleen Swedyk, Medina County Commissioner, hereto attached as “EXHIBIT A,” Ms. Traci Conkling, Vocational Rehabilitation Manager at Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, nominated Ms. Patricia Dempsey, Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor at Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, for appointment to the WDB as a Medina County appointee and representative of a vocational rehabilitation program located in Area 2, and;

**WHEREAS**, upon reception of the WDB Executive Committee’s recommendation, Commissioner Swedyk determined Ms. Patricia Dempsey to be an appropriate representative of a vocational rehabilitation program located in Area 2, and recommends her appointment to the WDB;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the SAMWA COG that:

**SECTION 1**

The appointment of Ms. Patricia Dempsey, Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor at Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, to the Summit/Medina Workforce Development Board (the “WDB”) as a Medina County appointee who represents a vocational rehabilitation program located in Ohio Local Workforce Area 2, to assume and complete Mr. Lake’s term, in alignment with the Area 2 WDB’s Bylaws for Medina County appointments; is hereby confirmed.

**SECTION 2**

This Directive shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ayes: 2  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: 0

ADOPTED, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
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Summit County Executive  
  
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Medina County Commissioner

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EXHIBIT A



Opportunities for Ohioans  
with Disabilities

Mike DeWine  
Governor  
Kevin L. Miller  
Director

Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired  
Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Division of Disability Determination

June 22, 2020

Commissioner Colleen Swedyk  
Medina County, Ohio  
144 North Broadway Street  
Room Number 201  
Medina, OH 44256

Dear Commissioner Swedyk:

I am pleased to nominate Patricia "Pattie" Dempsey to serve as a mandatory representative on the Area 2 Workforce Development Board.

Pattie serves as a Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities. She received her Master's Degree from Kent State University in Rehabilitation Counseling. Pattie has been a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor for 12 years. She brings a great deal of knowledge concerning vocational rehabilitation and employment regarding individuals who have disabilities. She has experience working with a variety of different populations including transition youth, mental health, developmental disabilities, hearing loss, and the visually impaired.

Pattie is a trainer for Windmills, a curriculum that focuses on changing the perception of people with disabilities in the workplace.

Pattie has experience in preparing job seekers and planning, organizing, and executing successful hiring events such as job fairs and smaller hiring events with industry specific sectors.

Given Pattie's experience, I am confident that she will work effectively, create meaningful relationships, and share ideas and resources with the Workforce Development Board. She will be an asset in connecting individuals with a disability to the services the board oversees, as well as being able to provide recommendations on how these services can be adapted to provide equal access to the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Traci".

Traci Conkling  
Vocational Rehabilitation Manager  
Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

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