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### DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 28, 2008	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, OTTAWA COUNTY (PUT-IN-BAY)
JULY 29, 2008	CORSA REGIONAL SEMINAR, GALAXY RESTAURANT, MEDINA COUNTY (WADSWORTH)
JULY 30, 2008	CORSA REGIONAL SEMINAR, SANITARY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, ALLEN COUNTY (LIMA)
AUGUST 6, 2008	CCAO ANNUAL GOLF OUTING, OAKHAVEN COUNTRY CLUB, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)
AUGUST 13, 2008	CORSA REGIONAL SEMINAR, PINNACLE GOLF COURSE, FRANKLIN COUNTY (GROVE CITY)
AUGUST 19-20, 2008	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DAYS, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
AUGUST 29, 2008	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, THE RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, COLUMBUS

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### CORSA MOVES AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> REGIONAL SEMINAR TO NEW LOCATION

In order to accommodate the extraordinarily high response by our members to attend CORSA's August 13 Regional Seminar it has become necessary to move the seminar to a larger location. The August 13 Regional Seminar, has been moved to the Pinnacle Golf Course, at 1500 Pinnacle Drive, in Grove City. The August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was previously scheduled to be held at the Blue Moon Event Center. Notices of the change of location are being mailed to counties today along with directions to the new location.

Topics being presented during the Regional Seminars this year include:

- **Avoiding Child Protection Litigation**, which will address how to avoid litigation arising out of providing services such as abuse investigation and the placement of children for adoption/foster care, and
- **Discipline/Termination Best Practices**, which will be presented by the two law firms CORSA has retained to provide HR assistance to members who use our HR Helpline.
- **Program Update**, which will include some of the risk management services available to our members such as the HR Helpline,

on line training, discriminatory harassment training, defensive driving courses and a discussion of the coverage provided by CORSA, along with an overview of how to reduce liability when entering into contracts with third parties (contractual risk transfer).

Registration and a continental breakfast will begin at 8:45. The seminar start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Following lunch a demonstration of the CORSA University on-line training will be available.

CORSA requests that each department/board to limit the number of registrants to four. If the department/board wants to send additional staff please contact us shortly before the seminar to determine if any space is available.

If you have any questions concerning the change of location, directions or if you have not yet registered for the August 13 Regional Seminar, please call Tricia Callihan at (614) 220-7993 or email her at [tcallihan@ccao.org](mailto:tcallihan@ccao.org).

#### POLICY DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

Included as a supplement to this week's CIDS and Statehouse Report is a COUNTY LEGISLATIVE NEEDS SURVEY. As we begin development of CCAO's Legislative Program for 2009-2010, we are asking for help from our commissioners, their administrative staffs, and our affiliates. Please take time to respond to the survey by indicating any issues which you think the CCAO ought to address during the next General Assembly. You can review the current Legislative Program on the CCAO website at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org) under "State Legislation."

Your suggestions will be routed to the appropriate CCAO Standing Committee for review. The CCAO Board of Trustees will recommend a 2009-2010 Legislative Program for adoption by the full membership during the CCAO Winter Conference.

Please return your survey by Friday, August 15, 2008, so that we may give them full consideration in the development of the 2009-2010 CCAO Legislative Program. You may also fax your survey to 614-221-6986 or email your suggestions to

Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org).

#### WILL YOU BE ATTENDING THE 2008 DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION?

Officials from the National Association of Counties (NACo) will be attending both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. The Democratic National Convention will be held August 25-28 in Denver, Colorado and the Republican National Convention will be held September 1-4 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

If you are attending either of the conventions, NACo invites you to a NACo-sponsored reception honoring county officials. For further information please contact:

- Democratic Convention: Bob Fogel, NACo Senior Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4217 or
- Republican Convention: Ryan Yates, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4207.

To RSVP your attendance, please send your name, title, county, address, phone, fax, and e-mail to: NACo Convention Staff at (202) 942-4281 or leave a message on the NACo Convention Hotline at (202) 942-4290.

