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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 2011

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

APRIL 29, 2011

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, CLERMONT COUNTY (BATAVIA)

MAY 6, 2011

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, THE OHIO BUILDING, SUMMIT COUNTY (AKRON)

MAY 11, 2011

CCAO 2nd WEDNESDAY SEMINAR, HUMAN SERVICES WORKSHOP: JOB & FAMILY SERVICES, CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, CHILDREN SERVICES & WORKFORCE INVESTMENT, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

MAY 18-20, 2011

NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE, CHELAN COUNTY, (WENATCHEE), WA

JUNE 10, 2011

CCAO/CEAO SUMMER SEMINAR, COLUMBUS

JULY 15-19, 2011

NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MULTNOMAH COUNTY (PORTLAND), OR

ASSOCIATION NEWS

2ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES: HUMAN SERVICES WORKSHOP: JOB & FAMILY SERVICES, CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, CHILDREN SERVICES & WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

CCAO encourages commissioners and other county officials to attend the next CCAO 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series on "Human Services Workshop: Job & Family Services, Child Support Enforcement, Children Services & Workforce Investment" on May 11, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series will be held at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus.

CCAO has confirmed attendance by Joel Potts, Executive Director, Ohio Job and Family Service Directors Association; Kim Newsome Bridges, Executive Director, Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agency Directors Association; and Crystal Ward Allen, Executive Director of Public Children Services Association. John Trott, Coordinator of the Area 7 Consortium has been invited to speak.

Mark your calendar now to learn firsthand from key individuals representing the administration and within the legislature how the state proposes to address and balance the most challenging state budget in memory.

The 2nd Wednesday sessions are designed to be very interactive, allowing ample opportunity for attendees to ask questions and have dialogue directly with the speakers. All sessions are free and parking is available in the CCAO parking lot adjacent to the CCAO office.

Program details are posted 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! Please pre-register so that CCAO can have adequate seating and handouts. To register, contact Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at jerwin@ccao.org

COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH IS HERE! HOW ARE YOU TELLING YOUR COUNTY STORY?

How are you telling your county story for National County Government Month (NCGM)? NACo's theme for NCGM, is "Serving Our Veterans, Armed Forces, and Their Families." You can follow NACo's suggested theme or any celebration plan that works for your county. County government needs to tell their story to the public!

A NCGM booklet containing suggested community activities, a draft proclamation, a sample news release, and many more possibilities full of ideas to celebrate NCGM is posted at www.naco.org. This year, for the first year, NACo will recognize and present an award to three counties for their outstanding NCGM activities. Each of the three winners will win two free conference registrations to any NACo meeting. Details on the award's program can be found in the booklet as well as on NACo's website at www.naco.org. For more information, contact Jim Philipps, NACo Media Relations Manager, at (202) 942.4220 or jphilipps@naco.org

CCAO AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETINGS – APRIL 29 & MAY 6

Plan to attend one of two County Commissioners' Clerks and Engineer's Administrative Professional Association of Ohio (CCC/EAPA) regional meetings scheduled in April and May to share information and network with other clerks. CCC/EAPA is comprised of county commissioners and engineers' office staff. All commissioners' clerks and engineers' administrative professionals are welcome to network with this most informative organization. The board works hard to provide educational workshops and training opportunities at conferences.

Regional information and networking luncheon meetings are a priority with CCC/EAPA. Topics will vary at each meeting and are held on Friday's beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. CCAO/CEAO sponsors the lunch.

