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### DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 20, 2012

**CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS**

FEBRUARY 8, 2012

**CCAO 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY SEMINAR: COUNTY AIRPORTS: FUNDING, OPERATIONS & ECONOMIC IMPACT, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS**

MARCH 3-7, 2012

**NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON HILTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, DC**

MARCH 7, 2012

**OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING – ROOM B-340, WASHINGTON, DC**

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### 2012 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES: COUNTY AIRPORTS: FUNDING, OPERATIONS & ECONOMIC IMPACT

CCAO encourages commissioners and other county officials to attend the next CCAO 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series on “County Airports: Funding, Operations and Economic Impact” on February 8, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series is held at the CCAO offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus.

This informational seminar will include information on the economic value of airports, Federal Aviation Administration and state contractual agreements, airport improvement funding, and insurance and liability concerns.

A flyer announcing all 2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Seminars is attached to CIDS. The 2nd Wednesday sessions are designed to be very interactive, allowing ample opportunity for attendees to ask questions and have dialogue directly with speakers. All sessions are free and parking is available in the lot adjacent to the CCAO office. Program details are posted at [www.ccao.org](http://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 Tanya McComas, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at [tmccomas@ccao.org](mailto:tmccomas@ccao.org) Please include the name and title of those attending and the county, agency or company they represent.

HANDBOOK CHAPTER ON THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES PUBLISHED

Recently, Chapter 44 – County Department of Job & Family Services of the County Commissioners Handbook was published on the CCAO website. Find the chapter at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org) > Publications > County Commissioners Handbook or click on the Handbook button on the front page. For more information, contact Laura Abu-Absi, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7996, (888) 757-1904 or [labu-absi@ccao.org](mailto:labu-absi@ccao.org)

**STATE ACTIVITIES**

LGIF REGIONAL INFORMATION SESSIONS BEGIN NEXT WEEK

The Ohio Department of Development (DOD) has scheduled five regional Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) Regional Information Sessions to explain the upcoming Innovation Grant & Loan Application and Program. The Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) was established to provide financial assistance to Ohio political subdivisions for planning and implementing projects that are designed to create more efficient and effective service delivery within a specific discipline of government services for one or more entities. Through this program, DOD seeks to promote efficiency, collaboration, merger, and shared services among local governments. Projects are also expected to facilitate improved business environments and promote community attraction.

The LGIF program will award up to \$100,000 in grant funds per feasibility study, up to \$100,000 in loan assistance per entity for demonstration projects, and up to \$500,000 in loan assistance for multi-entity projects to be used for demonstration projects. The following regional information sessions will provide more information. For additional information go to: <http://www.development.ohio.gov/Urban/LGIF.htm>

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	VENUE
1-10-12	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Session will include a webinar)	Columbus	William Green Building 30 West Spring St-2 <sup>nd</sup> FL Auditorium Columbus
1-11-12	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Marietta	Washington State Community College 710 Colegate Drive – Graham Auditorium Marietta
1-17-12	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Cleveland area	Cuyahoga Community College Corporate College East – Super Conference Room 4400 Richmond Road Warrensville Heights
1-18-12	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Toledo area	Owens Community College Center for Fine Arts and Performing Arts 30335 Oregon Road Perrysburg
1-24-12	1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Cincinnati area	Miami University – Hamilton 1601 University Blvd – Parrish Auditorium Hamilton

LOST KEYS AT THE WINTER CONFERENCE

Are you missing your keys? A set of keys on a NACo key ring were found in a parking lot near the convention center by a CCAO/CEAO Conference attendee. If you are missing some keys, please contact Tanya McComas, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904 or [tmccomas@ccao.org](mailto:tmccomas@ccao.org)

## SOS DIRECTIVE 2011-48: VOTING SYSTEM BATTERY MAINTENANCE

Secretary of State Jon Husted has issued Directive 2011-48 concerning voting system battery maintenance. The Directive provides that all county boards of elections must properly maintain their voting equipment, including the regular inspection and replacement of batteries to ensure a fully functioning inventory of machines for use on Election Day. During the November 2011 General Election, the SOS received a number of reports about internal batteries failing in the card. This battery did not jeopardize any votes that were cast and counted, but prevented the machines from being used until a new card could be inserted and the machine rebooted.

Many counties have updated the replaceable battery, but the internal battery cannot be replaced. Internal battery failures require the purchase of new PCMIA (Personal Computer Memory Card International Association) cards. As voting systems age batteries located in the voting systems will deplete and eventually fail. If you have any questions about this directive, contact Matt Masterson, Deputy Elections Administrator, at (614) 466-2585 or [mmasterson@sos.state.oh.us](mailto:mmasterson@sos.state.oh.us) For detailed voting system battery maintenance procedures go to <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/Upload/elections/directives/2011/Dir2011-48.pdf>

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### DOL ANNOUNCES GRANTS THROUGH WORKFORCE INNOVATION FUND; GRANTS WILL ENHANCE INNOVATIVE EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced the availability of approximately \$98.5 million through the Workforce Innovation Fund to support employment and training services. The fund invests in programs that support, evaluate and enhance workforce investment strategies, particularly for vulnerable populations. Eligible applicants include state workforce agencies, local workforce investment boards and organizations considered eligible to apply for WIA Section 166 grants. The grants will be administered by the Labor Department, working closely with the U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services.

