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DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER, 2007	NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 26, 2007	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, DEPARTMENT OF SANITARY ENGINEERING, GREENE COUNTY (XENIA)
NOVEMBER 20, 2007	CCAO PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)
DECEMBER 2-5, 2007	CCAO/CEAO WINTER CONFERENCE, HYATT REGENCY, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)
DECEMBER 12, 2007	9-1-1 GOES TO COLUMBUS DAY
MARCH 1-5, 2008	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, HILTON WASHINGTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 5, 2008	OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST, RAYBURN BUILDING - ROOM 369, WASHINGTON, D.C

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

HEALTHSHARE BRINGS LOW-COST LIMITED COVERAGE TO BUTLER COUNTY

Butler County is offering a low-cost health insurance option for people who cannot afford conventional insurance. The county kicked off HealthShare-Select on September 1, opening enrollment in the limited medical plan to employers in Butler County that have not offered health care coverage in the past.

County Commissioner Gregory Jolivette has focused on the issue for four years, trying to get good health

care to the uninsured. Jolivette has crafted a plan that will deliver affordable coverage for routine medical expenses. Jolivette, a former member of the Ohio General Assembly and chair of the Health Committee, began studying the issue in 2003 when he read about a plan in Muskegon, Michigan.

HealthShare provides affordable coverage for routine medical expenses. It does not cover major medical costs. The county began taking enrollments September 1.

In addition to benefiting the uninsured and their families, Butler County officials see HealthShare as a

tool for economic development, offering an alternative means for small companies to attract and retain employees.

Medical providers have been signing up for the program, agreeing to accept the HealthShare payments as full reimbursement and not balance-billing patients. More than two dozen employers signed up as participants in the first month of the program.

The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati provided a \$50,000 grant and a survey was conducted of Butler County businesses. The survey found that between 30,000 and 40,000 people working in Butler County were uninsured. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of uninsured in Butler County, not to replace existing insurance programs.

The program has gotten underway with no tax money involved beyond the setup costs. The commissioners brought in a benefits consulting team to manage the program and a social service agency already serving the community to implement the program.

More details about the program will be published in County News, Issue 2. For more information please contact Bill Morse at the Butler County Department of Job & Family Services at (513) 785-6510 or morsebw@butlercountyohio.org.

GALLIA COUNTY DECLARES WATER SHORTAGE STATE OF EMERGENCY

Gallia County Board of Commissioners declared a county state of emergency on October 11, due to a water shortage. Gallia County EMA Director Mike Null and Guyan Township Trustee Roger Watson reported that the county was having problems with its five sources of water (wells). Guyan Township's water table is five to six feet below normal. All of the wells are residential or agricultural wells.

Gallia County reports that at least 320 residences are dry. Most residences have cisterns or holding tanks to store potable water for use during peak demand times because the geology of the area has low water yields. All residents have, or have access to, potable water;

the county is in need of non-potable water. Guyan Township and Gallia County are asking for assistance with refilling residences' cisterns/holding tanks with non-potable water.

Ohio's drought situation is expected to worsen throughout the winter because this winter is predicted to be mild and dry, therefore, limiting the recharging of the water table. There is a possibility that wells will begin to dry up in other areas of the state.

This problem could last throughout the winter months. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and Ohio Department of Agriculture are assisting Gallia County with monitoring, water conservation, agricultural feed/water issues and public information.

STATE ACTIVITIES

SALES TAX INTAKE DOWN IN SEPTEMBER, BUDGET OFFICE REPORTS

State coffers took a hit in sales tax revenue last month, but overall tax intake remains in line with Office of Budget and Management estimates for the fiscal year to date, the agency reports.

Total tax receipts for September were at \$1.547 billion, or \$15.2 million (1%) below OBM projections, according to the state's monthly revenue report. Through the first three months of FY 2008 the state has collected \$4.29 billion in taxes, or \$10.6 million (0.2%) below estimates.

