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| MAY 11, 2011 | CCAO 2 nd WEDNESDAY SEMINAR, HUMAN SERVICES WORKSHOP: JOB & FAMILY SERVICES, CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, CHILDREN SERVICES & WORKFORCE INVESTMENT, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| MAY 18, 2011 | CCAO JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| MAY 19, 2011 | CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| MAY 18-20, 2011 | NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE, CHELAN COUNTY, (WENATCHEE), WA |
| MAY 26, 2011 | CCAO METROPOLITAN & REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL |
| JUNE 10, 2011 | CCAO/CEAO SUMMER SEMINAR, COLUMBUS |
| JULY 15-19, 2011 | NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MULTNOMAH COUNTY (PORTLAND), OR |

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO/CEAO SUMMER SEMINAR TO BE HELD JUNE 10

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 10, 2011. Meetings will be held at the Embassy Suites – Dublin, 5100 Upper Metro Place, in Dublin.

Modeled after the successful seminar held last year, CCAO/CEAO has changed the format of the traditional two-day summer conference held in the past to a one-day seminar. All conference educational sessions will take place on Friday, June 10. Registration will open at 7:30 a.m. with sessions beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m.

CCAO has scheduled the following educational sessions:

1. Shared Services Panel Discussion
2. Regional Human Service Delivery
3. Economic Development
4. Human Resources & Risk Management in Difficult Times
5. Energy Update: Earth, Wind and Solar
6. Communicating a Difficult Message

The CCAO/CEAO General Session will feature a discussion about the State Budget.

An optional activity is available on Thursday evening, June 9 before the seminar at the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium. Bus transportation will leave from the Embassy Suites at 5:00 p.m. Following exploring the zoo and eating dinner, CCAO/CEAO registrants will have a short presentation from zoo keepers with animals before returning to the hotel at 8:30 p.m.

There will be one registration fee for all attendees that will include conference registration, continental breakfast, beverage breaks, and lunch. Registration for the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium is optional. Registration information will be available next week.

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 Newsom Bridges, Executive Director, Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agency Directors Association; Crystal Ward Allen, Executive Director of Public Children Services Association; and John Trott, Coordinator of the Area 7 Consortium and Bert Cene, Executive Director of the Mahoning – Columbiana Training Association. Mark your calendar now to learn firsthand from association leaders the financial and other challenges facing the human services community as they attempt to deliver critical human service programs at a time of limited resources.

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 ACTIVITIES

STATUS OF COUNTYWIDE ISSUE LEVIES

All six of Ohio's 88 county boards of developmental disabilities have won their renewal or replacement levy issues at the ballot box. They are as follows:

- Delaware County - 2.1 mills (Replacement) - 5 years – won by 58.1%
- Holmes County - 1.8 mills (Renewal) - 10 years –won by - 58%

- Huron County/Christie Lane - 1 mill (Renewal) - 5 years - won by 73%
- Mercer County - 2.42 mills (Renewal) - 6 years – won by 69.81%
- Miami County - 2.5 mills (Replacement) - 5 years – won by 59.99%
- Sandusky County - 2 mills (Replacement) - 5 years – won by 56.9%

All three countywide senior services tax levies passed, according to the Department of Aging. Allen County captured the highest percentage of affirmative votes at 74%, Pickaway County had 64% and Sandusky County took 59% of the vote. Currently, senior-specific levies are in 72 of Ohio's 88 counties. There are 70 countywide levies and 14 overseen by municipalities, according to the agency. Such levies are now generating more than \$135.5 million for the local agencies.

STATE ACTIVITIES

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL: COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS OPEN

The Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (SWAC) is an advisory body that serves three functions: 1) assists Ohio EPA with preparing the state solid waste management plan (state plan); 2) approves or disapproves the draft plan; and 3) annually reviews implementation of the state plan. SWAC members represent various parties that are involved in or have an interest in solid waste management in Ohio. In this way, SWAC provides Ohio EPA with well-balanced input for developing the state plan.

Nominations are being sought for one of the two seats representing counties. The two-year term begins June 24, 2011. SWAC meets four times a year, once every quarter. Meetings are scheduled based on a calendar year. If necessary, the Ohio EPA director can require additional meetings.

County commissioners interested in submitting their names should contact Tanya McComas, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627 or tmccomas@ccao.org by **Friday, May 13**. The names will be reviewed by CCAO and submitted to Governor Kasich who will make the final selection.

