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### DATES TO REMEMBER

March 11, 2008	HIPAA INFORMATIONAL MEETING, HAYES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)
MARCH 13, 2008	CCA O GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCA O OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 14, 2008	CCA O BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CCA O OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 6-12, 2008	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK
APRIL 21, 2008	NW OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, MERCER COUNTY (CELINA)
MAY 5, 2008	SE OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, MUSKINGUM COUNTY, (ZANESVILLE)
JUNE 8-10, 2008	CCA O/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE, LAKE COUNTY (PAINESVILLE)
JULY 11-15, 2008	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, KANSAS CITY (JACKSON COUNTY), MISSOURI

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### CIDS PUBLICATION CHANGE EFFECTIVE MARCH 7

Beginning with the March 7th issue, CIDS will only be e-mailed to Boards of County Commissioners. Currently, CCAO mails four copies to each Board of County Commissioners on a weekly basis. This practice has become cost prohibitive due to the increasing postal rates. CCAO will mail copies of CIDS by request only. To request that copies be mailed please contact Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org).

#### HIPAA INFORMATIONAL MEETING - MARCH 11

The Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA, Title II) required the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish national standards for electronic health care transactions and national identifiers for providers, health plans, and employers. It also addressed the security and privacy of health data. As the industry adopts these standards for the efficiency and effectiveness of the nation's health care system will improve the use of electronic data interchange. **Is your county compliant with this law? Are you adhering to the law?**

**Join CCAO/CEBCO on March 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hayes Administration Building, 140 North Sandusky Street - Room G-35, in Delaware County (Delaware) to learn more about or just refresh yourself with HIPAA! Pre-registration is necessary. Lunch will be served. A registration form is attached to this issue of CIDS. For more information please contact Melissa Bodey, CEBCO Benefits Specialist, CCAO, 37 West Broad Street - Suite 650, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 220-7997, fax (614) 229-4588 or [mbodey@ccao.org](mailto:mbodey@ccao.org).**

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY HEATS UP IN OHIO: NACo WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

With the primary just around the corner, the presidential candidates and their surrogates are criss-crossing Ohio looking to drum up support. This is our chance to be heard and make sure that county issues have a place in the 2008 presidential election!

As the field of candidates begins to narrow, it is more important than ever for county officials to be part of the campaign. The National Association of Counties (NACo) needs you to attend events and speak to the candidates about issues that matter to counties. Together, we can encourage the candidates to restore the county-federal partnership and find out where they stand on issues like rural development, infrastructure, emergency preparedness and health care. NACo has brochures and buttons for any of your interactions with presidential candidates of their staff.

For more information about how you can spread the word to the candidates please contact Kim Rogers at (202) 942-4237 or email [kr Rogers@naco.org](mailto:kr Rogers@naco.org) or [www.nacoblog.blogspot.com](http://www.nacoblog.blogspot.com).

**CCAO BOARD ENDORSES PARTNERSHIP TO FIGHT CHRONIC DISEASE**

Chronic diseases, such as asthma, cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, are the leading causes of death and disability in the United States and account for the vast majority of health care spending. Chronic diseases are also the primary driver of health care costs – accounting for more than 75 cents of every dollar we spend on health care in this country.

Recently, the CCAO Board of Trustees endorsed the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease (PFCD) – a national, bi-partisan coalition committed to raising awareness of the policies and practices that save lives and reduce health costs through more effective prevention and management of chronic disease. Coalition members are a broad group of patients, providers, community organizations, business and labor groups, and health policy experts from across the nation. The mission of the PFCD is to educate the public about chronic disease and potential solutions for individuals and communities, mobilize Americans to call for change in how governments, employers, and health institutions approach chronic disease, and challenge policymakers on health policy changes that are necessary to effectively fight chronic disease.

For more information Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease go to [www.fightchronicdisease.com/partnerpack](http://www.fightchronicdisease.com/partnerpack) or [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org) and click on the link in the story on the front page.

**OHIO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PLAN ENDORSED BY CCAO BOARD**

Ohio's Physical Activity Plan is a statewide plan of action developed by the citizens of Ohio to address the epidemic of physical inactivity and its far-reaching consequences. This Plan focuses on programs, policies, and environmental changes to encourage Ohioans to be more physically active. Ohioans need more physical activity:

- Only about 47% of Ohio adults get sufficient physical activity.
- Almost two-thirds of Ohio adults were overweight or obese.
- Ohio's estimated cost of inactivity and poor nutrition is around \$3.3 billion a year.
- Each year more than 112,000 obesity-related deaths occur in America, second only to smoke-related deaths.

