



2022 CCAO ANNUAL REPORT



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A MESSAGE FROM CHERYL SUBLER CCAO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is a great pleasure to share with the CCAO membership the 2022 annual report. You will find enclosed many accomplishments from the year which were made possible through the efforts of our membership and staff, for which I am very grateful.

The association's primary advocacy goal this year was securing additional funding for county jails through the state capital appropriations bill. We were pleased to see the DeWine-Husted Administration and General Assembly provide \$50 million in state funding for the second consecutive capital bill. We appreciate this revitalized state-county partnership and see this as the foundation for expanded investment in these essential public safety assets.

CCAO was also able to secure new partnerships to the benefit of counties. The Appalachian Community Grant Program is a new \$500 million program aimed at supporting transformational projects in Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties. CCAO also worked to secure \$20 million in state funding to offset the added costs of a second primary election this past August. We remain thankful to our friends in the Administration and General Assembly for these important victories.

Internally, the association continued to offer our members the latest resources and information. In August, CCAO hosted a highly successful Workforce, Families and Children Symposium at the Cherry Valley Hotel in Licking County. The event brought together CCAO members with leading experts on workforce and human service issues for an in-depth discussion on challenges faced by all counties.

CCAO also undertook a significant revamp of the CCAO website this year. The new site provides a cleaner, more user-friendly experience while still providing all the information and resources members need. I encourage you to check it out today.

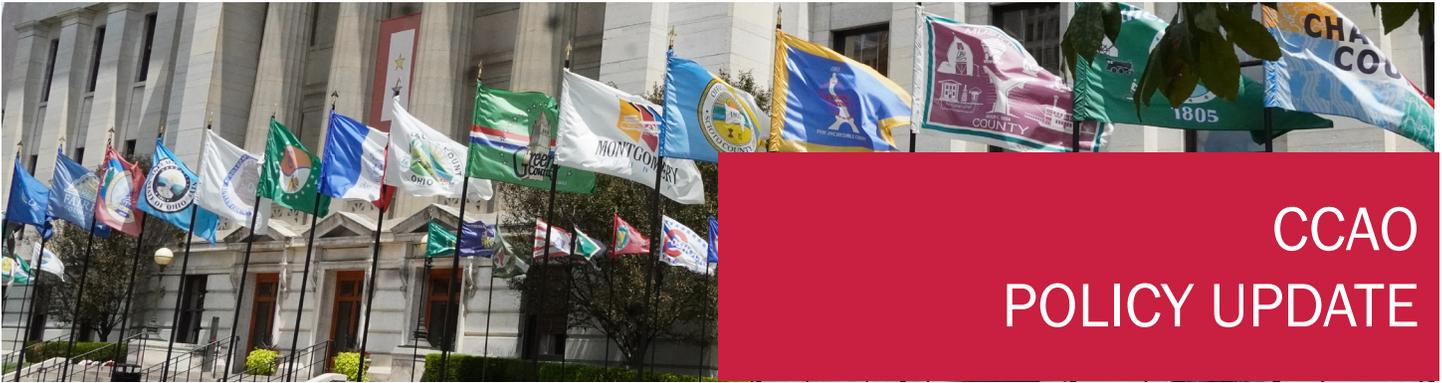
CEBCO continues to diligently serve the health insurance needs of counties, their employees and families, and the pool is slated to grow to 45 counties next year – an all time high. CORSA this year received special recognition from the Association of Government Risk Pools, reflecting their strong commitment to property and liability protection. The CCAO Service Corporation continues to expand its energy aggregation programs and provide value-added services to our membership.

Looking forward to next year, the policy team has a bold agenda heading into the state budgeting process. Just as in previous years, it will require the entire CCAO membership pulling together to achieve our legislative goals, which include funding for indigent defense reimbursement, additional state funds for county jails, and a restoration of the Local Government Fund.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the leadership of our board of directors, our executive committee, and our 2022 CCAO President, Commissioner Debbie Lieberman, for all their support and assistance. It has been a pleasure to serve you all this year, and I can't wait to see what 2023 has in store.