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DAYS – AUG 19-20

Ross County Commissioners Jim Caldwell, Frank Hirsch, and Doug Corcoran and OSU Extension invite you to attend County Commissioners Days on August 19-20, 2008 in historic Ross County (Chillicothe) - Ohio's First Capital.

Early registration fee – before August 4: Both days - \$98/one day - \$70/Tuesday or \$40/Wednesday. Late registration fee – after August 4: Both days - \$108, one day - \$80/Tuesday or \$50/Wednesday. Presenter: \$25. Child ticket to Tecumseh (16 years or younger) - \$10. Individuals are responsible for making their own lodging reservations.

For more information, please contact OSU Extension South East Region, 16714 Wolf Run Road, Caldwell, OH 43724, (740) 732-2381 or fax (740) 732-5992 or [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org). Click on the article on the front page.

### 2008 CCAO GOLF OUTING...A LITTLE GOLF AND A LOT OF FUN!

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual CCAO Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at Oakhaven Golf Course, 2871 U.S. Route 23 North in Delaware County (Delaware). Oakhaven is a par 72, 18-hole golf course located in beautiful Delaware County.

The purpose of this fun event is to provide funds for the CCAO Research and Educational Foundation in the preparation and printing of educational materials. All current and former county commissioners, other county elected officials, staff and friends are invited to attend this fun event!

In addition the 2008 outing is in memory of the late Mike Smith, former Richland County Commissioner, active member of the Alumni Association, and avid golfer.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The driving range with unlimited range balls is available prior to tee-off. The 18-hole scramble with a shot gun start will start promptly at 10:30 a.m. You may pair your own foursome or permit CCAO to match your skills with other golfers. The \$70 fee includes the driving range with unlimited range balls, 18 holes of golf, cart, box lunch, beverages, and dinner.

Deadline for **registration**: July 18, 2008. If you have any questions about golfing please contact Tanya Wilcox, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904 or [twilcox@ccao.org](mailto:twilcox@ccao.org).

**Sponsorships** are available! Deadline for sponsorships: July 18, 2008. If you have any questions about sponsorships, please contact Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org).

## **IN MEMORIAM**

### DALE E. COOK

Former Richland County Commissioner Dale E. Cook died on Tuesday, July 8 following a long, hard-fought illness. Dale served over 13 years as Richland County Commissioner, was active in CCAO and served as CORSA president in 1993-1994. He owned and operated of the Land of Milk and Honey Dairy Farm from 1949 to 1984 and was a part-time employee of Port-A-Cook with his son, Russ. Active in his church and community, Dale served on many boards and in various organizations. CCAO extends heartfelt sympathy to the Cook Family. Notes of sympathy may be sent to the Cook family online registry at [www.wappner.com](http://www.wappner.com).

## **COUNTY ACTIVITIES**

### GEISSMAN HONORED IN CRAWFORD COUNTY

Recently, Medina County Commissioner Pat Geissman was inducted into the Buckeye Central Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame at the "Celebration of Education" banquet in Crawford County. Geissman, a graduate of New Washington High School, was honored for her distinguished career as a Medina County Commissioner for the past 16 years, 2003 CCAO President, Executive Director of the American Cancer Society, and an award winning realtor with Coldwell Banker. Congratulations, Pat!

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### REGIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS ON THE OHIO MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PROGRAM

The Ohio Department of Job & Family Services (ODJFS) Office of Ohio Health Plans will hold five public listening sessions seeking input on Ohio's Medicaid Managed Care Program. Medicaid managed care in Ohio has recently expanded to every Ohio county, enrolling 1.3 million Medicaid consumers. Now that this unprecedented expansion has been accomplished, ODJFS is seeking ideas and opportunities for continuous improvement of Medicaid managed care.

Session attendees will be asked to offer ideas about how to further the following goals:

- 1) Maximize the cost effectiveness of Medicaid managed care.
- 2) Improve the quality of services and/or health outcomes for Medicaid consumers enrolled in managed care.
- 3) Maintain or improve consumer access to needed medical services.