Recently, the CCAO Board of Trustees endorsed Ohio's Physical Activity Plan that was developed by a consortium including the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, and Ohio

Parks and Recreation Association. For more information on Ohio's Physical Activity Plan go to [www.4yourhealthohio.org](http://www.4yourhealthohio.org) or [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org) and click on the link in the story on the front page.

### PLANNING COMMISSIONS - COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HANDBOOK CHAPTER UPDATED

Over the decades, CCAO has published four editions of the *County Commissioners Handbook* and distributed copies to all counties. Since the first edition, the *Handbook* has grown to nearly 1,000 pages and publishing an updated copy of all chapters in a timely manner is nearly impossible. Due to technology changes and the high cost of publishing a hard copy of the *Handbook* will be published on our website.

Recently, Chapter 78 – Planning Commissions was updated and published on the web. Planning for the future needs of the county is an essential prerequisite for effective economic and community development initiatives and serving as a guide for local policy objectives. The major options under Ohio law for countywide planning include county planning commissions, regional planning commissions, joint planning councils, councils of government, and interstate regional planning commissions and other provisions of the law are discussed in Chapter 78.

CCAO thanks the County Planning Directors Association who prepared Chapter 78- Planning Commissions of the *Handbook*. The project was coordinated by Michael McBeth, AICP, Director of the Crawford County Planning Commission.

For an updated copy go to [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org) and click on the story on the front page about the Handbook.

### OHIO STATEHOUSE MUSEUM PHOTO PROJECT; PHOTOS DUE APRIL 1

The Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board (CSRAB) has developed a design plan to create updated, high-tech, interactive exhibits and educational programs at the Ohio Statehouse. CSRAB and CCAO have partnered on this project are seeking the assistance of all counties. Information about the project is posted on CCAO's front page at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org).

The new Ohio Statehouse Museum will be housed on the ground level and highlight individuals who have come to serve their fellow citizens and make a difference either as governors, legislators, business people, farmers, concerned citizens and even school children.

The Ohio Statehouse Web site highlights plans of the interactive museum, including a fly-through video. The Ohio Statehouse Museum Web site portal is featured on the front page and under the education tab of the Statehouse Web site – [www.ohiostatehouse.org](http://www.ohiostatehouse.org). The new Ohio Statehouse Museum is scheduled to be completed in early March 2009.

**How can counties participate?** Photos are requested that represent Ohioans from all races, genders, socio-economic backgrounds, professions, educational backgrounds and regions of the state. The images will include some of Ohio's first citizens as well as some of its most recent. Specifically, your county is invited to submit the images of up to 25 individuals. Please review the memo and criteria sheet for detailed information.

In order to maintain the aggressive design schedule, we ask that all submissions must be received by CSRAB by **April 1, 2008**. If you have any questions, please contact the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board at (614) 752-9777.

### **COUNTY ACTIVITIES**

#### SUMMIT COUNTY PROGRAM TO OFFER \$5K TO RESIDENTS FACING FORECLOSURE

Summit County will launch a foreclosure rescue program this year to help homeowners having trouble making mortgage payments, County Executive Russ Pry announced. Participants will be able to receive up to \$5,000 through the Foreclosure Prevention and Rescue Program. In exchange, they will be required to attend money management counseling and develop a financial plan to keep their home.

The county, which is setting aside \$500,000 for the program, also will place a second mortgage lien on the property to make sure homeowners comply with the requirements. "This service will be available to

eligible Summit County homeowners who are at risk of losing their home due to predatory lending, financial mismanagement or job loss," Pry said during his State of the County speech this week.

The foreclosure program, which is based on a similar one in Lucas County, will be overseen by the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services and the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority. Homeowners will be eligible if they have minor children in the home and their income level isn't too high. For example, a family of four earning \$5,300 or less a month would be eligible.

About \$300,000 will be available for mortgage payments, meaning a minimum of 60 homeowners would be helped this year. The remainder of the money would be spent on counseling and marketing. County Council's Health and Human Services Committee on Monday approved spending for the program. It is expected to be approved by the full council next week. "This is a phenomenal idea for those needing help," council President Nick Kostandaras said.

For more details about the program, call (330) 376-9909 or go online to <http://www.akronhousing.org>. (Source: Akron Beacon Journal)

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### COMMISSIONERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

The Ohio Community Corrections Advisory Board meets quarterly in Columbus to advise the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction on matters relating to community corrections. The Committee helps direct and develop community corrections initiatives in Ohio including parole and probation services and state-subsidized community corrections programs. The Board is chaired by the Deputy Director of the Division of Parole and Community Services. The board is a cross section of officials representing state and local governments and a number of recognized organizations that are part of Ohio's justice system. Representatives to the Board come from the courts, elected officials, law enforcement, and community service and treatment providers.

