OhioMeansJobs Summit County Center Manager Ralph Sinistro, Voted in As Trustee to the U.S. Conference of Mayors Workforce Development Council

Summit County Executive Russ Pry is pleased to announce that Ralph Sinistro, OhioMeansJobs Summit County Center Manager for the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services, was nominated and voted in by his peers to serve as a Trustee on the U.S. Conference of Mayors Workforce Development Council (WDC) for the 9th consecutive year. Mr. Sinistro first joined the WDC as a Workforce Investment Act Representative in 2004.

The election of officers took place at the January meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, DC. The WDC membership elects three officers and 15 Trustees to the Board of Trustees.

The WDC, established in 1977 as the Employment and Training Council, works with mayors' representatives to influence Congress and the U.S. Department of Labor in directing more employment and training funds to cities, to identify key issues in workforce development that affect cities, and to assure that the role of cities is paramount in all workforce development activities. The WDC provides a forum for Mayors and their employment and training administrators to examine all workforce development issues and to strengthen the ability of cities to meet the needs of their citizens; particularly, economically disadvantaged individuals, those with serious skill deficiencies, dislocated workers, and others with special barriers to employment, including youth.

“OhioMeansJobs Summit County is our local, extensive workforce resource center that helps individuals, businesses and youth navigate the many steps and obstacles for recruiting and seeking a job,” stated Executive Pry. “Ralph's service with the U.S. Conference of Mayors Workforce Development Council will continue to provide Summit County with valuable workforce development initiatives.”

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Ralph earned Bachelor Degrees in Anthropology and Spanish with minor in Latin American Studies from Kent State University. He has been employed with Summit County Department of Job and Family Services workforce division since 2001.

"It is truly an honor to represent Summit County on the U.S. Conference of Mayors Workforce Development Council," said Mr. Sinistro. "Thanks to County Executive Pry for giving me this opportunity to serve. I look forward to working with workforce leaders from around the country to address key workforce issues in 2015 and beyond."

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