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DATES TO REMEMBER

- AUGUST 7, 2009** **CORSA REGIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT SEMINAR, CCAO OFFICES, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)**
- AUGUST 12, 2009** **CCAO/CEBCO HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS & HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS SEMINAR, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS**
- AUGUST 12, 2009** **OCCO UNDERSTANDING THE NEW FURLOUGH AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THE STATE BUDGET BILL (HB 1), DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES GENERAL SERVICES BUILDING, COLUMBUS**
- AUGUST 19, 2009** **CCAO BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GALAXY RESTAURENT & BANQUET CENER, MEDINA COUNTY (WADSWORTH) *(held in conjunction with CCAO/CEAO/OSU Extension Meeting)***
- AUGUST 19-21, 2009** **CCAO/CEAO/OSU EXTENSION SUMMER MEETING, GALAXY RESTAURANT & BANQUET CENTER, MEDINA COUNTY (WADSWORTH)**
- AUGUST 27, 2009** **CCAO COUNTY & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM & COLLABORATION TASK FORCE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS**
- AUGUST 28, 2009** **CCAO HUMAN SERVICES & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS**
- AUGUST 28, 2009** **CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, DOUBLETREE HOTEL, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)**

ASSOCIATION NEWS

RECOMMENDATION FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR LENNY ELIASON ON NACo 2009-10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Prior to his election as NACo 2nd Vice President, Athens County Commissioner Lenny Eliason was chosen by the CCAO Board of Trustees to serve on the 2009-10 NACo Board of Directors. Lenny's victory leaves an open seat on the Board of Directors that must be filled. CCAO is entitled to two representatives on the NACo Board of Directors. Roger Tackett, Clark County Commissioner, has recently been re-appointed to the other seat.

State associations are asked to nominate representatives to serve on the NACo Board of Directors. The one-year term on the NACo Board of Directors begins the last day of the current annual conference and ends the last day of the next annual conference.

All commissioners interested in filling the open seat and serving on the NACo Board of Directors should submit a letter of interest to Larry Long, CCAO Executive Director at llong@ccao.org with a copy to Kathy Dillon, CCAO Office Manager and Boards' Liaison, at kathydillon@ccao.org or via fax (614) 221-6986 by **Wednesday, August 12, 2009**. The CCAO Board of Trustees will appoint a replacement for Eliason at their next meeting which will be held on August 19 during the CCAO/CEAO/OSU Extension meeting in Medina County.

UNDERSTANDING THE NEW FURLOUGH AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THE STATE BUDGET BILL (HB 1) REGIONAL SEMINAR

The Ohio Council of County Officials (OCCO) is sponsoring a seminar on "Understanding the New Furlough Authority Granted in the State Budget Bill (HB 1) Seminar" on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) General Services Building, 4200 Surface Road, in Columbus. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the seminar starting at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m.

This is the first of five regional seminars sponsored by OCCO. Four additional regional seminars will be held in September throughout Ohio. Watch future issues of CIDS and the CCAO website for dates and locations. Registration for this seminar is limited to county elected officials, staff, and related county agencies that fall under the umbrella of the office of the county commissioners.

County appointing authorities received the much sought furlough authority for non-collective bargaining employees. HB 1 permits each county appointed authority to establish a mandatory program that each non-collective bargaining employee must participate in for up to 80 hours in each of state fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

There is no charge to attend, but space is limited. There will be a \$10 charge for no-shows, but last minute substitutions are welcome. Registration forms were distributed to county commissioners this week. To download a copy go to www.ccao.org. Click on the story on the front page. For more information, please contact Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904, or ajones@ccao.org.

CCAO/CEAO/OSU EXTENSION SUMMER MEETING – EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT THROUGH COLLABORATION

In a collaborative effort, OSU Extension – Medina County and the North East Regional Office have invited CCAO/CEAO to meet together on August 19-21, 2009 in Medina County (Wadsworth). This is the first time that our three organizations will meet together. The theme of the meeting will be "Effective Government Through Collaboration." CCAO has planned the following sessions:

Wednesday, August 19

- **CCAO Board of Trustees Meeting** – This meeting is open to all county commissioners and staff members. If you would like to address the Board, please contact Kathy Dillon, CCAO Office Manager and Boards' Liaison, at (614) 220-7998, (888) 757-1904, or kathydillon@ccao.org.

Thursday, August 20

- **HR Cost Saving Measures** – Areas of human resource cost saving issues available under state and federal law will be highlighted.

- **Workers' Comp – New Programs & Options for Counties** – Hear the latest information to assist your county choose a workers' comp program to meet your needs.
- **Legislative Panel** – Legislative leadership has been invited.
- **OPERS Benefits: What Changes Are Being Explored?** – Update on current fiscal conditions and possible future benefit changes.

