Media Release

Community Solutions Welcomes New Members

[**Cleveland, Ohio**] **The Center for Community Solutions** recently elected four new members to its Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2018. Photos available upon request.

- **Jenice Contreras, Executive Director, Hispanic Business Center**

Jenice Contreras is responsible for establishing and/or strengthening relationships through multiple business development agencies by establishing strategic partnerships and ensuring high-quality programs necessary to carry out the mission of the Hispanic Business Center. Formerly, Contreras worked as a public health consultant with Collaborative Research, LLC, and as director of development and HIV services for Care Alliance Health Center. Bilingual and bicultural, she is extensively involved in minority leadership efforts and was appointed by Mayor Frank Jackson to serve on the City of Cleveland's Community Relations Board.

- **Joseph W. Mead, Assistant Professor, Urban Studies, Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, CSU; joint appointment with Cleveland-Marshall College of Law**

Joseph Mead serves as the interim program director for the Master of Nonprofit Administration and Leadership (MNAL) Degree at Levin College. Before joining CSU, he served as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, where he defended the constitutionality of federal statutes and advised and represented the White House and other federal agencies. Mead researches the law and interactions of nonprofit organizations and governmental institutions. He is a contributing editor on the *Nonprofit Law Professor Blog*. In addition to teaching and research, he consults with local nonprofit leaders to discuss issues facing their organizations. He also handles constitutional litigation in cooperation with the ACLU of Ohio. Mead is a resident of Akron.

- **Kyle Miller, External Affairs Representative, Dominion Energy Ohio**

Among his many responsibilities, Kyle Miller coordinates relationships and serves as a liaison between local and state government officials, community and business leaders, and Dominion Energy Ohio. Previously, he served as director of government affairs and public policy for the Sisters of Charity Health System, and as counsel with the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works in Washington, DC. He is a member of the Olmsted Falls City Council and the Cleveland Leadership Center's Bridge Builders Class of 2015. Miller is a resident of Olmsted Falls.

- **George Sample, Director of Human Resources, Cuyahoga County Public Library**

Prior to joining the Cuyahoga County Public Library, George Sample spent 10 years at The Lubrizol Corporation (his last three and a half years as manager of diversity and inclusion) and also worked at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. He is a member of the Board of Directors of United

Way of Greater Cleveland and the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland. He also serves on the membership engagement committee for the Commission on Economic Inclusion of the Greater Cleveland Partnership, and participates in the Cleveland chapter of the Society of Human Resources. In 2014, he won the Lead Diversity Outstanding Alumni award from the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio and the John Carroll Young Alumni Award. Sample is a resident of Strongsville.

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