The areas with the biggest differentials in September were the auto sales tax, which was nearly \$13 million, or 15.4% off OBM's mark, and the corporate franchise tax, down \$10.2 million compared to agency predictions.

Those to revenue streams have proven to be the worst performing in July-September of the year, however they have been mostly offset by better-than-expected receipts in the non-auto sales, personal income and tobacco tax categories, OBM figures show.

Indicative of tax cuts enacted two years ago as part of a broad restructuring plan, total tax intake is running \$36.6 million, or 0.8%, behind last fiscal year's pace. For the year to date, state agencies have spent nearly \$6.95 billion, or \$120 million (1.7%) below estimates, OBM reported. Nevertheless, the pace of spending is \$215 million, or 3.2%, faster than last year. *Source: Gongwer News Service*

FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE DEADLINE-OCT 26

The deadline for residents and business owners to apply for federal individual assistance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and to submit a SBA loan application is October 26.

As of October 11:

- 107 requests for public assistance have been filed
- 8,000 people in the eight designated counties have registered for FEMA assistance
- \$29 million in grants have been approved through FEMA's Individual and Household Program
- \$12 million in SBA loans have been approved for homeowners, business owners and renters
- 6,900 home inspections have been conducted to help determine the extent of flood damages
- For more information please contact your county Emergency Management Agency

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION

SYLLABUS: No. 2007-033

Requested by Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner; A judge of election is not an "employee" who is entitled to receive the state minimum wage under Ohio Const. Art. II, Sec. 34a.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELEASES CPI DATA

Ohio law (ORC 325.18) provides that county and state elected officials are to receive a salary adjustment in 2008 that is the lesser of 3 percent or the consumer price index for urban wage earners

(CPI-W). The CPI-W figure is to reflect the twelve-month period through September of the prior year – in this case, 2007.

For a copy of the Bureau of Labor Statistics press release on the CPI-W data through September, go to <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/cpi.pdf>. This release provides that "the September level of 203.889 (1982-84=100) was **2.8 percent higher** than in September 2006."

If you have questions, please contact CCAO Managing Director of Policy Cheryl Subler at (614)221-5627, (888) 757-1904 or at csubler@ccao.org.

CONGRESS FAILS TO OVERRIDE THE PRESIDENT'S SCHIP VETO

On Thursday, the U.S. House of Representatives failed to override President Bush's veto of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) reauthorization and expansion. The measure failed by a vote of 273 to 156, which is 13 votes shy of the two-thirds vote needed to override the veto. 44 Republicans voted to override the veto.

NACo ACTIVITIES

COUNTY RADON OUTREACH PROGRAM: EARN 200 FREE RADON TEST KITS FOR YOUR COUNTY

Now in its third year, NACo is continuing its successful radon program in time for National Radon Awareness Month held in January 2008. To raise awareness of radon, its health effects, and mitigation techniques, NACo is again conducting the County Radon Outreach Program. Ten counties will earn 200 free radon test kits.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has found that radon is responsible for about 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year. About 2,900 of these deaths occur among people who have never smoked, according to the USEPA. Radon, an elusive, invisible and odorless, radioactive gas, can seep through any crevice from cracks in walls to gaps around pipes, and sometimes through the water supply. Radon's

can enter any type of home or building - new or old, with or without a basement.

To earn 200 free radon test kits to distribute in your county, submit a 1-2 page summary of your county's innovative activities planned to educate diverse and low income population areas of your county from January 1-31, 2008.

Applications will be considered based on the following components: need in the county for assistance in radon outreach; unique and innovative outreach, education and mitigation efforts for diverse and low-income sections of the county; number of potential residents to be educated; number of potential mitigated homes; ability to inform additional populations of the county including other residents, building contractors, building owners, etc.; planned follow-up activities; and your county's County Radon Zone (to determine your county's zone visit: www.epa.gov/radon/zonemap.html).

