

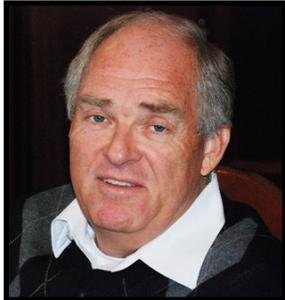
# Dateline

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"Helping people to live, learn and work in our community"

## Officers elected

Officers for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities were elected in the Board's Annual Organizational meeting on January 29, 2019.



**FCBDD Board President**  
*John Bickley*

John Bickley, current President of the Board was re-elected to President. Mr. Bickley is the former CEO of the Central Ohio YMCA and has served on the Board since 2012. Mr. Bickley was appointed by the Franklin County Commissioners.



**FCBDD Board Vice-President**  
*Beth Savage*

Beth Savage, CPA, Forensics Director for PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory Services, LLP, was re-elected Vice-President. Ms. Savage was appointed to the Board in 2012 by Probate Judge Robert Montgomery.



**FCBDD Board Secretary**  
*Marie Crawford*

Marie Crawford, parent of two young adults served by the Board and advocate for many years was re-elected Secretary. Ms. Crawford was appointed to the Board by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners in 2013.

*Read more about our FCBDD Board Members on page 4*

## Patrick Rafter retires as CEO of Creative Housing

Patrick Rafter, President and CEO of Creative Housing/Creative Renovations will retire on February 20, 2019.

According to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, "Pat has done a terrific job. It was Pat Rafter who started Creative Housing and built it into one of the finest housing corporations for individuals with developmental disabilities in the country."

With over 500 community home settings and an additional 600+ individuals benefitting from the private market rent subsidy program, Creative Housing has grown to be the largest housing provider of its kind in Ohio.

It was July 10, 1991, when Robert Albright, Ben Hale and Roger Murphy met with Jed Morison, Patrick Rafter and Legal Counsel Martin Kerscher to sign the original Articles of Incorporation for Creative Housing. The following individuals were nominated as the first Board members: Robert Albright, Ben Hale, Nick Wasyluk, Marjorie Petruzzi, Lela Boykin, Kathy Ransier and Richard Burkhart.

The first meeting of the full Board was held on August 1, 1991 and included an orientation from consultant Bob Laux and Pat Rafter.



**Patrick Rafter, President and CEO of Creative Housing/Creative Renovations**

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## Jeff Davis to direct DODD



**Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities**

Governor Mike DeWine has finalized his picks for Cabinet Directors as he begins his new term.

Jeff Davis has been selected to direct the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD). Jeff previously served as director of Government Affairs and interim executive director of the Ohio Provider Resource Association. According to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, "Jeff has been in the field for many years, including service as Deputy Director for the Ohio Department of Disabilities. Jeff has also served as an elected member of the Grove City Council. We wish him the best in his new role."

Other cabinet picks of the Governor include Maureen Corcoran, who will head up the Department of Medicaid. Maureen is currently President of Vorys Health Care Advisors and she has previously served as Acting Deputy Director for Medicaid when this office was housed in the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services.

Lori Criss will head up the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and Kevin Miller will continue to serve as Director of Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities.

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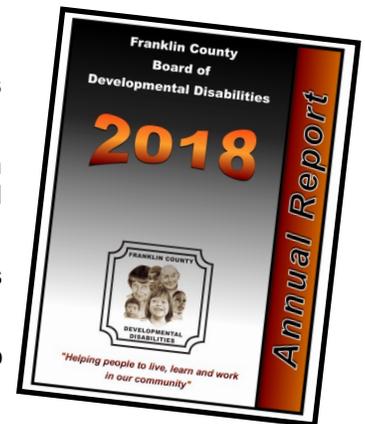
## Annual Report available

The 2018 Annual Report of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) is complete and available to those interested.

The report highlights a very successful year, including all the work involved in transitioning adult services programs to ARC Industries. Effective January 1, 2019, all FCBDD Adult Services staff became employees of ARC Industries.

The report highlights other milestones of 2018 and provides insights into services and budget of the Board.

For a hard copy of the report, email [amy.magginis@fcbdd.org](mailto:amy.magginis@fcbdd.org). The report will also be available in the publications section of the Board's website at [www.fcbdd.org](http://www.fcbdd.org).



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## Patrick Rafter retires (continued from page 1)

According to Bill Wilkins, former Chair of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities and current Board member of Creative Housing, "Pat not only handled the establishment and business operations effectively, he also has been passionate about meeting people's needs. His support of individuals and their families has been remarkable."

Years after Creative Housing was established, Pat and his Board added "Creative Renovations," which has helped hundreds of families with accessible modifications to their homes to allow for their family units to stay together. Accessible bathrooms, entry ways and any number of creative modifications and uses of technology have been utilized to enhance independence and safety.