Ultimately, the successes we have as an association are not just a compilation of individual achievements, but rather part of a broader group victory. We all work toward the common goal of building stronger counties for a stronger Ohio. I hope this year's report sheds some light on that work and the many benefits it brings to the people of this great state that we call home.





CCAO POLICY UPDATE

The nature of working in government is that few things ever “end” by the traditional meaning. There are always more tweaks that can be made to the Revised Code, more ways to clarify what counties can do, another funding stream to solidify. With that in mind, the CCAO Policy Team was ready to follow up on a successful 2021 with another fruitful year in 2022. As an even-numbered year, the capital budget was on the horizon and there were millions of dollars in state-level American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, as well as General Revenue Fund grants established last year, for the state to distribute.

Like every other legislative season since 1803 and beyond, there were surprises, but thanks to our nimble policy team, our partners in other local government associations, our friends at the statehouse and in the executive branch, and, most vitally, our engaged and diligent members, we were able to tackle these surprises while advancing the important cause of strong county government in Ohio.

The Expected: Capital Budget

The State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023-2024 Capital Budget was one piece of legislation that was on the agenda this year. As you may remember, in the SFY 2021-2022 Capital Budget the Association was successful in restoring a long-dormant partnership between the state government and counties wherein the state provides funding assistance in constructing local jails. CCAO’s main objective during capital budget process was to ensure this program continued. Thanks to a strong push by CCAO members to impress upon their legislators and the executive branch the importance and need for this critical aid, an additional \$50 million was included to assist county jail construction.

The Unexpected: Multiple Primary Elections

With all statewide executive positions up for reelection, as well as the entirety of the state’s congressional delegation, one of the state’s two U.S. Senators, the

entirety of the Ohio House of Representatives, and a third of the Ohio Senate, not to mention judgeships, county positions, the State Board of Education, and political party central committee members, it was no surprise that 2022 would feature a busy primary election. What was surprising, however, was that there were two of them.

As legal challenges over Ohio’s congressional and statehouse district maps played out, questions arose over how feasible it would be to conduct the May 3rd primary as scheduled. There were concerns over how absentee ballots to overseas military personnel could be delivered accurately and in a timely manner, concerns about how county boards of elections would be able to program election machines with maps received at short notice, among others. Finally, it was decided that the state would hold two primary elections: the May 3rd primary would host races for the statewide offices, local positions, and Congress, while the primary for General Assembly races and county central committee races would be held in August.

Much like with the capital budget, strong outreach from commissioners, county executives, and county council members was instrumental in ensuring that the state provide funding to get overseas military personnel accurate ballots for the May primary and to provide funding for a second primary in August. The policy team would not have been able to secure those funds without CCAO’s members engaging with their legislators, Governor Mike DeWine, and Secretary of State Frank LaRose.

The Expected 2: State-level ARPA Funds and State GRF Grants

The strong partnership between the DeWine-Husted Administration and local governments continued with force this year thanks to the state’s utilization of its ARPA funds and with the distribution of grant funds that were established in the SFY 2022-2023 Main Operating

Budget. The Administration and the General Assembly committed \$250 million of the state's ARPA funding to first responders to help counter various issues in criminal justice fields that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the specific grant programs that have been supported by these funds are the Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program, the Community Violence Prevention Grant Program, the First Responder Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience Program and the Court Backlog Reduction Program. All together these programs have distributed hundreds of grants to local law enforcement agencies and courts, including numerous county entities such as sheriff's departments, county prosecutors, and county victim assistance organizations.

