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| MAY 28, 2010 | CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE & ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, CRAWFORD COUNTY (BUCYRUS) |
| JUNE 9, 2010 | PLANNING FOR FUTURE COUNTY FACILITY NEEDS – 2 ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| JUNE 10, 2010 | CCAO BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| JUNE 11, 2010 | CCAO/CEAO SUMMER SEMINAR, DOUBLETREE COLUMBUS WORTHINGTON HOTEL, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS) |
| JULY 16-20, 2010 | NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, RENO/SPARKS CONVENTION CENTER, RENO/WASHOIE COUNTY (RENO), NV |

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO/CEAO SUMMER SEMINAR TO BE HELD JUNE 11

Franklin County Commissioners Paula Brooks, Marilyn Brown, and John O’Grady and County Engineer Dean Ringle cordially invite all county commissioners, engineers, affiliates and guests to the CCAO/CEAO Summer Seminar to be held June 11, 2010. Meetings will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Columbus/Worthington, 175 Hutchinson Avenue, in Columbus. The following affiliate organizations will be meeting during the seminar: County Administrators Association, County Commissioners Clerks and Engineer Administrative Professionals Association, County Facility Managers Association, and County Purchasing Association.

Seminar topics include:

- Wind Turbines & the Like: What Local Governments Should Be Prepared For
- Sexual Harassment in the Workplace: a Mock Trial Outlining the Impacts on Employers
- FAQ’s from the HR Hotline
- Professionalism PLUS
- Through the Looking Glass: Ohio in 2011 – A Media Panel

In response to requests from counties, CCAO/CEAO has changed the format of the traditional two-day summer conference to a one-day seminar. All conference educational sessions will take place on Friday, June 11. Registration will open at 8:00 a.m. with sessions beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. There will be one registration fee for all attendees that will include conference registration, continental breakfast, beverage breaks, and lunch. Registration information and an updated program are posted at www.ccao.org.

PLANNING FOR FUTURE COUNTY FACILITY NEEDS; 2ND WEDNESDAY'S SEMINAR – JUNE 9

CCAO will be hosting "Planning for Future County Facility Needs" – the third in a series of "Second Wednesday's" seminars – on Wednesday, June 9 at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus.

In a time of declining resources and increased public demand for services, county officials may seek cost savings through operational efficiencies. One area for operational efficiency that is often overlooked is the potential for improved efficiency through better use of office space and buildings. This program will provide the opportunity for commissioners, administrators, facility managers, and county officials to analyze facilities to determine if there is inefficient, excessive or insufficient use of space, or old buildings with outdated technology.

The seminar will begin sharply at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude promptly at 12:30 p.m. Registrations will be accepted only by email. Seminar information will be announced next week in CIDS and posted on our website at www.ccao.org. Coffee will be served during the morning and lunch will be on your own. Best of all, no registration fee will be charged! To register, contact Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at jerwin@ccao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

NEW BWC DRUG FREE SAFETY PROGRAM REPLACES DRUG FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAM

The Drug Free Safety Program (DFSP) replaces the Drug Free Workplace Program (DFWP) starting January 1, 2011 for public employers. Application deadline: October 29, 2010. The focus of the program will be on safety – written policy, employee and supervisor education. There will be two levels of participation – basic and advanced – and it provides 4% and 7% premium discount, respectively. There is no cap on the number of years of participation. Employers have flexibility to opt in or out and change levels of participation.

Group-experience rated employers can participate in the advanced level of DFSP and receive an additional 3% savings. DFSP basic and advanced levels' discount can be combined with Safety Council discount; however DFSP is not currently compatible with Group Retro. CCAO is working with the BWC to change this.

For public employers, DFSP drug testing requirements apply to Safety Sensitive Positions only. Employer determines which positions fit this description. For more information, go to <http://www.ohiobwc.com/employer/programs/dfwpinfo/dfwpdescription.asp>.

OHIO'S NEXT OF KIN REGISTRY MARKS TWO-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

As Ohio's next of kin registry marks its second anniversary, state officials are encouraging more Ohioans to register next of kin information that is used by law enforcement authorities to contact family members in the event of an emergency situation involving a loved one.

In May 2008, Ohio became one of the first states to make a next of kin registration process available through the bureau of motor vehicles. Since its establishment, more than 131,000 Ohioans have signed up for next of kin registration.

Any holder of a valid Ohio driver license, commercial driver license, temporary permit or state of Ohio identification card has the option of providing the name and information of a contact person they wish to be notified in the event the individual is involved in a crash or emergency. Ohioans can provide next of kin information for up to two contacts online or through any Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) deputy registrar. This database is only accessible to BMV employees and law enforcement officials. To register go to www.bmv.ohio.gov.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

TAX EXTENDERS BILL TALKS CONTINUE; FMAP STILL IN THE MIX

According to NACo's sources on Capitol Hill, talks continue at the leadership level over the final tax extenders package, including a six month extension of the Medicaid federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP), currently set to run out December 31. Though the measure, H.R. 4213 – The American Workers, State and Business Relief Act of 2010, has passed both the House and the Senate, some of the revenue raising provisions intended to offset the additional spending were used to pay for health reform.