The other member representing counties on SWAC is Tom Ferrell, Erie County Commissioner. In addition, Chris Jacobs, Columbiana-Carroll-Harrison Solid Waste Management District Director, represents joint solid waste management districts, while Holly Christmann, Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Director, represents single solid waste management districts.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

ELIASON & TROY PARTICIPATE IN HISTORIC NACo/WHITE HOUSE SUMMIT TO DISCUSS COUNTY GOVERNMENT ISSUES

NACo 1st Vice President and Athens County Commissioner Lenny Eliason and Lake County Commissioner Daniel Troy joined fellow county officials from across the country to participate in an historic five-hour NACo/White House Summit on May 3 to discuss at length critical issues of concern to county governments and the communities they serve. Also in attendance were CCAO Executive Director Larry Long, CEAO Executive Director Fred Pausch and Madison County Engineer David Brand. The highlight of the half-day summit was an appearance and remarks by President Obama and Vice President Biden.

Leading the in-depth policy discussions were four cabinet secretaries representing the leaders of the federal government's domestic policy agenda: Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Health & Human Services; Secretary Janet Napolitano, Homeland Security; Secretary Ray LaHood, Transportation; and Secretary Shaun Donovan,

Housing & Urban Development. Also leading discussion was Administrator Lisa Jackson, Environmental Protection Agency.

“This was an extraordinary opportunity for county officials to speak directly – and at length – with President Obama’s cabinet secretaries and other key Administration officials,” said NACo President Glen Whitley. “It’s literally been decades since county officials have had this substantial access to those who work at – or report to – 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. We are grateful that the White House invited the nation’s counties to the table to discuss issues important to counties and communities.”

Whitley led the NACo Officers and leadership during the meetings, held in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, formerly known as the Old Executive Office Building adjacent to the White House. Most of the other county officials invited by the White House, about 100 in total, chair or vice chair NACo’s 13 policy steering committees and subcommittees.

The summit was divided into three separate session discussions led by a cabinet secretary or his/her designee:

- Session I: Breaking the Cycle of Jails & Poverty: A County Perspective;
- Session II: Infrastructure and Sustainable Communities; and
- Session III: Health Reform Implementation & Medicaid.

Eliason stated that it was an honor to be invited by the White House to discuss federal issues affecting counties and communities and the challenges counties face in providing the services people depend on.

OSHA LAUNCHES ‘PICTURE IT! SAFE WORKPLACES FOR EVERYONE’ PHOTO CONTEST

This week, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced a nationwide photography contest: “Picture It! Safe Workplaces for Everyone.” OSHA challenges anyone with a passion for photography to capture an image of workplace safety and health and share it with the agency. The goal of the contest is collaborate with the public — relying on the talent, imagination and creativity of participants — to kick off a national effort to raise awareness about workplace safety and health.

The contest, which is part of OSHA's yearlong 40th anniversary celebration, is open to members of the public ages 18 and older and will run through Friday, August 12. Both professional and amateur photographers are welcome to enter. Participants can find contest rules and submit photographs at <http://www.osha.gov/osha40/photo-contest.html>

NACo SEEKS EXAMPLES OF REGULATORY HURDLES, HINDRANCES

If you have been bothered and befuddled by federal regulations that add expense and headaches to your projects or operations, now’s your time to let NACo know. NACo is collecting information to forward to the Obama administration in conjunction with a White House initiative to find ways to design cost-effective, evidence-based regulations.

Earlier this month, officials from the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) and Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) met with local government groups to discuss the administration’s implementation of regulatory review initiatives, and to seek their assistance in gathering information.

Specifically, NACo is looking for particular barriers (administrative, regulatory or legislative) that county staff or elected officials find to be duplicative or burdensome because they tend to prevent the efficient use of money from federally funded programs that benefit constituents.

You can enter your experiences online at www.naco.org/FedRegsProblems or go to the "Legislation and Policy" main page on NACo's website. Please be as specific as possible, citing examples where appropriate. The results will be forwarded to the White House. For more information, contact Mike Belarmino, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4254 or mbelarmino@naco.org

BROWN INTRODUCES MEDICAID LOCK-IN BILL

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Cleveland) said he introduced federal legislation Wednesday that would fight prescription drug abuse nationwide, especially in Ohio where the crime has become "an epidemic."

The senator's bill would require national adoption of Medicaid Lock-In programs that limit to one the number of doctors and pharmacies from which high-risk patients can obtain high-risk medications.