Friday, August 21

- **Management Improvement Recommendations** – Discussion about the committee, recommendations, and future plans.
- **When Bad Things Happen to Good Counties** - Lessons learned from claims & lawsuits
- **Election Reforms: Proposals from Recent Elections Summit** – Various recommendations from the recent elections summit and legislative proposals.
- **NE Ohio Regional Prosperity Initiative** – Proposed plans that involve the 16 county NE Ohio region will be discussed.

For more information about **CEAO and OSU Extension sessions and tours go to www.ccao.org** and click on the article on the front page. If you have any questions about the conference please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904, or mjneiman@ccao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

This year, the Department of Homeland Security's Ready campaign is focusing on changing the perceptions about emergency preparedness and helping Americans understand what it truly means to be Ready. National Preparedness Month (NPM) 2009 will illustrate how preparedness goes beyond fire alarms, smoke detectors, dead-bolt locks and extra food in the pantry, and help people communicate important preparedness messages to families, businesses and communities.

The four key points of the Ready campaign: Get a Kit. Make a Plan. Be Informed. Get Involved. For additional information and to view the NPM 2009 Calendar, visit www.ready.ohio.gov or www.ready.gov.

2009 STATE BUDGET IMPACT SURVEY

The Campaign to Protect Ohio's Future is circulating a survey for counties to help document the effects of the biennial budget cuts. Please note that this survey focuses on human service related issues and is not all-encompassing. CCAO encourages you to take the survey, or ask your job and family services, children services, and child support directors to participate.

The Campaign to Protect Ohio's Future is a coalition of health, human services, primary and secondary education and higher education organizations seeking to protect Ohio's most vulnerable citizens by restoring or adequately funding vital services through a responsible budget that has - as its primary priority - to meet basic human needs i.e., food, shelter, clothing, and medical care) and provide a safety net for the most vulnerable Ohioans. A responsible human services budget should ensure opportunity for low-income Ohioans to achieve self-sufficiency through education, training, work, and supportive services.

Please complete the short on-line questionnaire by September 15, 2009 at www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=1303019.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

CABINET SECRETARIES TO VISIT MUSKINGUM COUNTY ON AUGUST 31

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Interior Secretary Ken Salazar will travel to Muskingum County (Zanesville) on Monday, August 31 to discuss green jobs and a new energy economy with a focus on renewable energies. Top Obama administration officials are visiting rural communities to hold a series of discussions on how communities, state and the federal government can work together to help strengthen rural America. The location is pending as of press time.

The administration's goal is to have multiple Cabinet secretaries conduct "listening sessions" and focus on issues such a broad-based rural health care, economic development, infrastructure, education, energy, natural resources, and agriculture.

For more information, contact Erik Johnston, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (292) 942-4230, ejohnston@naco.org or www.ruraltour.gov.

NORTHERN BORDER PROSECUTION INITIATIVE DEADLINE – AUGUST 10

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has extended the FY 2009 Northern Border Prosecution Initiative (NBPI) applications through **August 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.** NBPI was authorized under the 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act to reimburse state, county, parish, tribal, or municipal governments in Alaska, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin for costs associated with the prosecution of criminal cases declined by local offices of the U.S. Attorneys.

To be eligible for NBPI funding, an applicant must have federally initiated and referred criminal cases that were prosecuted at the state or county level and disposed of during the 2009 eligibility period (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008). Applicants that provide pre-trial detention for defendants are also eligible for funds. In these situations, each defendant represents a separate case. Federally referred cases that are declined and not prosecuted by state or county prosecutors are ineligible.

Eligible applicants, as described above, will be asked to submit an electronic application via the new NBPI website (<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nbpi>) by **August 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.** One-time payments will be made through electronic funds transfer once applications are reviewed and approved by BJA. For more information, please contact Mary-Kathleen Guerra, NACo Senior Associate, at (202) 942-4279, kguerra@naco.org, or www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nbpi.

NACo ACTIVITIES

SHARE BEST COUNTY ENERGY PRACTICES FOR INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

NACo is supporting a project to collect U.S. local-level best practices in energy efficiency and renewable energy to share with developing nations. With funding and support from the U.S. Department of State, the most innovative and successful programs will be highlighted in a *Compendium of Best Practices*. The compendium will be used to provide a resource of replicable models for China, India, and other developing countries. This is an opportunity for your county to be recognized as a leader in energy efficiency and clean energy efforts.

If your program is selected, you will receive international visibility — the compendium is expected to be used as a U.S. government resource to assist developing countries by showcasing proven programs, policies, or initiatives that are working in the U.S.