Application Deadline: November 16, 2007. Mail or e-mail applications to Kelly Zonderwyk, Senior Associate - Community Services, NACo, 25 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001, kzonderwyk@naco.org. For more information on radon and NACo's Indoor Air Quality Program visit www.naco.org/techassistance and click on Air Quality. Recipients will be notified by December 1, 2007 and will receive their 200 free radon test kits by the end of December.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SECURITY CONFERENCE

The American Society of Civil Engineers, Cleveland State University and the CSU Transportation Center will host a "Transportation System Security Conference" on Monday, October 29, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Joseph E. Cole Center, 3100 Chester Avenue, in Cleveland.

This one-day course provides an overview of the field and in-depth coverage of the most important and relevant topics. After course completions,

participants will understand the current status of the national effort to improve transportation and infrastructure security and the basics of protecting transportation assets. Topics include: bridge and tunnel security, risk analysis methods, security of mass transit systems, intermodal freight and global supply chain security, emergency preparedness and response, and hands-on problem solving and exercises. Registration fee: \$250. For more information: www.csuohio.edu/ce.

KARON'S LAW SUMMIT

Several years ago a new Ohio law, known as Karon's Law, went into effect that allows medications that have been previously dispensed to a patient, but that have been in the possession of a health care professional, to be donated to an Ohio pharmacy, hospital or non-profit clinic to be re-dispensed to patients meeting certain criteria.

When First Lady Frances Strickland learned of Karon's Law, she immediately recognized this as a common sense approach to decreasing waste and helping people who do not have access to affordable prescription drugs. The First Lady brought a group of interested parties together, including the original bill sponsor Senator Kirk Schuring (Dist. 29-Canton), other legislators, advocates, and representatives from state government, clinics, and nursing homes, to discuss how we might increase participation in Karon's Law.

This working group recommended convening a meeting of potential donors of medications (i.e., nursing homes and long term care pharmacies), along with potential receivers of medications (i.e., free clinics, community health centers, charitable pharmacies, etc.) to discuss the practical implications of Karon's Law and facilitate further implementation. Karon's Law Summit will take place on Thursday, October 25, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the American Cancer Society, 5555 Frantz Road, in Dublin.

Please attend the Karon's Law Summit to learn more about Karon's Law and to participate in further discussion about implementation. Please RSVP to

Michael Wood at (614) 995-1450 or michael.wood@governor.ohio.gov by Monday, October 22, 2007.

IT'S EASY BEING GREEN

The Ohio Public Facilities Management Association (OPFMA) will host the 2007 Annual Conference & Trade Show on October 29-30 at the Columbus Crowne Plaza North Hotel, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, in Columbus. "It's Easy Being Green" is the theme for the two-day conference.

Being informed and prepared to prevent the new challenges before they materialize is a requirement in all public facilities maintenance departments across Ohio. This conference provides a forum to present and discuss aspects of energy efficiency, renewable energy, updated technology and solutions, protecting the environment as well as health and safety policies - regulatory legislations and codes guidelines.

For more registration information and agenda go to www.opfma.org. For more information about the association, please contact the Ohio Public Facilities Management Association, P.O. Box 835, Cleveland, OH 44070, (440) 716-8518, (866) 570-7880, fax (440) 716-8519 or info@opfma.org.

CLASSIFIED

DEPUTY SANITARY ENGINEER

The Jefferson County Water and Sewer District seeks a Deputy Engineer for the Water and Wastewater District.

The position under general direction of the County Sanitary Engineer is responsible for design, construction and maintenance of the water distribution system and collection and treatment of the wastewater. The District includes 7,000 water customers and 2,000 wastewater customers.

