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LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD NAMES 2021 SLATE OF OFFICERS *County Commissioners also appoint new member*

(TOLEDO, OH – January 21, 2021) — At its January 2021 meeting, the Lucas County Children Services Board named its slate of officers for the 2021 calendar year, and announced that it will be welcoming one new member and saying goodbye to another.

- Kathy Vasquez was named board chair. Ms. Vasquez is a retired University of Toledo administrator who has served the LCCS board since 2015.
- Suzette Cowell, CEO of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, was elected vice chair. She was first named to the LCCS board in 2009.
- Rev. Dr. Donald Perryman, pastor of Center of Hope Baptist Church, will hold the position of secretary. He joined the board in 2019.
- John Schinahl will serve as board treasurer. The Fifth Third Bank vice president was named to the LCCS board in 2019.
- Laura Wilson, who has served as board chair since 2015, was named immediate past president. Ms. Wilson, an attorney with Schaffer & Associates LPA, has served on the LCCS board since 2012.

The LCCS board names its own slate of officers from members appointed by the Lucas County Commissioners.

Ms. Vasquez announced that the Commissioners have appointed Rachel Gagnon, executive director of the Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board, to the LCCS board. She is expected to begin her term at the February meeting. She also announced that former board member Amy Allen of Toledo Public Schools opted not to seek reappointment; her term expired in December 2020.

About Lucas County Children Services

The mission of Lucas County Children Services is to lead the community in the protection of children at risk of abuse and neglect. This is accomplished by working with families, service providers and community members to assess risk and coordinate community-based services resulting in safe, stable and permanent families for children.