Additionally, the state created four funding streams in the current budget cycle that benefit counties: grant programs for brownfield site remediation (\$350 million), site demolition (\$150 million), water and wastewater infrastructure (\$250 million), and funding for water quality improvements through H2Ohio (\$170 million). Counties, along with other local governments, have utilized these programs to improve their communities by making them healthier for residents and more appealing for economic development. Finally, in April, Governor DeWine announced, and the General Assembly later passed, an initiative to use \$500 million in state ARPA funds for "Ohio BUILDS – Small Communities, Big Impact – A Plan for Appalachia" which will provide grants to communities in the state's 32 Appalachian counties to rejuvenate and grow the region. This program will mostly play out beginning in 2023 and the policy team is eager to assist counties in accessing and utilizing these funds.

Other Activity

The Policy Team and CCAO members scored many other accomplishments this year, but one in particular is worth highlighting. While the scale may not be to the level of millions of dollars for jail construction or hundreds of millions in grants, or as high-profile as the effort to secure funding for the August primary, our Association's advocacy efforts surrounding House Bill 488 (HB 488) stand out. HB 488 would allow judges to more or less retain outside counsel on their own initiative and at their sole discretion rather than the current method where they must work with their county commissioners and the county prosecutor. The policy change would have essentially given judges a blank check to research how to sue and ultimately sue other county officials on the taxpayer's dime.

However, the bill was effectively defeated utilizing an effective combination of advocacy efforts from our policy team and Commissioners. CCAO's policy team publicly testified against the bill in committee, and one of the committee members was the sponsor of the bill! On a parallel track, many of our Commissioners called their legislators and presented their concerns with the bill as it related to their particular county. The combination of public opposition testimony and one on one conversations with legislators swayed enough legislators to pause the legislative process on the bill. As a testament to our members, all of the aforementioned advocacy occurred within 24 hours. HB 488 is a prime example of how important it is to maintain effective relationships with your local lawmakers and how our collective voice is a powerful advocacy tool at the statehouse.

A monumental effort on scarcely a day's notice by CCAO members and key allies in the General Assembly got the bill "informally passed" by the Ohio House of Representatives (informally passing a bill essentially means the chamber decides to not take action on a bill that had previously been scheduled for a vote). This issue may reemerge in the future but the policy team is confident that the association membership will once again make its voice heard and prevent this bad policy from becoming law.

The Next Page

As the calendar rolls from 2022 to 2023, the association is gearing up for the policy efforts of the new year. With the SFY 2024-2025 Operating Budget process beginning, the policy team has worked with membership and the CCAO standing committees to update the legislative platform and formalize our budget asks. The policy team will need members' advocacy help more than ever as we push for a restoration of the Local Government Fund, more funding for indigent defense reimbursement to maintain 100% reimbursement, the creation of a pilot program to facilitate counties handing over indigent defense administration to the state and push for additional jail funding to help with operations in addition to construction.

CCAO is only as strong as our membership is united. As we tackle the grueling budget process and the regular ebbs and flows of legislative activity, it is important to remember what unites us, regardless of political beliefs, county size, or county region: that with stronger counties comes a stronger Ohio.



CCAO holds Workforce, Families, and Children Symposium

In August, county commissioners, council members, and county staff gathered for the Workforce, Families, and Children Symposium at the Cherry Valley Hotel in Licking County. The symposium was the vision of CCAO President and Montgomery County Commissioner Debbie Lieberman. Her guidance along with the work of the planning committee for the event resulted in an incredible opportunity to learn from experts about critical human services issues facing counties.

The symposium sessions were designed to spark conversation about a variety of topics including workforce recruitment, training and retention, children services, child care, housing, food insecurity, mitigating the benefits cliff, independence and dignity for older adults, early intervention services, adverse childhood experiences, mental health strategies for incarcerated populations, and the OneOhio settlement. The 115 attendees also enjoyed social and networking time between sessions.