APRIL 29, 2011 - CLERMONT COUNTY
Clermont County Engineer's Office, 2381 Clermont Center Drive, Clermont County (Batavia)
Sharon Lawhorn, Administrative Assistant, Warren County Engineer's Office, (513) 695-3305 or Sharon.lawhorn@co.warren.oh.us
MAY 6, 2011 - SUMMIT COUNTY
The Ohio Building, 175 South Main Street, Summit County (Akron)
Theresa Upton, Clerk, Lorain County Commissioners, (440) 329-5103 or tupton@loraincounty.us

A complete schedule can be found at www.ccao.org > Calendar > Seminars, Workshops & Special Events. Please email suggestions for agenda items to Carolyn Hauenstein, Clerk, Erie County Commissioners at (419) 627-7675 or chauenstein@eriecounty.oh.gov or Rhonda Slauterbeck, Clerk, Ottawa County Commissioners at (419) 734-6720 or rslauterbeck@co.ottawa.oh.us Bring any forms to the meeting that may be useful to share with other counties.

To obtain additional information about the CCC/EAPA, or if you are interested in serving on one of the committees, please contact CCC/EAPA President - Gail Crossen, Clerk, Ashland County Commissioners, at (419) 282-4220 or gcrossen@ashlandcounty.org or www.ccc-esao.org

STATE ACTIVITIES

ODNR ACCEPTING ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

Woodland owners in 31 eastern Ohio counties can apply to participate in a federal conservation easement program that provides a one-time payment in exchange for voluntarily agreeing to permanently maintain their woods as working forests, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Eligible counties include: Adams, Ashtabula, Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Gallia, Geauga, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Lake, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Portage, Ross, Scioto, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Vinton and Washington.

Applications will be accepted through May 15, 2011 for enrollment in the Forest Legacy Program, which is coordinated nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and administered in Ohio by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Forestry. The mission of Ohio's Forest Legacy Program is to protect working forests. Ohio grows more acres of trees than corn and soybeans combined. The ODNR Division of Forestry works to promote the wise use and sustainable management of Ohio's public and private woodlands. Landowners who enter the program must agree to manage their woodlands according to plans developed in mutual cooperation with the Division of Forestry. If accepted into the program, landowners can receive a one-time payment for accepting a conservation easement on their property.

Each year, up to three of the top applications from Ohio are selected to compete nationally for Forest Legacy funding. Priority is given to forest land that exhibits exceptional resource values and has been shown to be threatened by conversion to non-forest use. Since Ohio's program began in 2005, two projects have received Forest Legacy funding to protect 7,402 acres of working forest land in the state.

Applications for Ohio's Forest Legacy Program are available from the ODNR Division of Forestry at 2045 Morse Road, Building H-1, Columbus, OH 43229. Applications are online at www.ohiodnr.com/forestry

COUNTIES SENT SUBGRANT AGREEMENTS TO SIGN

H.B. 119, the biennial budget bill enacted in 2007, designated counties as sub-recipients of federal human service funds. Under ORC Sections 307.98 and 5101.21, counties and ODJFS must enter into a subgrant agreement each new biennium.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has sent out to all county human service agencies and boards subgrant agreements for the commissioners, along with the directors of the human services agencies and boards, to sign. You should be hearing soon from your human services directors, who received the agreement. You also should receive (if you have not already) a letter from ODJFS regarding these agreements.

CCAO, along with the Ohio Job & Family Services Directors Association, Public Children Services Association of Ohio, and Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agency Directors Association, have reviewed the agreement that is being sent out. We also worked with ODJFS to ensure that language in the proposed budget, HB 153, will not increase risk to counties in terms of these agreements.

In order for counties to continue to receive funding for human service programs, all parties, including county commissioners, must sign the agreement. Please return the signed agreements to ODJFS by May 31, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Abu-Absi, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7996, (888) 757-1904 or labu-absi@ccao.org

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

FY 2012 HOUSE BUDGET MAKES DEEP CUTS IN COUNTY PROGRAMS

On April 6, the House Budget Committee passed the FY 2012 Budget Resolutions, the first step in the Congressional budget process. The resolution would reduce spending by almost \$6 trillion over the next ten years. The budget resolution traditionally does not give many specifics. Instead it gives a blueprint to the appropriators of how much they have available in their specific functions. Additionally, it may give instructions to authorizing committees for deficit reduction measures. Nonetheless, the Chairman's blueprint gives a general idea of what can be expected and calls for significant changes to some programs, particularly Medicaid. Some of the most significant proposals for counties include a Medicaid block grant, overall domestic spending reductions, a reserve fund for Secure Rural Schools and PILT, and consolidation of job-training programs. For a summary go to www.naco.org > Legislation & Policy > Legislative Bulletins > 4/8/12.