Ideas and suggestions presented at the sessions will be taken into consideration when Medicaid initiatives related to managed care are developed for the upcoming biennial budget for state fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

Sessions will be held August 1, 6, 14, 18, 19, 2008. Each session will last about two and one-half hours. All sessions are free and open to the general public. Seating is limited to the first 100 people at each session. For more information, visit the ODJFS Office of Ohio Health Plans home page at <http://ifs.ohio.gov/ohp> or call (614) 466-4443.

#### WORKERS' COMPENSATION UNIVERSITY 2008

Looking for ways to reduce your workers' compensation costs? Searching for proven methods to keep your workers safe on the job? Do you want to know more about workers' compensation in Ohio? The Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation will be holding the Workers' Compensation University 2008 (WCU) in September at many locations throughout the state. WCU serves thousands of attendees each year...and it's absolutely FREE!

Each year, WCU offers new courses in addition to its core curriculum. At WCU you can:

- Access valuable information on topics such as claims management, rate making and workplace safety;
- Learn practical strategies to help you cut costs and protect your work force;
- Get important updates about BWC and the Industrial Commission of Ohio; and
- Earn continuing education credit as well as credit for various BWC discount programs.

One new class of interest to county officials is "Workers' Compensation for Public Employers." The course is designed with the unique needs of public employers in mind and includes the impacts of using a volunteer work force, payroll reporting issues, and unique cost-cutting strategies.

For a course catalog, dates and locations, CEU/Employer Credits, and to register online go to [www.wcu2008.com](http://www.wcu2008.com).

#### **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

#### ACTION NEEDED: ADOPTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM – URGE SENATE TO PASS S.3038

More than 127,000 foster children in America are waiting to be adopted today. The Adoption Incentives Program, which has helped more than 443,000 children leave foster care for permanent families, expires on September 30, 2008. Both Houses of Congress introduced companion legislation to reauthorize the Adoption Incentive Program. The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 6307 – Fostering Connections to Success Act to reauthorize this program and improve the foster care system. **Senators Voinovich and Brown have signed on to support the legislation. Contact Senators Voinovich and Brown and urge them to urge leadership to support the companion legislation, S. 3038 – Improved Adoption Incentives and Relative Guardian Support Act of 2008.**

The legislation would reauthorization of the Adoption Incentives program and establishment of a IV-E Relative Guardianship for kids in foster care. We are down to the wire to get action this year and advocates believe our best chance is to have the Senate Finance Committee take action on Wednesday, July 30, followed by a Unanimous Consent vote in Senate. This allows enough time for a final bill to be reauthorized by both houses by September 30, 2008 (Congress is in recess the month of August). If we miss these deadlines, chances are we will have no reform this or next year.

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### HEALTHY COUNTIES DATABASE

Last month, the National Association of Counties (NACo) launched the Healthy Counties Database. Is your county interested in...

- Childhood Obesity Prevention
- Creating Healthy Communities
- Building Robust Economies
- Agricultural Preservation

Check out the NACo database at [www.healthycounties.org/database!](http://www.healthycounties.org/database!) Search over 100 model policies, programs and initiatives from counties across the nation NACo is continually seeking county submissions to build the database. Please submit or nominate best practices to Christina Rowland, NACo Senior Associate – Community Services, at (202) 942-4267 or [crowland@naco.org](mailto:crowland@naco.org).

## **CONFERENCES**

### RESTORING PROSPERITY TO OHIO POLICY SUMMIT

Creating new prosperity and opportunity for Ohio is the subject of a summit hosted by the Brookings Institution and the Greater Ohio Policy Center on September 10, 2008 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, in downtown Columbus.

The Summit is part of a multi-year research, policy development, and networking effort to revitalize Ohio's core communities, create new opportunities for the people of Ohio, and reinvigorate the state's economy. Plenary presentations and breakout sessions will engage participants in review, evaluation, and refinement of recommendations and goals for moving Ohio forward in areas such as economy development, transportation investments, workforce development, and neighborhood revitalization.

The Summit is free. Registration is required because space is limited. Please register after

June 27 through the Greater Ohio website at [www.greaterohio.org](http://www.greaterohio.org).