Thank you to the Planning Committee, which includes: Debbie Lieberman, CCAO President and Montgomery County Commissioner; Chris Abbuhl, CCAO 2nd Vice President and Tuscarawas County Commissioner; Tim Bubb, CCAO Executive Committee Member and Licking County Commissioner; Julie Ehemann, CCAO Executive Committee Member and Shelby County Commissioner; Shannon Jones, Warren County Commissioner; David Kern, Defiance County Commissioner; Kerry Metzger, Tuscarawas County Commissioner; Carolyn Rice, CCAO Human Services Committee Vice Chair and Montgomery County Commissioner; Christiane Schmenk, Union County Commissioner; and Kathryn Whittington, CCAO Human Services Committee Chair and Ashtabula County Commissioner.



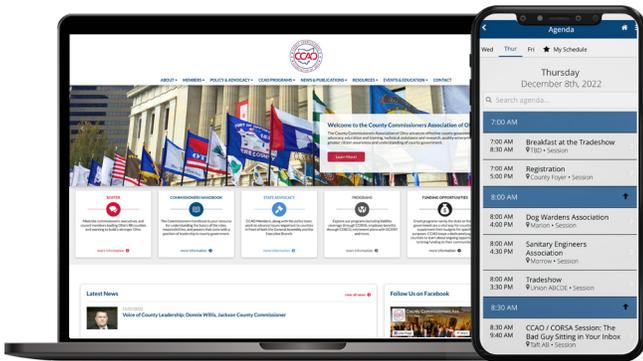


Statehouse Display

Last December, CCAO, in partnership with Roto and the Capital Square Review and Advisory Board, unveiled the Ohio Counties display in the Statehouse Map Room. The kiosk allows visitors to spin a wheel and learn more about the functions of county government and the history of their own county! In just under 12 months, the display has been used more than 10,000 times! The Why Counties Matter informational slide is second only to Franklin County in visits.

Pictured above are Licking County Commissioner and then-CCAO President Tim Bubb and Lt. Governor Jon Husted

CCAO Launches New Website



We were excited to unveil CCAO’s new website and database this year. Inextricably linking the website and database for the first time has streamlined event registration and file management, allowing CCAO staff to operate more efficiently and spend more time helping our members.

The refresh of the website also allowed us the opportunity to improve upon it. Several portions of the site were renovated, including the County Data Exchange, the County Advisory Bulletins page, several advocacy-related pages, and more! We also used the site re-launch to debut a new feature we believe will be of great value to our members: the Funding and Grants Opportunities page. This page lists state and federal funding opportunities open to county entities or that counties can pass along to local entities that may be interested.

Another technological innovation CCAO made this year was the debut of the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference mobile application. The app will give users instant access to the conference program, the ability to see who else is attending the conference and make connections, digital access to handouts and slide decks, and more! We are hopeful the app will be a hit and that members will find adds to their conference experience.

Modernizing Our Building

2022 was an exciting year for 209 E State Street. CCAO worked with Soundcom to transform the 3rd floor conference room in to modern virtual meeting space. This included adding two large TV monitors, cameras, a new conference table with chairs, built in outlets and plugs for AV and internet access, and new microphones. We are focused on keeping up with the fast-pace changes of how meetings are conducted so we transformed that space into a conducive virtual meeting environment.

The large CCAO/CORSA/CEBCO sign on the west side of the building was replaced. The new sign is brighter and is illuminated by long-lasting LED bulbs. The sign includes the new CCAO/CORSA/CEBCO company logos. Our parking lot is one of our proudest assets so we want to make sure we’re doing what is necessary to take care of it. This fall we had the lot resealed and restriped making the lot look good as new.



Partnering with NACo on Federal Advocacy

2022 was another strong year for the partnership between the National Association of Counties (NACo) and CCAO. As the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law have rolled out, NACo has worked tirelessly to keep counties across the country informed about the latest guidance from the federal government. Additionally, special thanks to Rachel Mackey, NACo Legislative Director – Human Services & Education | Veterans & Military Services, for speaking to CCAO members at the Workforce, Families and Children Symposium in August!

