

News Release

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Lifeline, Inc. Elects New Board of Trustee Officers January 30, 2009

PAINESVILLE, Ohio— The Board of Trustees at Lifeline, Inc., Lake County's Community Action Agency, has elected new officers to lead the organization through early 2010. Re-elected are Linda Child, president and Dianne Rafferty, secretary. Newly elected are Jeremy Iosue, vice president and Rita McMahon, treasurer.

By law, Lifeline's governing Board of Trustees must be comprised of one third each of members representing the private, public and low-income sectors.

"Community Action boards are unique in that representatives of the low-income residents, our actual customers, are represented on our Board," said Carrie Dotson, Executive Director for Lifeline, Inc. "We feel very fortunate to have members who are specifically in touch with the needs of Lake County's low-income families, in addition to the valuable resources provided by our public and private representatives."

Child, a certified public accountant who represents the private sector, was appointed to Lifeline's Board in early 2005. Child previously served two terms as Board treasurer and served as president in 2008. She also serves on the Board Finance and Programs & Planning Committees.

Iosue, is currently the President of Dylan, Iosue and Associates, LLC, a Labor Relations and HR consulting firm focusing on public sector and non-profit organizations. Prior to working with Dylan Iosue, Iosue was an HR Director for University Hospitals Health System where he oversaw HR operations for several community hospitals and satellite locations within the UH

system. Iosue was appointed to the Lifeline Board in 2007 by the Lake County Bar Association to represent the public sector. In addition to serving as vice-president, Iosue also chairs the Board Human Resources Committee.

McMahon, the City Manager for the City of Painesville, was previously appointed to the Board in 2002 by the City of Painesville to represent the public sector. She was re-appointed in 2008 by the Lake County Mayors and Managers Association to represent the public sector. She has previously served as Board president and treasurer. As treasurer, McMahon also chairs the Board Finance Committee, in addition to serving on the Fundraising Committee.

Rafferty, a nurse practitioner at the Family Planning Association of Northeast Ohio (FPANEO) was appointed to the Board in 2006 by FPANEO to represent low-income families in need of health services. Rafferty also serves on the Board Human Resources Committee.

In addition to these officers, Erin Johnson will chair the Board Fund Development Committee and Mark Pohovey will chair the Board By-laws and Membership Committee.

“Lifeline is a dynamic agency that continues to evolve to meet the ever changing needs of the residents of Lake County,” said Child. “As a Board, we look forward to continuing to expand our services and support self-sufficiency among our clients.”

Lifeline for the Empowerment and Development of Consumers was founded in 1973 with the mission of helping Lake County residents by providing them assistance and life skills programming that is designed to increase self-sufficiency. In 1980 Lifeline became a participating agency of the United Way of Lake County, UWLC, and in 1987 was designated a community action agency by the Ohio Department of Development, ODOD.

Today Lifeline continues with the same mission of helping Lake County’s low-income residents break the cycle of poverty and make the transition from agency-dependency to self-sufficiency. Lifeline’s current programming includes services in the health, housing and family development areas. Our motto is ‘first to help, then to teach.’ Lifeline is currently funded by the

UWLC and by grants through the ODOD, the City of Mentor, the Lake County Board of Commissioners, the Western Reserve Junior Service League, the CVS Foundation, the Ohio Housing Trust Fund, the Bikers Aiding Local Diabetics and through private donors.