Member's terms are for three years and are reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred. CCAO has three vacancies on the Board. If you are interested in serving on or would like more information about DRC's Community Corrections Advisory Board please contact John Leutz, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, (614) 220-7994, (888) 757-1904 or [jleutz@ccao.org](mailto:jleutz@ccao.org) prior to Friday, March 14.

### OHIO EPA DRAFTS OAC AMENDMENTS ON WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

The Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water (DSW) is in the process of conducting a review of Chapters 3745-2 and 3745-33 of the Ohio Administrative Code. These changes govern the technical process for converting Ohio water quality standards (WQS) to wasteload allocations that can be used as wastewater permit limits and the administrative and technical requirements for writing and obtaining National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. DSW has reviewed and drafted amended language to some of the rules. DSW is seeking input on these draft rules by 5:00 P.M. on March 26, 2008. You may review the draft rules at [www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw) or contact Bob Heitzman, Rule Coordinator, Ohio EPA - Division of Surface Water, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049, (614) 644-3075 or [bob.heitzman@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:bob.heitzman@epa.state.oh.us).

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### NACo 73<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION

The National Association of Counties (NACo) and Jackson County (Kansas City), Missouri invite you to join over 2,000 appointed and elected officials from across the nation this summer for NACo's 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference & Exposition to be held July 11-15, 2008. This is the only national conference and exposition dedicated solely to county government. Conference registration is now open! Register for the conference and housing online at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org) to save \$25 per registrant. Click on the article about the conference on the front page. For more information please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at

(614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

### ARTS AND CULTURE AWARD

The NACo Arts and Culture Award program is designed to encourage counties to submit successful programs that have used arts and cultural activities to address not only the quality of life, but also social problems in their communities. Cuyahoga County won the award in 2005 for their “Arts and Culture as Economic Development Grant Program” project.

Eligibility is extended not only to outstanding arts and historical preservation programs, but also to innovative funding processes that have been used to fund arts and cultural programs. Both ongoing and onetime projects are eligible for the award, but must meet the following requirements:

- The program or project must have been initiated since January 2002.
- County officials and/or staff, as part of their official duties, must have played a significant role in developing and implementing the program or project.

Each program will be evaluated based on: demonstrated community impact, innovation, community/county partnership, leadership, and transferability. Application deadline: **April 11, 2008**. The winning county will be presented with an award during a special awards ceremony held during NACo’s Annual Conference.

For more information please contact Deseree Gardner, Research Associate, NACo, 25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW – Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20001, (202) 942-4228, fax (202) 393-2630, or [dgardner@naco.org](mailto:dgardner@naco.org). Download the 2008 Arts and Culture Award Program Application at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org). Click on Awards>Arts and Culture Awards.

### **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION**

SYLLABUS

2008-05

R.C. 325.19 does not entitle a county employee to receive service credit for purposes of vacation

leave for any biweekly pay period in which the employee did not work and was not scheduled to work.

SYLLABUS

2008-06

1. Pursuant to Article II, §§ 1 and 26 of the Ohio Constitution, the lack of procedural due process afforded to dog owners under R.C. 955.22(D)-(F) may not be remedied without legislative action by the General Assembly.

2. Pursuant to Article XVIII, § 3 of the Ohio Constitution and R.C. 955.221, a board of county commissioners or legislative authority of a city may enact within its respective territory resolutions or ordinances that regulate the ownership and control of dogs in order to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare.

3. Article XVIII, § 3 of the Ohio Constitution and R.C. 955.221 authorize a board of county commissioners or legislative authority of a city to adopt and enforce resolutions or ordinances that are identical to R.C. 955.11 and R.C. 955.22 and that afford a dog owner procedural due process when the resolutions or ordinances are enforced.



**HIPAA Informational REGISTRATION FORM**

**WHEN: Tuesday, March 11th @ 10:00am**

**WHERE: Delaware County Hayes Building  
140 North Sandusky Street  
Room G-35  
Delaware, OH 43015**

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**COUNTY** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE RETURN ON OR BEFORE March 6, 2008 TO:**

**CEBCO  
ATTN: MELISSA BODEY  
37 WEST BROAD STREET, SUITE 650  
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215  
FORMS MAY BE FAXED TO (614) 229-4588  
Registration Fee: NONE**