Ohio local government leaders, including county officials from Cuyahoga County, Franklin County, Hamilton County, and Montgomery County also had the opportunity to visit the White House for the Communities in Action: Building a Better Ohio event. The event let local leaders engage with members of the Biden Administration regarding the utilization of ARPA funds in their communities.



61 counties that are **NACo Members**

20+ CCAO Members on **NACo Steering Committees**

4 CCAO Members on **NACo Board of Directors**

5 CCAO Members on **NACo Ad Hoc Committees/ Task Forces**

28 **NACo Achievement Awards** received by Ohio Counties

CCAO ENTERPRISE SERVICES



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ASSOCIATION OF OHIO
SERVICE CORPORATION

59 members in the **Electric Energy Program**

59 members in the **Natural Gas Energy Program**

28

members in the **Electric Aggregation Program**

Estimated **Natural Gas Energy Program** savings: **\$2.7 million**

Estimated **Electric Energy Program** savings: **\$6.7 million**

88 counties use **OCERP** (formerly known as the CCAO Deferred Compensation Program)

CCAO
Deferred
Compensation
Plan



OHIO COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN
For the future you imagine

65% of plan members are using advisory services offered

2,966 individual meetings with a Retirement Plan Advisor

1,698 employees attended monthly webinars

55 counties participating in **2022 Workers' Compensation Group Retro Program**

23% projected premium savings

Estimated savings of **\$2,329,729**

68

counties use **Securus Technologies** for their inmate calling service

77

counties use **Maximus** for cost recovery services

9 counties participating in **2022 Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program**

13% projected premium savings; Estimated savings of **\$110,325**



1987-2022
35
YEARS

\$14 Billion in covered assets

Members have experienced stable and competitive rates **5 years running**

\$6.8 Million returned to members in the form of dividends, grants and services

66 members and **43** affiliates strong

Celebrating CORSA's **35th Anniversary**



CORSA received the AGRiP Recognition for Advisory Standards, which demonstrates the dedication of the CORSA Board of Directors and staff to ensure our pool operations meet professional standards and industry best practices. CORSA has been a proud recipient since 2005.



CEBCO had an outstanding year and has added three new counties to our membership: **Coshocton, Hancock, and Pickaway**. With these additions, we will serve over **13,700** county employees and nearly **31,000** members.

In 2022, \$10 million of member equity was authorized by our Board of Directors to reduce our renewal increase. For 2023, an additional \$2.5 million was authorized for the same purpose.

Our Wellness Grant Program will provide close to **\$600,000** to our member counties for their own wellness initiatives and a Health Coaching Pilot was launched in ten counties to provide one-on-one assistance in improving the health/wellness of our employees.

SmartShopper continues to provide savings to our members, who use the program to identify high quality, low cost providers and are rewarded for using these providers by receiving cash incentives.

CEBCO will introduce Virtual Primary Care (VPC) for our members between the ages of 18 and 64. This will provide members a virtual option for preventive wellness visits, as well as, for urgent and chronic care visits.

CEBCO also debuted an updated mission statement this year:

The County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio is committed to creating a culture of health and wellness for counties by providing stability, service and purchasing power greater than any single county can achieve alone.



Member Engagement

CCAO has made sure to stay engaged with our members across the state, not just on policy issues but to show that you matter to us. Engagement has taken several different forms, which we are happy to highlight here!

The Road Warriors

CCAO Executive Director Cheryl Subler and Assistant Director John Leutz have continued their travels this year after they visited scores of counties in 2021. The pair criss-crossed the state to meet with commissioners, executives, and council members to hear their concerns and glean knowledge that colleagues across the state can utilize to advance effective county government.

District Meetings

CCAO staff joined counties across the state at five district meetings this year.