Ohio Senators George Voinovich and Sherrod Brown and Representatives John Boccieri (Dist. 16-Canton), Steve Driehaus (Dist. 1-Cincinnati), Marcia Fudge (Dist. 11- Warrensville Heights), Marcy Kaptur (Dist. 9 – Toledo), Mary Jo Kilroy (Dist. 15-Columbus), Dennis Kucinich (Dist. 10-Lakewood), Tim Ryan (Dist. 17-Warren), Zach Space (Dist. 18-Dover), Betty Sutton (Dist. 13-Akron), and Charlie Wilson (Dist. 5-Bridgeport) signed the letter to Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader Boehner supporting the FMAP extension. Send them a note of thanks and encourage them to support sending a final package to the President's desk as soon as possible. For more information, contact Paul Beddoe, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4234 or pbeddoe@naco.org.

COAL ASH REGULATION

On May 4, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed the first-ever national rules to ensure the safe disposal and management of coal ash from coal-fired power plants. Coal ash, also known as coal combustion residuals, is the byproduct of combustion at power plants. It contains various elements such as mercury and arsenic that cause contamination and serious health problems. The question, as posed by this proposal, how should the EPA regulate coal ash? The proposals range from protective controls over impoundment areas to creating federally enforceable requirements.

At this point, the EPA plans to leave the Bevill exemption in place. However, the EPA is clarifying this determination and seeking comment on potential refinements for certain beneficial uses. The Bevill exemption refers to beneficial uses of coal combustion byproducts such as recycling the byproducts for other uses, rather than disposing the byproducts into a landfill. This is important for a number of local governments who use coal ash as a major component in road bed construction projects. Byproducts are also heavily used in cement, concrete, brick, roofing materials, agriculture applications, paints, plastics, and snow and ice control. The public comment period is 90 days from the date the rule is published in the Federal Register. For more information, go to www.epa.gov/coalashrule.

PROPOSED SOLID WASTE INCINERATOR RULE

The U.S. EPA is proposing new emission standards for incinerators, including a definitional change for types of non-hazardous materials used in these incinerators. This will allow a distinction between types of materials allowed to be used in a boiler compared to a solid waste incinerator. There will also be a 45-day comment period for this rule.

According to the EPA, the proposal discusses the classification for a variety of materials, including: scrap tires (both whole and shredded), used oil (both on-spec and off-spec), coal refuse, pulp and paper sludge, resinated wood residuals, sewage sludge, cement kiln dust (CKD), coal combustion residuals (CCR) and foundry sand. This rule could have implications for counties that use incinerators for disposal of the above materials. For more information, go to www.epa.gov/wastes/nonhaz/pdfs/pre-pub-rule.pdf.

NACo ACTIVITIES

2010-11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

NACo's Annual Conference is rapidly approaching and one of the most important events is the election of officers and Board of Directors members. State associations are asked to nominate representatives to serve on the NACo Board of Directors. The NACo Nominating Committee will review the nominations and prepare a report to be presented at the Annual Business Meeting to be held on Tuesday afternoon, July 20 in Washoe County (Reno), Nevada. 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.

CCAO is entitled to two representatives on the NACo Board of Directors. Currently, the positions are filled by Commissioners Roger Tackett (Clark) and Olen Jackson (Morrow).

Commissioners interested in serving on the NACo Board of Directors should submit a letter of interest to Larry Long, CCAO Executive Director, via fax (614) 221-6986 or llong@ccao.org by May 28, 2010.

NACo 75th ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION

The National Association of Counties (NACo) and Washoe County (Reno), Nevada invite you to join over 2,000 appointed and elected officials from across the nation this summer for the anniversary-sized "NACo 75th Annual Conference & Exposition" to be held July 16-20 at the Reno/Sparks Convention Center.

Register for the conference and housing online at www.naco.org to save \$25 per registrant. Click on the article about the conference on the front page. **The early bird discount is available until June 4.** For more information, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

WEBINARS/SEMINARS

PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS

Two webinars are designed for county officials and staff responsible for leading emergency response to public threats and disasters. Each webinar is scheduled for Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m.

- May 18: **Model Practices Engaged by Counties and Cities for Interoperable Communications** - This webinar features counties and cities with outstanding models for interoperable communications governance, procedures, collaboration and continuous improvement.
- May 25: **Grants and Funding for Interoperable Communications** - Attend this webinar to identify sources of ongoing funding for interoperable communications from a variety of sources. Learn from county representatives how to effectively apply for and receive financial support.

To register, go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/636022690>. For more information, please contact Rocky Lopes, Program Manager, NACo Community Services, at (202) 661-8841 or rlopes@naco.org with

questions. Note: recordings of each of these webinars and the presentations made during them will be saved onto a CD and mailed on request after the series of webinars is over. Please request the CD by sending an email to Cindy Wasser, Community Services Assistant, at (202) 942-4274 or cwasser@naco.org.