BROWN INTRODUCES BI PARTISAN "SECTORS" ACT

On March 29, Senators Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) and Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) introduced the Strengthening Employment Clusters to Organize Regional Success (SECTORS) Act (S.665), legislation that will help grow American industries and provide employment opportunities for America's workers. Companion legislation (H.R. 1240) has been introduced in the House. Ohio Representatives Tim Ryan (District 17 – Warren) and Betty Sutton (District 13 – Akron) have signed on as co-sponsors.

This bipartisan legislation, developed in collaboration with experts in the workforce field, would support partnerships that allow businesses, unions, educators, and the public workforce system to develop and implement plans for growing a particular industry and helping workers train for jobs and advancement within that industry. The legislation would organize stakeholders connected to a regional industry such as multiple firms, unions, education and training providers, and local workforce and education system administrators-to develop plans for growing that industry. Eligible entities would be able to apply for a one year planning grant of up to \$250,000 and a three year implementation grant of up to \$2.5 million. For more information, contact Deseree Gardner, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4204 or dgardner@naco.org

HOUSE PASSES H.R. 872 - PESTICIDES BILL

On March 31, the House of Representatives passed the Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act (H.R. 872) under suspension of the rules by a vote of 292-130. The bill, sponsored by Ohio Representative Bob Gibbs (District 18 – Millersburg), was introduced as a bipartisan response to a court ruling on National Cotton Council v. EPA (6th Cir. 2009), which instructed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to move forward with federally regulating pesticides under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Ohio Representatives Steve Austria (District 7 – Springfield), Bill Johnson (District 6 – Marietta), Steve LaTourette (District 14 – Painesville), Bob Latta (District 5 – Bowling Green), Jean Schmidt (District 2 – Cincinnati), Steve Stivers (District 15 – Columbus) and Pat Tiberi (District 12 – Columbus) are co-sponsors of H.R. 872.

The EPA was under a court ordered deadline of April 9 to produce a permit, however, the court granted an extension until October 15. H.R. 872 is especially important for county governments who serve as primary service providers for their residents. As originally proposed, the pesticide regulations would have a huge impact on county government activities associated with public health, land use, forest and park management, flood control, transportation projects, air and water programs, invasive species control, and endangered species protection. Pesticides are currently regulated under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). It is the principal law that authorizes EPA to regulate the manufacture, distribution, sale, and use of pesticides in the United States. FIFRA has been extremely effective in regulating the use and sale of pesticides to protect human health and preserve the environment. More importantly, FIFRA does not fully preempt state or local law, allowing state and local governments to also regulate pesticide use. NACo supports using pesticides in accordance with the instructions on the label and supports strong penalties for those who misuse pesticides in FIFRA. However, the EPA permit program, as proposed, would have added additional reporting and monitoring requirements without necessarily ensuring clean water. No funding was attached to the new requirements to help state and local governments comply with the new regulations. H.R. 872 aims to reduce the regulatory burden as imposed by this ruling. The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration. For more information, contact Julie Ufner, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4269 or jufner@naco.org

NACo ACTIVITIES

NEW PUBLICATIONS EXPLORE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY AND OPEN RECORDS LAWS

NACo's "County Authority: A State by State Report" provides detailed information about the authority granted to county governments to perform services and programs statutorily. Each report contains information about county finance; contracts; zoning and land use; public safety, health and sanitation; roads, bridges, and transportation; recreation, leisure, and culture; alternative forms of government. To read a copy of the report, go to <http://www.naco.org/research/pubs/Pages/default.aspx>

COUNTY GOVERNMENT WORKS

America's counties face a problem. We know that America's counties provide outstanding programs and services, but unfortunately, many Americans do not know about the responsibilities counties have or the programs and services they provide.