The Northwest District met three times this year: in March, June, and October. The March meeting, held in Allen County, featured a tour of Cenovus Energy’s Lima Refinery and appearances by Allen County natives Speaker of the House Bob Cupp and Senate President Matt Huffman. In June, Northwest counties met in Auglaize County for a policy update on solar and wind siting authority and a tour of Crown Plant 12’s showroom.

Finally, in October the counties met again in Defiance County to hear about the Broadband Ohio Community Accelerator Program which the county is partnering

with Ohio State University Extension for, as well as an informational session about honey bees.

Elsewhere across the state, the Northeast District met in Ashtabula County in June to tour the SPIRE Institute, a state-of-the-art sports training complex. In August, the Central District was hosted by Union County for a day focused on workforce issues and economic development.

More Engagement!

Of course, a recap of member engagement for 2022 would be incomplete without mentioning the Workforce, Families and Children Symposium held in August at the Cherry Valley Hotel in Licking County. You can read more about the symposium on page 6.





CCAO Members Attended Public Leadership Academy Sponsored by the Glenn College of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University

Every summer, the John Glenn College of Public Affairs hosts a bipartisan class who are nominated by leaders from their jurisdiction, including township trustees, school boards, city council, mayors, county commissioners, and state representatives. Four county commissioners were among the 22 elected officials who participated in an intensive, one-week, residential Public Leadership Academy on the Ohio State campus.

Participants were instructed by leading scholars and senior elected officials through lectures, panels, hands-on interactive experiences and frequent dialogue. The goal of the Academy is to build trust among participants so they can return to political life with a better understanding of their colleagues and a renewed commitment to public service.

The commissioners who attended the academy are: Tuscarawas County Commissioner and CCAO 2nd Vice President Chris Abbuhi, Athens County Commissioner Chris Chmiel, Clark County Commissioner Melanie Flax Wilt, and Jackson County Commissioner and CCAO Board Member Donnie Willis.

Webinars, CABs, and More

To help our members stay current in the shifting landscape of government policy, CCAO hosted a number of webinars and published numerous County Advisory Bulletins (CABs), in addition to updating several Commissioner Handbook chapters. Among the webinars we hosted, members had the opportunity to learn about the OneOhio Opioid Settlement Toolkit the Association and partners published in February and received an overview of procurement rules under the American Rescue Plan Act.

New CABs published offer resources that members can refer to regarding topics ranging from new abuse and neglect reporting requirements to modified board of revision procedures. Additionally, the Commissioner Handbook chapters covering ditches and drainage (chapter 29), permissive motor vehicle license taxes (chapter 20), agricultural societies (chapter 134), and Ohio State Extension (chapter 136) were updated to provide up-to-date information. Finally, CCAO was proud to publish the Renewable Energy Facility Siting Authority Manual, which provides members an overview of their new authority regarding siting of certain wind and solar energy projects granted to them under SB 52 of the 133rd General Assembly. You can access the CABs on our website at ccao.org.

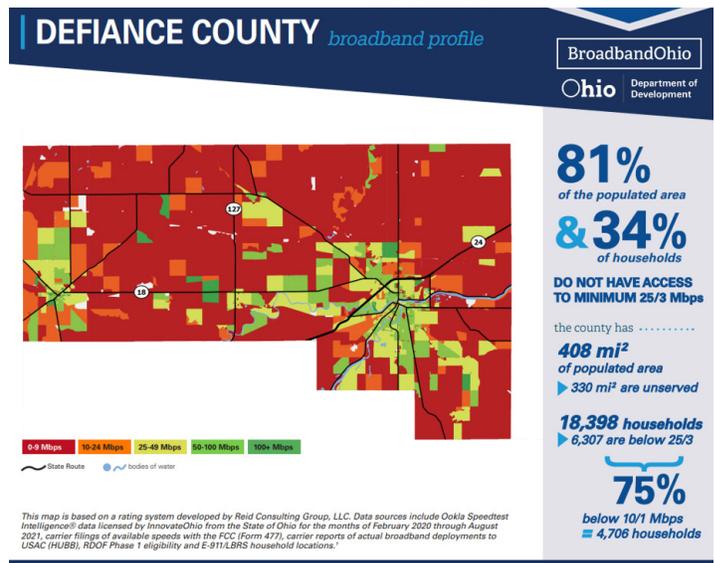
Better Connecting Counties through OSU Extension

