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PA Family Support Alliance Welcomes Six New Board Members

HARRISBURG, Pa. — <u>Pa Family Support Alliance (PFSA)</u>, the state leader in child abuse prevention announced the appointment of six new members to its <u>Governing Board of Directors</u>. The new six members are joining new Board Chair, Marci Lesko, Executive Vice President for United Way of Greater Lehigh Valley.

"We are fortunate to have dedicated experts and distinguished leaders in their fields serve on our Board of Directors," said Angela Liddle, President, and CEO of PFSA. "All children deserve to be safe, protected, valued, and cared for—that is our central mission. Through our board's support, we are able to advance that mission and ensure that Pennsylvania's children have an opportunity to grow up in an environment that is free of abuse."

The new board members are:

Mark Holman, Director of Human Resources, Susquehanna Township School District Manchester Township (York) resident

Mark is the Director of Human Resources for the Susquehanna Township School District. Mark has more than 30 years of experience as a Human Resources Director in Pennsylvania's public school system having previously served as Human Resources Director in the cities of York, Lancaster, and Harrisburg. In addition, Mark is active in several professional organizations, serving as the Chairperson of the Personnel Committee for the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials. He is also an Executive Officer of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Labor and Employee Relations Association, serving as President from 2021 to 2022. Mark resides in York with his wife and their two teenage sons. Mark is also a musician who enjoys performing with a variety of groups in the area. Mark earned his bachelor's degree from York College of Pennsylvania and his master's degree in Human Resources from McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland.

Jim Willshier, Chief Public Affairs Officer, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape Camp Hill resident

Jim Willshier joined the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) in 2019 as the Chief Public Affairs Officer. His responsibilities focus on strategic communications with the media, community supporters, corporate partners, and government entities as part of the organization's mission of ending sexual harassment, assault, and abuse. Prior to this role, Mr. Willshier was the Director of Policy & Partnership for the Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers (PACHC) representing Community Health Centers providing critical services to vulnerable Pennsylvanians in underserved areas. He has over 15 years of experience in government relations and media communications from experience in serving non-profit organizations. He was also Finalist for George Washington University and the National Association of Community Health Centers National Emerging Leader in 2014.

Pamela Szajnuk, Chief Financial Officer, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania Enola resident

Pamela is the Chief Financial Officer for the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP). She is responsible for all aspects of the financial/accounting operations for CCAP, as well as accounting control systems, internal audits, and day-to-day support for all programs. She has worked for CCAP for over twenty-two years. She served as Deputy Director of Finance for seven years, Director of Finance for eight years and CFO for over seven years. Pamela was selected as a finalist for the Central Penn Business Journal's 2013 CFO of the year awards for non-profit accounting. She served many years as Treasurer for local swim clubs in the central Pennsylvania area. Pamela and her husband Robert own and operate Big Bottom Brewery in Dillsburg, Pa. Pamela enjoys traveling and spending time with her adult children. She is an avid golfer, runner, and swimmer and enjoys the time with her Cavapoo puppies that are less than two years old. Pamela is a graduate of Penn State University – Allegheny Campus with an Associate Degree in Business Administration.

Kara Fink, Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School Philadelphia resident

Kara directs the Interdisciplinary Child Advocacy Clinic, focusing on the legal needs of children and families. Students enrolled in the clinic engage in direct legal representation, while also working on systemic reform projects in the areas of child welfare and Family Court. Before coming to Penn Law, she was the Managing Attorney of the Family Defense Practice at The Bronx Defenders, where she created a groundbreaking interdisciplinary legal practice for parents involved in the child welfare system. Her areas of specialty include child welfare, parents' rights and interdisciplinary practice focusing on law and social work collaboration. She has presented on best practices in child welfare and dependency cases, the collateral consequences of child welfare involvement and interdisciplinary collaboration. Her recent scholarship includes: Social Work Practice and the Law, co-authored with Dr. Lyn Slater, PhD (Springer Publishing, 2011).

Dr. Rosalind Lee, Regional Director of Pennsylvania Operations, Progressive Life Center, Inc. Philadelphia resident

Rosalind C. Lee, DM, MA has served as a child welfare administrator, therapist, trainer, quality improvement analyst, social worker, and family services advocate with over 28 years of experience in the field of human services. Dr. Lee earned her Doctorate in Management from University of Maryland University College (MD), Master of Arts in African American Studies from Temple University (PA), and Bachelor of Arts in English from Johnson C. Smith University (NC). Dr. Lee has served as Regional Director of Pennsylvania Operations at Progressive Life Center, Inc. headquartered in Washington D.C, since 2011. As an innovator and industry leader, Dr. Lee served as a Board of Director for the Pennsylvania Council of Child, Youth and Family Services (PCCYFS); African American Chamber of Commerce PA/NJ/DE (AACC); Legacy of Love Foundation, Inc. (LOLF) and the president of the Philadelphia Chapter of Johnson C. Smith University Alumni Association (PCJCSUAA). These organizations have focused their mission on supporting and expanding "thriving" outcomes for children, youth, students, families, and businesses that have been underserved and marginalized historically.

Ron Bunce, President & CEO, Children's Home of York Baltimore, MD resident

Ron is the President/CEO of Children's Home of York, where he has facilitated change strategies that have led to an increased standard of care for clients and stewarded the organization during a pandemic that disrupted organizations and services nationwide. He is a licensed social worker and a seasoned professional in the nonprofit leadership space. As Executive Director of the Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Oneida County, he received Cornell University's Community and Regional Development Award for his innovative community and economic development work in Utica, NY called Rust 2 Green. There, he grew the organization from a budget of \$700,000 and a staff of 17 to an annual budget of \$8.5

million and a staff of 140. As Executive Director of The NYS Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Ron was a part of a coalition that drove momentous policy change in New York State that impacts over 50,000 children and families annually; Raise the Age NY. Ron holds an undergraduate degree in business and accounting, a master's degree in social work, and is currently in candidacy for his Ph.D. in Social Welfare Policy from the University of Albany in New York.

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ABOUT PFSA: The Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance prevents child abuse and protects children from harm by helping parents learn positive parenting techniques, educating professionals and volunteers who work with children to recognize and report child abuse, and helping community members learn how they can play a positive role in keeping children safe. To learn more about our programs, schedule training, or make a donation, please visit pa-fsa.org, or call 800-448-4906.