NACo President Glen Whitley launched an initiative to make the American public, who are beneficiaries of government services, and officials at other levels of government, who are partners in delivering those services, more knowledgeable and positive about the contributions of county government. County officials must tell the story about the effectiveness of county government and how County Government Works every day.

Counties keep the important records, such as birth and death certificates, marriage licenses and property records. We build roads and bridges and ensure their safety. Some counties maintain parks with soccer and baseball fields. We care for the sick, operate hospitals, pick up trash, provide police protection, handle emergency services, run courts and jails and conduct elections.

Counties are innovative. We use new technology and always search for ways to provide services more efficiently. Many counties strive to use energy more efficiently and to protect our environment. We deal with important issues like health care, immigration and job loss.

We are leaders in our communities and have to make tough decisions affecting our friends and neighbors. We get questioned by constituents at the grocery store, at church and on phone calls late at night. It's not an easy job, but we are committed to our communities and the families and individuals we serve. For more information about County Government Works, go to www.naco.org/programs/countiesdo/Pages/default.aspx

WEBINARS

PROMOTING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH: PREVENTION & WELLNESS IN HEALTH REFORM

Investing in prevention and health promotion has the potential to reduce costs of treating chronic diseases and lessen the burden on county health care safety net services. Join NACo's webinar on Thursday, April 21, 2011 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. to learn about funding opportunities for prevention and public health and other aspects of the Affordable Care Act that can help improve your county's public health infrastructure and promote overall community health. To register go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/961099691> For more information, contact Anita Cardwell, NACo Senior Associate, Community Services, at (202) 942-4267 or acardwell@naco.org

SEMINARS

ARBITRATOR & ADVOCATE SYMPOSIUM

The Central Ohio Labor & Employee Relations Association, Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service and State Employment Relations Board will host the "2011 Arbitrator & Advocate Symposium" on May 12-13 at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. Registration begins at 12:00 noon on May 12. Sessions will end at 4:30 p.m. followed by a reception. On May 13, registration and a continental breakfast begin at 7:00 a.m. with sessions starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. Registration fee: \$175 per person (includes session materials, reception, continental breakfast, breaks, and lunch). Ohio CLE's have been applied for on both days including 2.5 hours for ethics, professionalism and substance abuse. For more information go www.serb.state.oh.us

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2011-010

1. A board of county commissioners that has created, participated in the creation of, or joined a port authority military-use facility has the authority under R.C. 5739.09(A)(5)(b)(ii) to increase by up to an additional two percent the rate of a county excise tax on lodging levied pursuant to R.C. 5739.09(A)(1). This two percent rate increase is in addition to the three percent tax rate authorized by R.C. 5739.09(A)(1).
2. A board of county commissioners may act pursuant to R.C. 5739.09(A)(5)(b)(ii) to increase the rate of a county excise tax on lodging even if a board of township trustees of a township located within the county has levied a separate excise tax on lodging pursuant to R.C. 505.56.

CLASSIFIEDS

DIRECTOR OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

The Crawford County Commissioners will be accepting applications and resumes for the position of Director of Job & Family Services. Qualifications: Possession of a master's degree or equivalent in public administration, business administration, human services, social work, sociology, or related field and a minimum of five years of administrative/management experience to include responsibility for managing fiscal aspect of an organization and assisting in developing and implementing policies and programs is preferable. At least two years of experience as a supervisor over subordinate staff and/or contractors is required. County residency is required with six months of hire. Salary is negotiable and will be based on education and experience.