Counties are proud to partner with OSU Extension to bring the latest research and technologies from Ohio State to every county in Ohio. Extension works with Ohioans across the state to strengthen lives and improve local communities through programming spanning the areas of agriculture and natural resources, community development, family and consumer sciences and 4-H youth development.

This year, Extension played a critical role in an exciting partnership aimed at empowering local officials to tackle one of their most persistent challenges—broadband expansion. The Community Accelerator Program is a partnership between BroadbandOhio, Connecting the Heartland, the Benton Institute for Broadband & Society, and Extension. The program is aimed at training local officials to identify goals, access resources, and create a local strategic plan to make the most of upcoming federal and state broadband funding opportunities.

Teams from Defiance, Shelby and Tuscarawas Counties as well as the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission participated in this 15-week course, with

no-cost counseling provided by the Benton Institute and Extension. CCAO deeply appreciates Extension and all Community Accelerator Program participants for their efforts to better connect and strengthen Ohio.



Navigating the Opioid Settlement

CCAO continues its efforts to support its members in the implementation of the opioid settlements and OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). In August 2021, a settlement agreement was reached with three large opioid distributors. At the end of 2021, a second national settlement agreement was reached with Janssen (also known as Johnson & Johnson).

The OneOhio MOU stipulates that, of each settlement, 30 percent will go to local governments directly, 15 percent will go to the state, and 55 percent will be allocated to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation). The first payment from the distributor settlement was sent to local governments in July 2021. These dollars can be used both retroactively and prospectively for any abatement purposes. The approved abatement purposes are included in the MOU as Exhibit A. Some counties have already used the dollars for prevention, treatment and recovery efforts. Additional payments from both the distributor and Janssen settlements are expected by the end of 2022.

In January, CCAO along with the Ohio Municipal League,

the Ohio Township Association, and the Ohio Mayors Alliance in partnership with Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLP created a Toolkit to assist Local Governments in understanding and establishing regional governance structures under the OneOhio MOU. The formation of the 19 regions across the state was pivotal in the organization of the Foundation itself, as all 19 regions have appointments to the Foundation Board.

The Foundation officially incorporated and the Board held its first meeting in May 2022. The Foundation Board, chaired by Ashtabula County Commissioner Kathryn Whittington, continues its work in establishing operating and grant making procedures. Other CCAO Members serving on the Foundation Board during 2022 included: Denise Driehaus, Hamilton County Commissioner; Armond Budish, Cuyahoga County Executive; Ilene Shapiro, Summit County Executive; Judy Dodge, Montgomery County Commissioner; Julie Ehemann, Shelby County Commissioner; Glenn Miller, Henry County Commissioner; Jeff Fix, Fairfield County Commissioner; and Bill Hutson, Medina County Commissioner.

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COUNTIES CURRENT
WEEKLY
NEWSLETTERS



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ISSUES OF
COUNTY LEADER



CCAO STAFF UPDATES

Staff Service Awards

15 YEARS

Ali Redmond, CORSA Membership Services Manager

5 YEARS

Al Francis, MBA, CPCU, CORSA Senior Claims Representative

Jon Honeck, Ph.D., CCAO Senior Policy Analyst

Petty joins CCAO Policy Team

Kyle Petty first joined the association policy staff as Legislative Counsel, then promoted to Managing Director of Policy, becoming responsible for coordinating the Association’s legislative advocacy and member services on policy matters for its 282 elected officials and hundreds of affiliate county members. Prior to joining CCAO, Petty served as director of government relations for CHW Advisors. He also previously served as senior legislative liaison in the Office of Governor John Kasich; legislative director for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and the Ohio Department of Youth Services; and as an administrative and legislative aide in the Ohio Senate.



