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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| OCTOBER 24, 2008 | CCC/ESAO SOUTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING, SPRINGVIEW GOVERNMENT CENTER, CLARK COUNTY (SPRINGFIELD) |
| NOVEMBER 12, 2008 | OHIO COUNCIL OF COUNTY OFFICIALS LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON, STATEHOUSE ATTRIUM, COLUMBUS |
| DECEMBER 7-10, 2008 | CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS |
| MARCH 7-11, 2009 | NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK, WASHINGTON, D.C. |
| JULY 24-29, 2009 | 74TH NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, DAVIDSON COUNTY (NASHVILLE), TN |

ASSOCIATION NEWS

2009 CEBCO RENEWALS

The County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) has experienced a history of extraordinary renewals. The nearly five-year old program has also experienced tremendous growth and now boasts 19 counties in the program and the CCAO staff as members. The table below shares the last four years history of gross renewals. Each individual county retains there own prescription drug rebate which is applied as a direct credit to the renewal, so the actual renewal is less per county.

In 2007, ten counties received a 1% renewal and with the rebates, this equated to basically a hold firm on their rates. For 2008, six counties received a 1 % increase which also equated to a hold firm on their rates. In 2008, when applying the rebates to the overall 2.67% increase, this brought down the average CEBCO net increase to less than 2%. This was accomplished during a time when market

trend was double digit. For 2009, six counties will receive a 2% increase, after applying the prescription drug rebates, these counties renewal will net a 1% increase.

| Renewal Date | Final Med & Rx Increase | Minimum and Maximum Increase% | Health Care Trend (Industry Average) |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| January 1, 2006 | 7.34% | 3% and 15% | 12.4% |
| January 1, 2007 | 3.30% | 1% and 12.5% | 12.5% |
| January 1, 2008 | 2.67% | 1% and 4.9% | 10.8% |
| January 1, 2009 | 4.95% | 2% and 9.9% | 10.5% |

CEBCO was able to accomplish the great trend in renewals by streamlining administrative costs, standard inclusions, exclusions and plan designs, program enhancements such as Anthem's 360 Degree Health and Caremark's Patient Safety Quality Management, disease management,

wellness initiatives, maternity health programs, 24/7 Ask a Nurse Line, and good claims experience. Each county is individually rated on their own experience, but large claims are pooled. There is also reinsurance to cover very large claims. Each county also has the freedom to choose their own schedule of benefits – deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums, coinsurance and copayments. For any questions regarding CEBCO, please contact Maggie Neely, Managing Director of Health and Wellness, at (614) 220-7984 or (888) 757-1904 x146.

OCCO LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON – NOV. 12

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Ohio Council of County Officials (OCCO) legislative luncheon on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 from 12:00 noon. CCAO will host the luncheon.

County officials need to continually communicate and build a partnership with members of the General Assembly. OCCO encourages you to invite your state senators and state representatives to the luncheon. Please schedule appointments with them to discuss issues of importance to your county while you are in Columbus. Since the Statehouse will be in a flurry of activity in November, take this opportunity to attend a committee meeting or Senate & House Sessions. Don't miss this opportunity to lobby the Ohio General Assembly!

Many county officials see your lawmakers regularly within your counties. OCCO encourages you to travel to Columbus on November 12 to physically show your support for your lawmakers, who will be looking to see if anyone from their district made the effort to come to this important event. Call your legislators and tell them you will meet them at the luncheon. **Please register by November 7, 2008.**

After you meet with your legislators at the Statehouse, please take some time to see the following:

- **County flags** on display on Veterans' Plaza on the east side of the Senate Building.
- **Ladies Gallery** – The room pays homage to the first female Ohio legislators who paved the way for women in government and

honors all women who have served in the Ohio General Assembly.

- **Etch A Sketch Presidential Display** - featuring sketches of America's Presidents on display in the Crypt.

