

Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities

News Release: Collective Bargaining Agreement

The Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities recently concluded a collective bargaining agreement with the largest of its three union work units. Members of the Portage County Educators Association for the Mentally Retarded, Unit A, approved the new agreement in late April and it was approved by the Board of DD in May. The unit, which has about 100 members, covers the Portage Industries Adult Workshop and Happy Day School staff. The Portage County Board of Commissioners unanimously affirmed the contract at its June 26 meeting.

Dr. Patrick Macke, superintendent of the DD board, said the agreement is effective Sept. 1, 2012 and runs through Aug. 31, 2015. The agreement calls for a \$500 lump sum payment in the first year, a \$500 increase in the base in the second year, and a \$500 lump sum payment in the third year. The lump sum payments do not increase rates of pay and are not cumulative. "By minimizing the rate of increase in base salaries, this contract continues our long-term cost control efforts," Macke said.