If you would like to submit your program for consideration, please fill out a short online survey <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/159012/compendium> by the **end of August or early September**. The program must promote the use of energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, have measurable outcomes, and currently be in practice in the United States. For questions and more information, please contact Kelly Zonderwyk, NACo Project Manager, at (202) 942-4224 kzonderwyk@naco.org.

BRIEFING/WEBINARS

VOICES FOR OHIO'S CHILDREN REGIONAL BRIEFINGS

In conjunction with the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Voices for Ohio's Children will host eight local meetings on August 18-21, 24, 27-28, and 31 to inform local advocates on state and federal issues. These forums will provide an opportunity for local programs, organizations and agencies to discuss the effects of the current State Budget on their communities. The objectives of the sessions are to inform participants of updates on State and Federal children's policy issues, provide participants a state economic overview and fiscal projections, and an opportunity to share input on the impact of state budget cuts to local communities. In addition, Voices would like feedback on their multi-issue state and federal policy agenda.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Register on-line at www.vfc-oh.org for a briefing held near your county. For more information please contact Sandy Erb-Wilson, State Field Director, Voices for Ohio's Children at (614) 477-7223 or serbwilson@vfc-oh.org.

ENERGY BLOCK GRANT IMPLEMENTATION & REPORTING WEBINAR

More than 450 counties were eligible for direct formula grants from the U.S. Department of Energy under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program (EECBG). In the early fall, counties will begin implementing their energy saving projects. A National Association of Counties (NACo) will host a webinar on October 8, 2009 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. to explore implementation and reporting requirements for counties receiving direct formula grants.

The EECBG program was funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and counties must therefore adhere to reporting requirements under both ARRA and the Department of Energy. A county case study will demonstrate project implementation. The Department of Energy will use the same case study to demonstrate accurate and complete reporting requirements. To register <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/119392514>.

CLASSIFIEDS

DIRECTOR of SANITARY ENGINEERING

The Board of Greene County Commissioners seeks a Director to serve Greene County, (population 154,656). This is an unclassified, fiduciary position that directs and supervises a staff of 114 employees. Position requires experience in administration and enforcement of laws, codes and regulations governing water & wastewater systems throughout the county; supervision and administration; budget and fiscal management; staff development; and public relations.

Minimum qualifications: a Bachelor's degree in Business, Public Administration, or a related field (Master of Public Administration preferred), with seven years of progressively responsible managerial experience, including two years of senior management, or an equivalent combination of education and experience, and a valid Ohio driver's license. Current Principles & Practice of Engineering (PE) registration in Ohio preferred.

Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications \$27.36—\$41.36/hr. Applications deadline: **August 21, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.**, and may be obtained at the Greene County Personnel Department, 105 East Market Street, Xenia, Ohio 45385, or printed from <http://www.co.greene.oh.us/personnel>. EOE.

TRANSITION SPECIALIST

The Belmont County Board of Development seeks a training specialist. This is a full-time position reporting jointly to the Director of Children's Services and the SSA Team Facilitator.

The ideal candidate will possess a unique blend of qualities of educator, communicator, researcher, and coordinator and be committed to the principles of self-determination and inclusion. This person will work with children with disabilities and their families and help to turn their needs and desires into choices and options that schools, the community, and the County Board can support. This person will research and develop resources to creatively plan and support transition processes.

This position requires a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education, Habilitation, or Social Work and experience working with children. A background in, or knowledge of, Autism related resources is preferred. Excellent communication and relationship building skills are essential. Also required is ODMRDD Specialist certification and COEDI certification or the ability to obtain, strong computer skills, and a valid driver's license. Successful candidates must have a satisfactory background check, including ODMRDD Abuser Registry and ODH Nurse Aide Registry and a satisfactory physical examination.

Salary will be commensurate with experience. Qualified individuals should send a letter of application and resume to: Holly Weatherson, Human Resources Manager, Belmont County Board of Developmental Disabilities, 330 Fox-Shannon Place, St. Clairsville, OH 43950 or hweatherson@bcbdd.org. Position will remain posted until a candidate is chosen. Interested persons should apply asap. EOE.

COUNTY HOME ADMINISTRATOR

Muskingum County seeks a county home administrator to plan, coordinate and direct the operation and activities of the county home. Must be a licensed administrator, knowledge of rules/regulations for nursing home operations, Medicaid reimbursement systems, budgets and practices/techniques of patient care.

If interested, please send resume and salary requirements **by August 19, 2009** to: Muskingum County Human Resources, Attn: Michelle Campbell, Director, 401 Main Street, Zanesville, OH 43701, (740) 588-4371. EOE

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 at mjneiman@ccao.org