For more information please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

128th CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 128th CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference and Trade Show to be held December 7-10, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. Register for the conference by November 14 to get the pre-registration discount. Registration materials were mailed to county commissioners, county engineers, affiliates, and vendors last week. Everyone attending the conference must register, even if you are attending meetings only. Meetings only registrants must register for each day meetings are attended. No meals are included with the meetings only registration.

Preliminary Agenda

Sunday, December 7

Open House at the New CCAO Office Building

All conference attendees are invited to attend an open house at the new CCAO Office Building located at 209 East State Street in downtown Columbus. CCAO, along with the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) and County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO), purchased a building this year.

An open house/reception for all conference attendees will be held on Sunday evening, December 7 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Transportation departs from the second floor of the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Monday, December 3

CCAO Workshops

- SB 268: Competitive Sealed Proposal Law

- Local Government Reform
- Media and Public Relations
- OPERS Basics for Soon-to-be Retirants
- Elections Administration
- Taxation Update
- CCAO Legislative Update

CCAO/CEAO General Session

- Auditor of State Mary Taylor
- Overview of the 128th Ohio General Assembly Initiatives

Spouse/Guest Activity

The Kelton House, an authentic example of Victorian architecture, is filled with original furnishing and period dress used by the family. The home was in the Kelton family from its construction in 1852 by Sophia and Fernando Kelton until 1975. Spouses/guests will be greeted at the door by “Sophia Kelton,” who will tell you about the family’s life in the 1860’s. Sophia also has a “family secret” she might share with you – if you keep it.

Bus transportation departs at 9:30 a.m. from the second floor of the Greater Columbus Convention Center and returns at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8

District Association Meetings

- NW District Commissioners & Engineers
- NE District Commissioners
- SW District Commissioners & Engineers
- SE District Commissioners & Engineers

CCAO Workshops

- New CCAO Service Corporation Energy Program
- Economic Development in the Age of Tax Reform
- Human Resources
- Area 7 Consortium Meeting
- Ohio’s New Workforce Development Initiative
- New Developments in the Prevailing Wage Law
- Self Insurance for Workers’ Compensation

Wednesday, December 9

CCAO/CEAO Session

- Layoff Workshop

The headquarters hotel is the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. Rate: \$137 single/double. Reservation deadline: November 14. To reserve a room call (888) 421-1442, (402)592-6464 or <http://columbusregency.hyatt.com/groupbooking/cmhrcccom2008>.

Registration materials and a complete preliminary agenda are on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

CLEAN OHIO FUND WEBSITE

The Clean Ohio Fund, targeted for extended funding in a November 4 ballot question (Issue 2), has a revamped website aimed at promoting its programs and facilitating the grant application process. The new website (<http://clean.ohio.gov>) developed in conjunction with the Ohio Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Ohio EPA and the Ohio Public Works Commission, is an excellent multi-program resource that provides visitors with easy-to-understand information about the Clean Ohio Fund and its programs. The content on the state’s new site is organized with links to the four main program areas that are funded by the bonds and paid off with a mixture of general tax revenue and liquor profits: Brownfield Revitalization, Farmland Preservation, Green Space Conservation and Recreational Trails.

The website is separate from the Clean Ohio campaign website, which is promoting the plan to double the amount of bonds under the program from \$400 to \$800 million.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

US EPA DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR METH LAB CLEANUP

The U.S. EPA is seeking counties’ feedback on a recently released draft of voluntary guidelines to

clean up and remediate former methamphetamine lab sites. Passed last year, the Methamphetamine Research and Remediation Act required the U.S. EPA to develop model, health-based clean-up guidelines for states and localities with the goal of making sure former meth lab sites are safe and livable.

The guidelines start with a background on meth lab clean-up, followed by remediation standards and sequence, and techniques for clean-up. They also include an overview of item- and material-specific best practices. Appendices follow, with information on chemicals and Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry numbers, type of hazard, health effects, and fate and transport.

The act stipulates that a research program be created to update these guidelines periodically. Meth lab clean-up is crucial for the safety of those moving into a house formerly used as a meth lab, and for the environment as well. Every pound of meth produced creates roughly six pounds of hazardous waste, which is often discarded into sewers and local streams. The labs are also a safety hazard, as the chemicals can permeate carpeting, walls and furniture with toxins, making the site uninhabitable.