Jed Morison stated, "Pat's management, creativity and willingness to reach out and partner with others has been significant and beneficial to Franklin County residents. He has been effective in meeting with and educating neighborhood groups and he has been successful in securing state and HUD funds, saving Franklin County taxpayers."

About his career, which also included years with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities as Deputy Director, Pat stated "I started out as a direct care worker in a state institution over 40 years ago where conditions were almost medieval. I am proud to have been a small part in a radical change that has occurred in the last 40 years in the acceptance of people with disabilities as full citizens, and as part of the fabric of our communities."

Regarding his future, Pat says "I am going to take a few months off and think how best to contribute the years I have remaining to me. As for Creative Housing there is a great team in place supported by a committed Board of Trustees. Coupled with the strong partnership with FCBDD, I'd have to say "You ain't seen nothing yet!"

Congratulations and thanks to Patrick Rafter on an exceptional career!

*(See related story on page 6 - Critty Buenconsejo, to serve as new CEO for Creative Housing)*

# Technology First Council report submitted

The Ohio Technology First Council has submitted its final report of recommendations to expand the use of supportive technology.

The report was authorized by the Governor's Executive Order, 2018-06K and includes nine benchmarks to guide expansion of supportive technology.

A full copy of the report can be downloaded on the website of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities at: <http://dodd.ohio.gov/Communications/SiteAssets/Tech%20First%20Council%20Recommendations%20Report%20Draft%203.pdf>

## The nine benchmarks are as follows:

**Benchmark #1:**  
*2,150 people with disabilities receiving Medicaid-funded supports will have supportive technology authorized in their annual plan.*

**Benchmark #2:**  
*All 88 counties will access Medicaid funding for at least one person for a.) Remote Support and/or b.) Assistive technology available via Ohio rule 5123-9-12 (Assistive Technology under the Individual Options, Level One, and Self-Empowered Life Funding waivers).*

**Benchmark #3:**  
*All county board strategic plans or progress reports will include current strategies for increasing the use of supportive technology to meet assessed needs.*

**Benchmark #4:**  
*Each person with a disability will have an opportunity during the person-centered planning process to consider how technology may meet assessed needs.*

**Benchmark #5:**  
*Increase the number of certified technology vendors from six to ten, and expand provider capacity for delivering Remote Support with paid backup by revising the rule in a manner that allows both agency and independent providers of Home-maker/Personal Care to provide backup support.*



**Benchmark #6:**  
*Develop a national model for using the National Core Indicators (NCI) survey process to gather data on the utilization, satisfaction, and impact of technology.*

**Benchmark #7:**  
*Develop comprehensive recommendations to expand the use of tele-medicine services.*

**Benchmark #8:**  
*Amend the Interagency Agreement between Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) to expand the use of technology within the Employment First Partnership.*

**Benchmark #9:**  
*Update Ohio's Transition Vision Work Plan to include a core principle on technology and address technology under each existing core principle.*

## Calendars approved

Program year calendars for the 2019/2020 program year have been approved by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

The next school year will begin the week of August 19, 2019, with West Central students beginning on August 21, 2019 and preschool students beginning on August 26, 2019. Preschool and school staff will return from Summer Recess on Monday, August 19, 2019.

Winter recess is scheduled for December 23, 2019 through January 1, 2020 with students and staff returning on January 2, 2020.

The calendars are subject to change if Columbus Schools decides to begin their school year at a different time or has a different Spring 2020 recess.

For a complete look at all the calendars, go to the following website link: <https://fcbdd.org/publications/calendars/>.

## Strategic plans approved

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities approved two strategic/action plans in their January, 2019 meeting.

The Long Term Strategic Plan is for the current levy period of 2019-2028. The Board's goal will be to continue to provide services without asking for additional levy dollars for 10 years. The current levy, that begins in 2018, was passed by the voters in November, 2017.

The 'Annual Action Plan and Three Year Calendar Plan' meets requirements of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and covers the period of 2019-2021.

Both plans provide insights into the Board's vision for services with details on mandates, current status, projected needs, goals and strategies to meet those needs.

According to Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison, "the plans provide a roadmap for the future as we continue to help people to live, learn and work in our community."

To download or read the plans, visit the website of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities and click on 'Publications.'



**Save  
the  
Date**

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**Wednesday,  
April 3, 2019**

**Franklin County  
Provider Fair**

**'Your Provider,  
Your Choice'**

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## Officers elected *(continued from page 1)*

Dean Fadel, Renée Stein, Linda Craig, and Michael Underwood continue to serve as Board members. Mr. Fadel, Ms. Craig and Ms. Stein are former Presidents of the Board.