Applicants may apply by submitting a cover letter detailing salary history, current resume, references, and the qualifications as they relate to the specified minimum qualifications. Letter and resume must be postmarked by **April 29, 2011** to Stephanie Fackler, Human Resource Manager, Commissioner's Office, Suite 304, 112 E. Mansfield Street, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820. EOE.

JFS DEPUTY DIRECTOR

The Human Services Division of The Warren County Job and Family Services Department seeks a Deputy Director. Under administrative direction of the Director of Human Services and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code and state/federal regulations, assists with planning, directing and administering the operations of the agency. The Deputy Director will assist with administering other social services, public assistance casework, recruiting and supervising of employees. Assist with developing policy and procedure, preparation of budget, preparation of state and federal reports, recommendation of contracts and expenditures. Assist with obtaining and securing necessary funding, maintains public relations and responds/resolves complaints from citizens.

Preferred Qualifications: Bachelors Degree with an emphasis in social work, public administration or related field. Five years of managerial experience in; policy formulation, supervision, public relations, budgeting, forecasting and financials. Equivalent combinations of training and/or work experience which evidences a thorough knowledge of the qualifications stated above will be reviewed as well.

A Warren County Application for Employment must be completed. Please visit Warren County's website, www.co.warren.oh.us, to download an application. Please send application and resume to: Susan Spencer, Personnel Officer Warren County, 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, OH 45036 or fax to: 513-695-2547 or email to: spensu@co.warren.oh.us. Applications will be accepted through **April 29, 2011**. Please contact Susan Spencer at, 513-695-1747 with any questions. EOE.

COMMUNICATIONS AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS MANAGER

Applications are being accepted for the position of Communications and Employee Relations Manager in the Commissioners' office. This position is responsible for designing and implementing internal and external marketing and communications programs and promoting awareness of goals and activities of the organization on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and its departments and to the management staff, employees, citizens and businesses of Delaware County. Qualified applicants must have Bachelor's degree in journalism or communications and five years documented long term, successful experience as a public information officer in a public entity or private organization with high public profile, or documented successful experience as a reporter or producer with a large market news media organization. Job qualifications and an employment application can be obtained from www.co.delaware.oh.us, at the Delaware County Human Resources Department, 10 Court Street, 2nd Floor, Delaware, OH 43015 or by calling (740) 833-2120. Deadline for submitting an application is **Wednesday, April 20, 2011**. 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



Second Wednesday's

May 11, 2011

**Human Services Workshop: Job & Family Services,
Child Support Enforcement, Children Services & Workforce Investment**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Learn from experts the financial and other challenges facing County Job and Family Service Directors, Child Support Enforcement Agencies, Children Service Agencies, and Workforce Investment Boards as they attempt to deliver critical human service programs at a time of limited resources. Association leaders will provide a broad overview of their program in the human services world and the important services provided to constituencies. Each association director will discuss their responsibility to the county, structure, functions, funding, and challenges of their agencies.

PRESENTERS

Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

Joel Potts, Executive Director, Ohio Job & Family Service Directors Association

Kim Newsome Bridges, Executive Director, Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agency
Directors Association

Crystal Ward Allen, Executive Director, Public Children Services Association of Ohio

John Trott, Coordinator, Area 7 Consortium, (invited)

AGENDA—9:30-12:30

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:35 a.m. Overview of Job & Family Services Department
- 10:00 a.m. Providing Needed Services of Child Support Enforcement
- 10:30 a.m. Services to Children—the Youngest Constituents
- 11:00 a.m. Area 7 Consortium
- 11:30 a.m. Panel Discussion
- 12:30 p.m. Adjourn

LOCATION

All Second Wednesday's Seminars will be held in the Board Room at the CCAO offices, 209 East State Street, Columbus 43215.

HOW TO REGISTER

Register for this FREE program by email only to Janet Erwin at jerwin@ccao.org. Please include the name and title of those attending and the county, agency or company they represent. Coffee will be served at 9:00 a.m., the program begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes promptly at 12:30 p.m., and lunch is on your own after the program.

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