Qualifications for the position require a college degree in Civil Engineering and P.E. license in Ohio, or the ability to obtain one in six months. Candidate must have a minimum of five years of design and

construction experience on a water and wastewater system and be proficient in Microsoft Excel and Project. Working knowledge of water and wastewater collection and treatment and State and Federal E.P.A. regulations is essential. Electrical Systems Background is a plus. Major duties will also include project management, budget preparation and expenditure control reports. Candidate must possess a valid driver's license. Competitive benefits package included. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Interested parties should send a resume to Ohio Job & Family Services, Bobbie Jones, Customer Service Representative, P.O. Box 130, Steubenville Ohio, 43952. Applications must be received by **October 31, 2007**. Applications will not be accepted at the Water and Sewer District office.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

Trumbull County is soliciting resumes for the position of Chief Building Official in the County's Building Inspection Department. The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications: Class 1 License as defined by State of Ohio Building Standards, minimum of five years supervisory experience in a unionized environment, and proven ability to motivate others towards both short and long range goals. This exempt position is considered as senior management and is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners. Excellent salary with a full array of benefits. Preference will be given to applicants who are certified as a Plans Examiner.

Interested candidates should forward a current resume, with references, no later than **October 31, 2007**, to: Trumbull Co. Human Resources Dept., 160 High Street, N.W., Warren, OH 44481-1090, Attn: Director. EOE

DIRECTOR OF JOBS AND FAMILY SERVICES

Under the control and direction of the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners, the Director shall have full charge of the Mahoning County Department of Job and Family Services. The Director is responsible for the planning, implementation, management and evaluation of all services; preparation of the annual department budget, and

monitor all expenditures throughout the year. This is an unclassified position.

This position requires at minimum a bachelor's degree in human services, public administration, business administration, or a related field. An ideal candidate will have an advanced degree from an accredited program. Seven to ten years of experience as a department head or assistant of a human services agency is preferred. Must have strong written and verbal skills.

Applicants interested in the above named position must submit a resume and cover letter to the Mahoning County Human Resources Office, 21 West Boardman Street, Youngstown, OH 44503 no later than **4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2007**. For more info go to: www.mahoningcounty.oh.gov. EOE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The Board of Commissioners of Stark County, home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, is seeking a County Administrator. The County Administrator will assist the Board in the administration and execution of policies, advise the Board on financial matters and supervise the activities of the divisions of county government under their jurisdiction.

Candidates will require a minimum of five years experience in public or major private organization administration and exhibit excellent written and verbal communication skills. The individual will manage an approximately 60 million dollar general fund budget and oversee middle management staff in handling of personnel, purchasing, grant management and other government functions. Salary commensurate with experience.

Resumes are due by **November 2, 2007** and can be mailed or delivered to Stark County Commissioners, 110 Central Plaza South, Suite 240, Canton, OH 44702. No phone calls please. EOE

DIRECTOR CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Cuyahoga County seeks a Child Support Enforcement Agency Director. Requirements: Ten

years of progressive responsibility in the management of large organizations; Knowledge of laws, rules, and procedures governing the expenditure of public funds; Master's Degree or equivalent experience; degree in public administration or business administration.

Responsibilities: Administers the Cuyahoga County Child Support Enforcement Agency (collections in excess of \$20 million monthly, 400 employees, 265 unionized employees); establishes agency policies and procedures in accordance with mandated state and federal laws; makes oral and written presentations to local community organizations, state legislative entities, courts, etc. regarding child support enforcement issues; act as a liaison to courts, federal, county and state government child support enforcement agencies establishing effective working relationships at all levels; and interact with elected and Appointed Officials to forge partnership and increase effectiveness of overall local child support system.

Ten years of progressive responsibility in the management of large organizations; knowledge of laws, rules, and procedures governing the expenditure of public funds, and master's degree or equivalent experience; degree in public administration or business administration.

Submit a completed Board of Commissioners' Application for Employment and/or a resume to the Office of Human Resources, Room 417, County Administration Building, 1219 Ontario Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. Please DO NOT FAX application and/or resume. Application deadline: **4:30 p.m., November 2, 2007**. For more information: www.cuyahogacounty.us/home/employment.asp.