ETHICS EDUCATION SESSIONS

The Ohio Ethics Commission is sponsoring five Ethics Education Sessions around the state and all public servants are invited! Since the Ohio Ethics Commission was created in 1974, the Commission has provided highly-regarded Ethics Education Sessions to thousands of public officials, public employees and public offices at all levels of government: state, county, city, village and township.

Due to budget restraints, the Commission is not able to travel to quite as many locations for ethics education, particularly when attendance is expected to be low. To assist local governmental offices in providing Ethics Education to public employees and officials, whether hired, elected, appointed, full-time, part-time, staff or management, the Ohio Ethics Commission is announcing Regional Ethics Education Sessions.

While these training sessions are not mandatory, any public servant is welcome to attend. Each year new cities around the state will be targeted to allow attendees to participate in a training session without driving all the way to Columbus. These sessions will provide timely information regarding the Ohio Ethics Commission and about restrictions in the Ohio Ethics Law and related statutes that pertain to all public sector employees.

Ethics Education Objectives:

- Understand how to identify and avoid acting on potential conflicts of interest
- Understand definition of public contracts and ethics prohibitions related to public contracts
- Identify potential post-employment requirements
- Learn about general assistance available from the Ohio Ethics Commission to understand and comply with the Ethics Law and related statutes

Sessions Dates and Locations:

- **August 24, 2010** – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Ohio University, Morton Hall 201, Athens
- **August 31, 2010** - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Anderson Center Theatre, 7850 Five Mile Road, Anderson Township
- **September 2, 2010** – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Akron Public Library, 60 South High Street, Akron
- **October 5, 2010** – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
William Green Building – Auditorium, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus
- **November 18, 2010** – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Cory Rawson High School, 3930 County Road 26, Rawson

Space is limited. Register online at www.dw.ohio.gov/ethics/EES/Form.asp. For more information, contact the Ohio Ethics Commission's Education and Communications Administrator, Susan Willeke, at (614) 466-7090 or susan.willeke@ethics.ohio.gov.

CLASSIFIEDS

DIRECTOR

The Board of Medina County Commissioners seeks a Director for its Office for Older Adults to provide programming and services to the County's senior population. The director is responsible for preparation and

oversight of an annual operating budget and the delivery of social service and nutritional programs under Title III-B and C of the Older Americans Act.

The ideal candidate will possess a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four year college or university with a major area of concentration in community services, social services, aging or health related programs, combined with a minimum of five years experience in a midmanagement level position involving the administration of social services programs, senior citizens programs, nutrition programs or recreation programs. Grant writing experience is expected.

This is a full time position offering an attractive benefit package. Salary range is \$45 to \$55k, commensurate with experience. Submit resume and salary requirements, along with the names, addresses and phone numbers of three professional references, to Human Resources Department, Rm. 206, Attn. OOA, 144 N. Broadway, Medina, Ohio 44256. No third party reps accepted. Learn more about Medina County at www.medinaco.org. Résumés accepted until filled. EOE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Under direction of the Regional Planning Commission Board, plans, directs and administers the activities of the Regional Planning Commission, coordinates and implements departmental policies and procedures, supervises planning, general office and special project personnel; oversees the preparation of agency budgetary and financial matters; researches and gathers data and prepares reports; performs other related duties as required. BA or BS in urban planning or its equivalent, at least 10 years experience in a planning or related capacity and progressively responsible supervisory experience. Comprehensive knowledge of management, personnel practices, community/urban planning, budgeting, grants administration, historic preservation, research, and government structure. AICP certification preferred. Salary based on qualifications. Please send resume, salary requirements, and references to: Warren County Reg. Plan. Commission, 406 Justice Dr., Lebanon, OH 45036 by **May 19, 2010**. EOE.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) ADMINISTRATOR

Portage County seeks a Public Assistance Administrator responsible for overall administration of the Public Assistance programs in the Portage County Department of Job & Family Services (PCDJFS). The incumbent also organizes and directs the development, planning, implementation and monitoring of various client services programs within assigned unit. The PA Administrator also performs various administrative functions. Functions as a liaison with peers and engages in networking activities in the community for the common goal of helping provide Portage County families with the opportunity for a better life. Monitors program compliance with federal and state rules, regulations and laws regarding public assistance programs. Supervises and provides for staff development. Assures that staff meets educational and training requirements.

Minimum qualifications: Completion of Bachelor's degree in public administration, behavioral science, social science or a related field and a minimum of three years experience as a PA Manager or five years experience as a PA Supervisor. *MUST HAVE VAILD OHIO DRIVER'S LICENSE

You must demonstrate on the county application form how you meet the minimum qualifications. You may insert a resume. You may pick up an application on the 6th floor at the administration building or you may download a county application at: www.co.portage.oh.us. Submit application, with cover letter by **May 17, 2010** to: Portage County Human Resources Department, 449 South Meridian Street, 6th Floor, Ravenna, Ohio 44266. EOE