States would identify individuals who would be considered high-risk drug users - those who are receiving excessive amount of prescription drugs or those who have been convicted of a drug-related offense. States would also identify prescription drugs that are dispensed under Medicaid that are most likely to present a high-risk of over-utilization.

Doctor shopping, by which individuals visit multiple physicians to obtain the same prescription, and pill mills, where doctors, pharmacies or illegal pain clinics prescribe and dispense drugs inappropriately, would be prevented by the lock-in approach, the senator said.

The federal government would develop a similar lock-in for Medicare.

Twenty states already use lock-in programs. South Carolina's Medicaid lock-in pilot program targeted high-use beneficiaries and resulted in a 43% decrease in the total number of prescription pain medications dispensed.

Last year, Ohio's Medicaid program spent \$820 million on prescription medicines. While most prescription pain medicines are used as prescribed, some criminals defraud the Medicaid system by attempting to acquire multiple prescriptions and filling them at multiple pharmacies.

The Medicaid Lock-In program will cut down on abuse, should mean fewer deaths and will save the state Medicaid program and federal Medicaid program significant money.

States already have the authority to implement such plans but the federal law would require it. Brown explained he expects Ohio to have something similar in place by the summer.

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo 76TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION; ELIASON TO BECOME NACo PRESIDENT IN JULY

The National Association of Counties (NACo) and Multnomah County (Portland), Oregon invite you to join appointed and elected officials from across the nation this summer for the "NACo 76th Annual Conference & Exposition" to be held July 15-19, 2011 at the Oregon Convention Center.

The Opening General Session featured speaker on Sunday, July 17 will be Aron Ralston - mountain climber and inspiration for the film "127 Hours". A preliminary conference schedule is posted at www.naco.org

This year, a very special honor will be bestowed upon Athens County Commissioner Lenny Eliason, current NACo 1st Vice President, who will be elected 2011-12 NACo President. This will be the first time an Ohioan will be elected NACo President! Join us in Portland to celebrate this momentous occasion for Lenny and Ohio.

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 registration discount is available until June 3. The Hilton is the headquarters hotel, but many hotel options are available. For more information, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org

Interested in learning how wind power works and how you can bring it to your county? Join other county officials for a wind power tour on July 14 in Portland prior to the annual conference. Multnomah and Sherman counties and NACo's Green Government Initiative are hosting a wind tour of three wind facilities in the Columbia River Gorge. The tour is FREE, thanks to the generous support of several tour sponsors. To register, go to <http://countywindpowertour.eventbrite.com/> For more information, contact Jared Lang, Program Manager, NACo Green Government Initiative, at (202) 942-4224 or jlang@naco.org

ELIASON TO APPOINT LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2011-12

Athens County Commissioner and NACo 1st Vice President Lenny Eliason will have the privilege of making the following appointments to his 2011-12 Leadership Team. CCAO is honored to have the first NACo President from O-H-I-O! Congratulations Lenny...and best wishes for a great year when you are elected NACo President at the Annual Conference in July!

- Steering Committee Leadership – The 11 steering committees will each have a leadership team consisting of a chair, vice-chairs, subcommittee chairs, and vice-chairs. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference. This does not include steering committee membership nominations. CCAO will process nominations in early June. (See article below.)
- Caucus Leadership – These one-year appointments include the Rural Action Caucus (RAC) and Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) Steering Committees chair and vice-chairs. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference.
- At-Large Appointments to the NACo Board of Directors – These ten one-year appointments add diversity to the board.
- Standing Committees – Four committees (i.e., Finance, Information Technology, Member Programs and Services, and Membership Committees)
- Ad Hoc Committees – Five committees (i.e., Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee, NACo Financial Services Center Advisory Committee, Arts and Culture Commission, Geospatial Information Systems Committee, Green Government Advisory Board, and Healthy Counties Advisory Board)

The application is available online at www.naco.org Click on About NACo>Committees and Caucuses>Presidential Appointments. Application deadline: June 3, 2011. If you have any questions please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org

2011-12 NACo STEERING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Do you want a voice in creating the national legislative policies of the National Association of Counties (NACo)? Then consider serving on one of their 11 steering committees: Agriculture & Rural Affairs, Community & Economic Development, Environment, Energy & Land Use, Finance & Intergovernmental Affairs, Health, Human Services & Education, Justice & Public Safety, Labor & Employment, Public Lands, Telecommunications & Technology, and Transportation.

The nomination process for membership on NACo policy steering committees is underway. As a NACo steering committee member, you are responsible for debating and creating national policies and priorities affecting counties and serve as NACo's front line in their grassroots efforts. Committees meet at the NACo legislative and annual conferences and one other time during the year. You will be responsible for your own travel.