EPA is soliciting comments by the end of October, before finalizing the draft guidelines. Contact Kati Guerra, NACo Senior Associate, County Services Division, at (202) 942-4279 or kguerra@naco.org to request a copy of the guidelines.

CENSUS REPORT DETAILS COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE: ATHENS COUNTY'S UNINSURED RATE THE HIGHEST IN OHIO

Ohio has fewer uninsured residents than the national average, but some counties, such as Athens County, far exceed the 11.9% overall figure for the state, according to data the U.S. Census Bureau released this week. With an estimated 21.7% of Athens County residents under 65 years of age lacking health insurance, the southeastern county ranked highest in the state by far, according to the bureau's new Small Area Health Insurance Estimates report at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/sahie/index.html> for 2005. The information is based on models

combining data from a variety of Census Bureau sources, aggregated federal tax returns and Medicaid participation records, the agency said.

Monroe County has the next highest rate of uninsured residents at an estimated 15.7%, the agency said. Geauga County had 15.2% and Holmes County had 14.9%, all of which were well within the margin of error.

Union County had the lowest rate of uninsured Ohioans at 9.9%, followed by Warren County at 10.0%. Other counties below the state average include: Warren, Fayette, Clark, Cuyahoga, Lucas, Marion, and Shelby.

Nationally, Texas had the highest rate of uninsured residents under 65 at 26.3%, followed by New Mexico at 24.2% and Florida at 24.0%. Minnesota had the lowest at 9.5%, trailed by Hawaii at 9.7% and Wisconsin at 10.3%.

HUD RELEASES FUNDING TO STABILIZE NEIGHBORHOODS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released the funding formula and grant allocations for the \$3.92 billion Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) addition for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). This funding was included in the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA).

States received a minimum of \$19.6 million each. Approximately 99 counties and consolidated governments are to receive direct funding allocations. The following Ohio counties will receive direct funding allocations: Butler - \$4,213,742; Cuyahoga - \$11,212,742; Franklin - \$5,439,664; Hamilton - \$7,970,490; Lake - \$3,402,859; Montgomery - \$5,988,000; Stark - \$4,181,673; and Summit - \$3,767,144. For a county to receive direct funding, it must be eligible for at least \$2 million. Any state receiving more than \$19.6 million should be distributing portions of these additional funds to local areas.

Grantees have until December 1 to submit proper documentation to HUD amending their current CDBG plans on how they plan to spend money.

Grantees have 18 months to obligate funds (upon receipt) and four years to spend fully. Also, 10 percent of grant funding can be used for administrative costs.

HUD's funding formula is based on the HERA parameters and national foreclosure data sources. You can review the formula by going to HUD's Web site, www.hud.gov and clicking on Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Also available on the HUD Web site is the Federal Register Notice with formula allocations, application procedures, grant recipients, funding allocations and other information about the NSP.

For more information, please contact Daria Daniel, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4212 or ddaniel@naco.org.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

OHIO LAND USE CONFERENCE 2008

Join OSU Extension for the "Ohio Land Use Conference 2008: Land Use in Turbulent Times" on Monday, November 17, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on the campus of The Ohio State University, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, in Columbus.

Conference sessions will include:

- Regional Approaches to Resource Protection
- Multi-jurisdictional Agreements for Land Use
- Protecting Community Water Supplies through Land Use Strategies
- Zoning, Farming and Livestock Farms
- The Prosperity Agenda
- The Mortgage Crisis: Impacts for Rural Land Use
- Brownfield Redevelopment: One Community's Success Story
- Zoning Issues: Wind Turbines and Oil and Gas Development
- Energy and Land Use in Ohio: Prospects, Promise and Problems

Registration fee: \$55 per person (includes meals and conference materials). For more information, please contact Ohio Land Use Conference, OSU

Extension, Community Development, 2120 Fyffe Road—Room 25, Columbus, OH 43210, (614) 292-6232, cook.22@osu.edu or http://comdev.osu.edu/landuse_conf08.html.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION

SYLLABUS

2008-034

Summit County's adoption of a policy authorizing the termination of probationary employees "for any reason" and the county's pre-employment notice of such policy to prospective county employees do not establish, without evidence of fault on the part of the employee, "just cause" under R.C. 4141.29(D)(2)(a) for termination of a county probationary employee.