Mr. Fadel is President of the Ohio Insurance Institute and was the former President of the Ohio Association of County Boards.

Ms. Craig is Supervisor of the Customer Service Division of the Franklin County Treasurer's Office and is also a Board member of the Ohio Association of County Boards.

Ms. Stein is Senior Manager, Partnership Development for American Express and has served on the Board since 2009.

Mr. Underwood is a Partner with Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur, LLP. He began his service on the Board in 2018.

Board members serve four-year terms and can be re-appointed twice for a total of twelve years. Law requires that at least three of the Board members have family members who are eligible for or receiving Board services. Five of the current Board members have family members eligible for services.



**FCBDD Board Past President  
Linda Craig**



**FCBDD Board Member  
Dean Fadel**



**FCBDD Board Member  
Renée Stein**



**FCBDD Board Member  
Michael Underwood**

# Good For You

*Notable achievements in the FCBDD community*

Congratulations to Patrick Rafter, CEO and President of Creative Housing, on an exceptional career. Pat will retire in February. He is pictured with Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison at the Community Star Awards in October.



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Special thanks to Jack Brownley and Cindy Massenelli for coordinating the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual "For the Fun of It" Bowling fundraiser for Special Olympics on Saturday, January 5, 2019.

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Congratulations to Amanda Dingess, Tyler Betts, Brian Parks and Mike Dancho on winning the "For the Fun of It" Bowling event benefitting Special Olympics.



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Thank you to the Information Technology, HR and Legal Departments for excellent work related to the transition of FCBDD adult services to ARC Industries.

Best wishes to Critty Buenconsejo, new President/ CEO of Creative Housing/ Creative Renovations.

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Special thanks and congratulations to John Huntzinger, Psychology staff member assigned to the Intake Department for many years. John will retire at the end of February following an outstanding career. Thank you John.



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Congratulations to Malik Wise, Rachel McCarty, Greg Butcher and Monique Brown to for receiving recognition as the team with the greatest opportunity for improvement at "For the Fun of It" Bowling fundraiser for Special Olympics.

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Congratulations to ARC Industries employees on the successful transition. Effective January 1, 2019, all former FCBDD adult services staff became employees of ARC Industries.

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Thank you to John Martin, Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities for your leadership the past 12 years. John retired from his position in January.

***DODD Director John Martin takes 'Honor Walk' out of the FCBDD Administration building. He was recognized for his service over the past 12 years and then several FCBDD staff and children from the Early Childhood Education Department were there to wish him well and applaud him as he left the building.***

# Career Milestones

**30 years**  
Pamela Borowy

**25 years**  
Linda Oliver

**20 years**  
Larry Work

**15 years**  
Jacqueline Garver  
Carla May  
Richard Simpson

**10 years**  
Virginia Curtiss  
Richard Kannard



**DD Awareness Day  
at the Statehouse**

**March  
5th**



# Crittty Buenconsejo to serve as new CEO at Creative Housing

The Creative Housing/Creative Renovations Board of Trustees recently announced that Crittty Buenconsejo has been selected to take over the organization's CEO position upon the retirement of the current CEO Patrick Rafter in February.

Ms. Buenconsejo currently serves as Creative Housing's Director of Special Projects and Design where she oversees Creative Housing's construction projects and residential renovations.

Before joining Creative Housing, she had ten years of design, construction documentation, and project management experience working with architectural firms.

Crittty holds a Bachelor of Architecture from Kent State University and a Bachelor of Science in Business from Miami University. She also studied at Harvard Business School Executive Education Program. She is a Certified Graduate Builder, Certified Graduate Remodeler, and Certified Aging in Place Specialist. She holds memberships in the American Institute of Architects, National Association of Home Builders, National Fire Protection Association, International Code Council, and the Professional Women in Building Council.

According to Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, "Crittty will continue to do excellent work leading Creative Housing. She has been great to work with on many special projects over the years."

Crittty will officially take over as CEO on February 21, 2019.



**Crittty Buenconsejo,**  
new CEO of Creative  
Housing/ Creative  
Renovations, Inc.

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The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

**John Bickley**, President  
**Beth Savage**, Vice-President  
**Marie Crawford**, Secretary  
**Linda Craig**  
**Dean Fadel**  
**Renée Stein**  
**Michael Underwood**

Superintendent/CEO **Jed W. Morison**

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## Calendar

### February, 2019

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 2 Dancing with Our Stars Gala hosted by the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown at 6 p.m., 50 North 3<sup>rd</sup>, Columbus. For more information please go to [www.dsaco.net/gala](http://www.dsaco.net/gala).
- 13 Family Support, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- 18 Presidents' Day - all county facilities closed.
- 28 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Human Resources and Finance Committee meetings, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 28 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.