For more information on the Restoring Prosperity Initiative or to download a copy of the Brookings report, "Restoring Prosperity: The State Role in Revitalizing America's Older Industrial Cities," please visit the Greater Ohio website. Please contact Lavea Brachman, Greater Ohio Co-Director, at (614) 258-1713 or [lbrachman@greaterohio.org](mailto:lbrachman@greaterohio.org).

### IMPACT OHIO: 2008 POST ELECTION CONFERENCE

The "2008 Impact Ohio – Post Election Conference" offers an immediate and unrehearsed review of the election as well as a view forward to the upcoming session of the Ohio General Assembly. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the conference on Thursday, November 6, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215. The conference is sponsored by The Success Group in conjunction with the Ohio Democratic Party and the Ohio Republican Party.

Registration fee: \$135. To register online or for more information please contact: The Success Group, Ltd., 172 East State Street – Suite 400, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 221-0971 or [www.impactohio.org](http://www.impactohio.org).

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### INFORMATION SYSTEMS NETWORK/SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR

Clark County seeks an Information Systems Network/System Administrator to provide systems support and infrastructure hardware and software support for all county information systems. Responsibilities include documentation of systems; internal support for departmental users; liaison between departments, vendors, and IS Director; infrastructure support including Exchange 2003 email services, security infrastructure, and VOIP system; installation and troubleshooting of hardware and software; and special projects.

Requirements: Bachelor's Degree or combination of nine years of education and experience; five years experience in technology networking and analysis; working knowledge of Windows 2000/XP based operating systems/applications, Windows 2000/2003 server based operating systems/applications, switch, gateway, router and firewall configurations; ability to lift 60 pounds; ability to quickly learn new systems/applications; experience in installing infrastructure and LAN software, including email, common desktop systems and technology; excellent interpersonal, communications, technical writing and customer service skills; local, state or federal governmental work experience; a valid Ohio driver's license and automobile insurance.

More details are available at [http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/personnel/job\\_openings.htm](http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/personnel/job_openings.htm). Applications will be accepted until position filled. EOE.

#### RECORDS CENTER AND ARCHIVES COORDINATOR

Licking County Government is accepting applications for a Records Center and Archives Coordinator. The position will be responsible for all phases of planning and implementing a records management program. Duties will also include serving as secretary to the Records Commission and acting as a liaison with State agencies. Qualified applicants must possess a Master's Degree in a field related to records management, and two to four years' related experience and/or training or equivalent combination of education and experience.

For a detailed description and salary information, please visit our website [www.lcounty.com](http://www.lcounty.com) or visit the Human Resources Department. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Successful candidates will be subject to Licking County's pre-employment drug screen. Applications can be printed from the web site at [www.lcounty.com](http://www.lcounty.com) or can be picked up at: Licking County Human Resources Department, 20 South Second Street – Floor 3, Newark, OH 43055. EOE.

#### DIRECTOR, DEPT. OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

The Cuyahoga County Commissioners seek a Department of Children & Family Services Director (unclassified). Requirements: exceptional leadership skills, consensus builder, visionary thinker with proven change management experience; 10 years of progressive responsibility in management of large organization; comprehensive knowledge of the needs of children and Child Welfare Policy challenges; understanding of an experience with the unique challenges and opportunities of working with a unionized, public sector work force; proven administrative/leadership experience in budgeting, planning, decision and policymaking; experience leading community-based, decentralized delivery of services; represent county in public forums; knowledge of laws, rules and procedures governing the expenditure of public funds; and Master's degree or equivalent experience desired, degree in child welfare related field, a plus. Deadline: **4:30 p.m., August 1, 2008**. For more information go to [www.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.cuyahogacounty.us). EOE.

#### EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications for the position of full time Emergency Services Director. This position will focus primarily upon Emergency Management and may include other emergency service responsibilities. Starting salary is expected between \$40,000 and \$55,000 depending on qualifications and responsibilities. All interested applicants should visit [www.fultoncountyoh.com](http://www.fultoncountyoh.com) for more information. Method of application and deadline: All interested applicants must submit an application and resume to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, 152 S. Fulton Street, Wauseon, OH 43567 between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday. Application materials must be **postmarked by Tuesday, August 12, 2008 or delivered to the Board office by Wednesday, August 13, 2008**. EOE.