CLASSIFIEDS

ECONOMIC RECOVERY COORDINATOR

The Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC), a multi-county planning and development commission located in Waverly, is seeking candidates for the contract position of economic recovery coordinator. The coordinator will be responsible for providing recovery assistance to communities in three counties (Clinton, Fayette and Highland) most impacted by the potential DHL Airpark closure in Clinton County (Wilmington). Application deadline: **4:30 p.m. on October 31, 2008**. For more information visit www.ovrdc.org. EOE.

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Adams County Commissioners are accepting applications for a full-time director of emergency medical services. Duties include planning, directing, and controlling departmental activities including personnel, purchasing, expenditures, and budgeting. Salary is negotiable. Adams County has a population of approximately 28,500 and 588 square miles consisting of a combination department with five stations and eleven full-time, part-time, and volunteer employees. Submit application and a resume to the Adams County Commissioners, 110 West Main Street - Room 102,

West Union, OH, 45693. Applications will be accepted **until 4:00 p.m. October 24, 2008**. EOE.

\$39,772.00 - \$66,301.00. Application deadline: **October 31, 2008**.

GIS COORDINATOR

The Adams Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is accepting applications for the full-time position of GIS coordinator. Qualifications include a strong knowledge of ArcInfo, ArcView, ArcGIS and database management, at least one-year of experience preferred in operating, maintaining, and implementing automated mapping and/or GIS systems, and a bachelor's degree in geography, computer science, or a related field. An associate's or technical college degree plus two-years of experience can substitute for the bachelor's degree requirement. Application deadline: **4:00 p.m. on November 3, 2008**. EOE.

A Warren County Application for Employment must be completed. For more information please visit Warren County's website at www.co.warren.oh.us. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. EOE.

SENIOR MANAGER / OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

The Greene County Commissioners/Sanitary Engineering Department seek a senior manager to direct management staff for all Operations and Maintenance divisions; conducts meetings with engineering consultants & construction contractors; plans & facilitates supervisory staff meetings; and performs similar duties as assigned.

ASSISTANT SANITARY ENGINEER

The Warren County Water and Sewer Department seeks an assistant sanitary engineer to support the deputy sanitary engineer in the role of construction project administrator. Under general direction, this engineer will assist in all phases of water and sewer projects from planning, design and construction to operations. Primary responsibilities include: construction oversight; review of construction and material submittals; pay estimate review and processing; management of all aspects of construction including site visits, inspection and coordination with engineers, contractors and operations personnel. Other duties will include interfacing with the Board of County Commissioners; attending public hearings; meeting with the EPA; public speaking; capital improvements planning and annual budget preparation

Bachelor's Degree in human resources, public administration, finance, business, or a closely related field and six years of progressively responsible experience; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job as listed in the position description.

A current Ohio Class IV Wastewater Operator License required and Class III Water Operator License preferred. Valid Ohio driver's license required. Salary: \$24.80 - \$35.35/hr.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For more information go to www.co.greene.oh.us/personnel.htm. EOE.

Preferred Qualifications: B.S. in Civil Engineering with emphasis in water and wastewater; Registered PE in Ohio strongly desired; 3-5 years experience in water or wastewater construction, with one year at project management level; experience managing water or wastewater personnel; Ohio EPA Operator Certifications are preferred. Pay Range:

CLASSIFIED ADS
CCAO publishes the County Information and Data Service (CIDS) weekly. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will run for two weeks if space is available. Ads will also be published on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. When submitting your ad to CCAO please provide a link to the job posting online and a deadline. Please provide a copy of the classified ad by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday of each week. Transmit the copy to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, by e-mail mjneiman@ccao.org.