If you are currently serving on a committee and would like to be reappointed, or if you would like to learn more about the committees, contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org Please respond by June 1, 2011. The nominations are processed at CCAO and will be forwarded to NACo for approval by the incoming NACo President Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner, after the NACo Annual Conference in July. NACo will announce your appointment in September 2011.

TRAINING

2011 OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE WORKSHOPS

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office will host the following workshops this year:

- Utilizing the Online Mapping System – Live Webinar
- Historic Preservation for Local Governments
- How to Prepare Federal Historic Preservation Certification Application – Live Webinar
- Recording Archaeological Sites in the Ohio Archaeological Inventory – Live Webinar
- How to Meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation in Historic Tax Credit Projects – Live Webinar
- Identifying & Evaluating Properties of the Recent Past

For more information about the 2011 Ohio Historic Preservation Office Workshops call (614) 298-2000 or go to www.ohiohistory.org/resource/histpres/programs/cwto-01.html

OHIO ETHICS COMMISSION

Syllabus

2011-03

1. Division (A)(1) of Section 102.03 of the Revised Code prohibits the former Deputy Treasurer of the State of Ohio from representing his new employer, a bank, or its customers or employees, before any public agency on any matter in which he personally participated during his employment at the Treasurer's Office;
2. Division (A)(3) of Section 2921.42 of the Revised Code prohibits the former Deputy Treasurer of the State of Ohio from profiting from any unbid contracts that he authorized or participated in authorizing during his employment at the Treasurer's Office.

CLASSIFIEDS

SANITARY ENGINEER

Under administrative direction of the Miami County Board of Commissioners; directs operations and development of water supply systems, sewer districts; coordinates and develops successful long range plans with township and village officials; and refuse disposal districts. Researches and evaluates current operations and make recommendations; prepares budget; develops policies and procedures; develops operating plans. Supervises departmental personnel, plans, schedules, assigns and reviews work; evaluates performance;

provides direction; recommends personnel actions; interviews applicants. Analyzes, interprets, and prepares records, reports, statistical data and related documents and materials. Investigates and resolves complaints; communicates with the public, press and various officials.

Completion of post-secondary education with a degree in Civil Engineering from an accredited college or university, or equivalent, plus substantial experience in refuse disposal, water supply and wastewater treatment facilities operation; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Must be registered as a Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio; must possess a valid Ohio Driver's License.

All interested applicants may acquire an application at the Miami County Job Center, 2040 N. County Road 25A, Troy, OH 45373 between the hours of 7:00 am to 6:00 pm on Mondays and 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Friday. They can also be accessed through the Miami County web site at www.co.miami.oh.us. All properly completed applications are to be returned to the above address or e-mailed to hr@co.miami.oh.us by **May 13, 2011**. EOE.

HOUSING REHABILITATION SPECIALIST

Applicant will implement federally-funded housing rehabilitation projects. Experience in residential construction a plus. Applicant must be highly organized, personable and have the desire/ability to work as a team member; must be comfortable using office software to document project processes and progress--record keeping and grant compliance is an important part of this job. Must have or be willing to obtain Lead Risk Assessor/Abatement Contractor licenses in State of Ohio. Inspections include roof, structure, foundations, insulation/weatherization, HVAC, plumbing, electrical and environmental. This job will be a mix of office work and in-the-field housing construction management. Valid driver's license required. Physical mobility, including walking up and down stairs, using ladders, etc., and occasional lifting are required. Submit a resume and three professional references, along with a cover letter to: Maumee Valley Planning Organization, 1300 East Second Street, Suite 200, Defiance OH 43512, Fax: (419) 784-2061, Email: MV-Planning@hotmail.com. Application deadline: **May 13, 2011**. EOE.

DIRECTOR OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES

The Ashland County Commissioners seek a director of the County Department of Job & Family Services. Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree (graduate degree preferred) in business administration, human services, human resources, social work, or education; 5-7 years of administrative/managerial experience to include responsibility for managing the fiscal aspects of an organization, agency, program or operational area assisting in developing and implementing policies, programs, laws, rules and/or regulations. Salary is negotiable. 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. Application deadline: **June 1, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.** Please visit our website at www.ashlandcounty.org where a complete position description can be obtained. Send letter and resume to Gail Crossen, Clerk, Ashland County Commissioners' Office, 110 Cottage Street, Ashland, Ohio 44805. 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