# medina county board of developmental disabilities - Board Member

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is comprised of seven volunteer members who are appointed by the Medina County Commissioners or Medina County Probate Judge. Board member terms are 4 years and they receive no compensation for their service. Board members must be Medina County residents and have various professional backgrounds and include community leaders and family members of individuals with disabilities. Each year board members must attend at least four hours of training in the field of developmental disabilities.

**Board Meetings** Meetings are typically held on the fourth Monday of each month at the Medina County Achievement Center. Agency business, policy, budgets, and program planning are discussed during Board meetings. Staff and community members are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Meet the Board Members - 2025



#### **ANDREW OLAH - President**

Andrew Olah earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Physics at Kent State University and his Doctorate in Macromolecular Science and Engineering at Case Western Reserve University. He is a 34 year resident of Medina County. Andrew says his major incentive for being on the MCBDD Board is the strong impact the agency has had on his son Patrick. He believes the MCBDD programs have allowed him to be independent and function extremely well within the community.



#### MARK GRYSKIEWICZ - Vice-President

Mark has lived in Medina County for five years, with his wife and three children. He has a Mechanical Engineering degree with a minor in Psychology from Iowa State University. Mark is Plant Manager at a 3M manufacturing facility. His manufacturing career has allowed him the opportunity to work with many teams of diverse people, and he believes strongly in being a good community citizen. Mark looks forward to sharing his leadership experiences to help the MCBDD to continue to effectively accomplish their mission of promoting and empowering individuals to live, work, and socialize as good community citizens.



#### **LISA DREADEN - Secretary**

Lisa Dreaden is a Senior Manager for Charles Schwab where she is responsible for a variety of training and communication projects which prepare team members to serve their clients. She is also a mentor for the Aspiring Leaders program and co-founded a support professional development group. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Communications at the University of Illinois and completed post-graduate work in English/Education at Illinois State University.



#### **DAVE HARTMAN**

Dave Hartman holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Akron and has worked as a Director of Business Development, President/CEO and District Engineer for various government agencies and private companies. He previously served on the MCBDD from 1998 to 2009. He has also served on the Board of Directors for Medina Creative Housing, Buckeye STEPS, the Medina County Federal Credit Union and the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers. Dave strives to help individuals with developmental disabilities become all they can be, and is honored to work with a progressive county and agency.



#### **KELLY SMITH**

Kelly Smith earned her Bachelor's degree from Johnson & Wales University and is currently the Director of Engagement for Feeding Medina County where she is responsible for fundraising, volunteer management, marketing and program management. She has dedicated her entire career to non-profit management, working with organizations that address essential human needs such as healthcare, shelter, and food. She believes that when individuals' basic needs are met, they can not only survive but also thrive. She is committed to ensuring those who often lack a voice of their own have their fundamental human needs fulfilled.



### ADINA KOLAR

Adina Kolar is a graduate of the MCBDD's Leadership Academy, and the first person with developmental differences to be appointed to the MCBDD's Board. She personally knows when people with developmental differences need help, the County Board is there to meet their needs. As an active advocate in the community, she knows the challenges of navigating life with a disability can be difficult. She continues to strive to becoming a better leader for the disability community and make sure all voices matter.



#### DEBORAH BOKMULLER

Deborah Bokmuller earned her Bachelor's degree in Accounting at Baldwin Wallace and her MBA in Business/Marketing from Cleveland State. She has a background in corporate America, for companies such as PwC and AIG Insurance, for more than 25 years. In her previous experiences, she was responsible for areas which included leadership roles in strategy, operations, communications and risk management. As the mother of a medically fragile son with autism, she looks forward to working with the MCBDD to execute their strategic plan and further promote partnerships that enable equitable access to resources and opportunities.