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ODVN Board of Directors Elects New Leadership Team

COLUMBUS, OH (Nov. 10, 2021) – The Board of Directors of the Ohio Domestic Violence Network has elected new officers to lead the organization for the next two years.

The new board chair is Donya Buchanan who takes the helm after 11 years working in the domestic violence field. Ms. Buchanan is Program Director of Domestic Violence and Visitation Services at Safer Futures in Portage County, which is part of Family & Community Services, Inc. She is responsible for a 14-bed shelter; Safe Path, an 11-unit transitional housing program; Place of Peace, the safe exchange and visitation program, and the Legal Advocate program. Ms. Buchanan will serve as chair of the board until September 30, 2023.

"ODVN provides a strong, statewide voice for Ohio's 75 domestic violence programs," Buchanan said. "I'm looking forward to working with the staff and board to make Ohio a better place for survivors of domestic violence."

Rounding out the leadership team are: Deidra Lashley, Executive Director of Bethany House in Toledo, who is serving as chair elect; Dana Apostolec, a Manager on the Finance team at VS&Co., who is serving as treasurer; and Reem Aly, Vice President at the Health Policy Institute of Ohio, who is serving as secretary. Immediate past board chair Bridget Mahoney continues to serve as an associate board member.

About the Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN): ODVN advocates on domestic violence-related issues at the state and federal level. The network's 75 member programs served more than 111,000 survivors and their children in 2020. ODVN runs a training institute for advocates and allies that trained 13,199 individuals last year, a relocation assistance program, a legal assistance program, and a prevention program.

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