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## **AGENCY VETERAN TAKES THE REINS AT LEADING DISABILITY SERVICES PROVIDER**

### **UCP Central PA Names Janeen Latin President/CEO**

**Camp Hill, PA – The Board of Directors of UCP Central PA has named 22-year UCP veteran Janeen M. Latin President/CEO.** She assumed the top position on December 6 following the resignation of her predecessor and strategic partner Judith McCowan. Latin also assumes oversight of the UCP Foundation of Central PA.

A Pennsylvania native, Latin began her decades of service with UCP in a volunteer capacity as a Parent Mentor in 1995, and has assumed ever increasing positions of leadership, most recently Chief Operating Officer in 2017. Now, in her role as UCP CEO, Latin assumes responsibility for directing all facets of this leading mid-state disability services provider across a 17-county footprint. Her progression from enthusiastic volunteer to mindful CEO has its roots in a decidedly personal motivation: she has two adult daughters with autism.

UCP Board Chair Joseph Entenman, who was initially recruited by Latin to serve on UCP's Community Relations and Development Committee 16 years ago, said, *"I couldn't be more proud and honored to announce the promotion of Janeen Latin to President and CEO of UCP. There is no doubt that Janeen is demonstrably qualified to lead our organization! She has the passion, the experience, the drive, and the determination needed to confront the challenges facing human services providers today. Equally as important, Janeen has both a personal and professional stake in the continued success of the organization. I look forward to working alongside her over the next year."*

Speaking of McCowan's transformational work over her short tenure with UCP, Entenman added, *"On behalf of the entire UCP Board and staff, I want to thank Judith for the dedication, energy, and dynamic leadership she put into guiding UCP over the past three years. She was indeed a "game-changer" in every way possible and the organization is stronger for having had her at the helm."*

In a meeting with staff to announce the leadership change, McCowan assured everyone, *"There is no one more well-qualified--or more well-versed in where you all are going and how to get you there--than Janeen. I would trust NO OTHER PERSON to take on this role at this time in the agency's life story. She has been by my side since the beginning and has been a part of everything we have done. Janeen is completely invested in UCP's success and knows how to make the mission happen."*

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For her part, McCowan has committed to assume the position of President and CEO at UCP of Long Island in New York, effective January 2020.

In her most recent position as Chief Operating Officer, Latin was responsible for directing UCP's expansive operations, executing sound business strategy, and ensuring operational excellence organization-wide. A passionate advocate for person-centered supports and services, Latin's laser-like focus is on delivering measurable, cost-effective results that support the mission of the organization to make a real difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities each day. She believes that everyone, given appropriate supports, has the capacity to make a meaningful contribution to the community. Her lengthy career with UCP, in multiple roles, has prepared her to guide the agency forward and to successfully navigate the complexities of Pennsylvania's dynamic human services environment.

Latin holds a BS in Organizational Leadership from Penn State University and a Masters in Organizational Leadership with a concentration in Finance from Central Penn College. She lives in Harrisburg with her husband Frank, with whom she shares four daughters.

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UCP Central PA has a 66-year history of providing comprehensive and innovative programs and services for people across the lifespan with a wide variety of disabilities and special needs. Headquartered in Camp Hill, UCP's geographic and programmatic footprint extends across 17 central Pennsylvania counties, with significant operations in Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry counties.

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