Caraway joins CCAO Service Corp

Stephen Caraway has joined the association to work with the CCAO Service Corporation. As a former County Commissioner, Caraway knows first-hand the important services offered by CCAOSC and looks forward to working with counties with the goal to help counties better serve their residents. His experience includes working for a Member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, Governor’s Administration, Ohio House, and most recently, political advisor to the Speaker of the Ohio House.



Flory joins CORSA

Steve Flory, native and lifelong resident of Defiance County, became CORSA’s newest loss control coordinator. Steve spent eight years as a Sheriff’s Office road deputy and 12 years as a patrol supervisor. As a contractor for the last five years, Steve provided CORSA member sheriff deputies and corrections officers on-site, one-on-one simulated de-escalation training. Now, he assists CORSA Sheriff’s Offices with a full array of law enforcement and corrections risk control services.



Johnson leaves CCAO

Andrew Johnson, former Communications Coordinator, left CCAO after 8 years. Andrew pioneered the communications role. He spent his time with the association telling counties’ stories and communicating why stronger counties result in a stronger Ohio. Best wishes to Andrew in the next chapter of his career.



Newbacher joins CCAO

Jessica Newbacher joined the CCAO Team as the association’s new Communications Coordinator. Jessica grew up in Cuyahoga County and later moved to Franklin County. After earning her Bachelor’s degree in Graphic Design from Baldwin Wallace University, Jessica worked for several different nonprofit organizations including the The Jewish Federation of Cleveland and The Columbus Literacy Council.



O’Brien joins CEBCO

Laurie O’Brien joined the CEBCO team as the new Wellness Coordinator. Laurie is a native of Warren County and has a Bachelor of Exercise/Health Promotion Degree from the University of Cincinnati. Laurie brings a wealth of knowledge with her prior experience as a Wellness Coordinator for a Hospital System and for an Insurance Company.



CCAO STAFF UPDATES *CONTINUED*



Schwiebert leaves CCAO

Adam Schwiebert, former External Affairs Manager, left CCAO after 5 years. Adam was integral in many of CCAO's policy successes during his tenure, including historic gains in the areas of indigent defense, and additional election funding. His knowledge of numerous areas of county government, strong communications skills and sense of humor will be missed. We wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Senior Policy Analyst Dr. Jon Honeck Spoke on Panel at 10th Annual Leadership Forum

On October 28, the John Glenn College of Public Administration at the Ohio State University hosted its 10th Annual Leadership Forum. The event provided coverage of current and emerging trends in public administration and public policy.

CCAO's Dr. Jon Honeck, Ph.D., Senior Policy Analyst, was one of the panelists for a breakout session regarding how the state and local communities have been utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds. The other speakers on the panel were Kim Murnieks, the Director of the Office of Budget and Management, and Kate Warren, the Director of the Greater Cleveland American Rescue Plan Coalition at The Center for Community Solutions.



AFFILIATES

County Administrators Association

County Commissioners' Clerks & Engineers' Administrative Professionals Association

County Loss Control Coordinators Association

Ohio County Dog Wardens Association

Organization of Solid Waste Districts of Ohio
County Sanitary Engineers Association of Ohio

Planning Directors Association

Family & Children First Coordinators Association

Ohio County Home Association

LOOKING AHEAD

NACo Legislative Conference

February 11-14, 2023

NACo Annual Conference

July 21-24, 2023

CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference

December 6-8, 2023

CCAO COMMITTEES

Agriculture and Rural Affairs

Chair: Tony Bornhorst, Shelby County Commissioner
Vice Chair: Bill Clinger, Wyandot County Commissioner

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Chair: John O'Grady, Franklin County Commissioner
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