More information about the Workforce Innovation Fund, as well as tools and resources to support application development, is available at [http://www.doleta.gov/workforce\\_innovation](http://www.doleta.gov/workforce_innovation) Additionally, prospective applicants are encouraged to view the online tutorial "Grant Applications 101: A Plain English Guide to ETA Competitive Grants," available at [http://www.workforce3one.org/page/grants\\_toolkit](http://www.workforce3one.org/page/grants_toolkit) Prospective applicants can register at <http://www.grants.gov> to access the solicitation. The Labor Department also posts grant information at <http://www.doleta.gov/grants>

### HHS AWARDS NEARLY \$300 MILLION TO STATES FOR ENROLLING ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN HEALTH COVERAGE; OHIO TO RECEIVE \$21 MILLION PERFORMANCE BONUS

More than \$296 million was awarded to states for ensuring more children have health coverage, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The performance bonus payments are funded under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA). To qualify for these bonus payments, states must surpass a specified Medicaid enrollment target. They also must adopt procedures that improve access to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), making it easier for eligible children to enroll and retain coverage.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that the number of children with insurance increased by 1.2 million since the CHIP reauthorization in 2009. An HHS issue brief notes that this increase has been entirely due to greater enrollment in public programs such as Medicaid and CHIP.

Performance bonuses help offset the costs states incur when they enroll lower income children in Medicaid. By ensuring that states streamline their enrollment and renewal procedures, the bonuses also give states the incentive to adopt long-term improvements in their children's health insurance programs.

As one of 23 states eligible for performance bonuses, Ohio will receive \$21,135,087. Other states include: Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

For more information on CHIP awards, visit

[http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/professionals/eligibility/performance\\_bonuses.html](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/professionals/eligibility/performance_bonuses.html)

For the HHS issue brief, visit: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2011/CHIPRA/ib.shtml>

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### ONLINE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Applications for the 2012 Achievement Award program are now available. The annual program is non-competitive and recognizes innovative county government programs. Since this is not a competition, each submission is judged on its own merits based on the criteria outlined in the application information. Last year, more than 470 programs were recognized from 97 counties in 29 states. The following Ohio counties won a combined total of seven awards: Franklin (3), Hamilton (1), Montgomery (2), and Summit (1).

This year's application process moves to an all-electronic format. Applicants must submit each program narrative and any supplemental materials through the online application system. This new process eliminates the time and costs associated with mailing application materials. To guide applicants through the process, there is a Frequently Asked Questions document and a video tutorial of the application process on the Achievement Awards page of the NACo website, [www.naco.org/achievementawards](http://www.naco.org/achievementawards). Application deadline: February 13, 2012.

## **CONFERENCES/TRAINING**

### NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference will be held March 3-7, 2012 at the newly renovated Washington Hilton and Towers in Washington, D.C. This annual Conference gathers over 2,000 elected and appointed county officials from across the country to focus on legislative issues facing county government. Hear from political commentators Tucker Carlson and Eleanor Clift, who will jointly present a view of Congress and the 2012 Election at the Opening Session. Registration is open. Go to [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org) for more information.

Mark your calendars for the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast to be held on March 7, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the Rayburn House Office Building – Room B-340 in Washington, D.C. More information to follow.

# 2012 Second Wednesday's



Recognizing that commissioners and their staff confront a number of daily challenges on a wide variety of topics, CCAO scheduled a regular series of short, concise seminars. With the exception of the April program, all sessions will be held at the CCAO office, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. The programs will begin promptly at 9:30 am and will conclude by 12:30 pm. Registrations will be accepted only by email. Coffee will be served during the morning, and lunch will be on your own. Best of all, the seminars are **FREE!**

## CCAO's FREE Educational Sessions

Over the past two years the 2nd Wednesday Programs have become a popular opportunity for commissioners and their staff to attend **FREE** training seminars.

Please take advantage of this exciting opportunity to become better informed in a variety of areas!

Feb 8	County Airports: Funding, Operations & Economic Impact	Aug 8	Waging Successful Ballot Issue Campaigns
Mar 14	New Options for Legal Advertising: Using Ohio's New Public Notice Website & Other Cost Saving Opportunities	Sept 12	Ohio's New Casinos: Economic Impact, County Revenue & Regulation
April 11	Attorney General Local Debt Collection Program—How Counties Can Increase Collections (Webinar—details to follow)	Oct 10	County Budgeting & Finance Refresher
May 9	Implementation of County Health & Wellness Incentives	Nov 14	Housing Foreclosure Challenge: Land Banking as Potential Solution
June 13	Job & Family Services Collaboration & Merger Projects	Dec 12	Winter Conference

For program information, contact Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, at 614/220-7981 or bcole@ccao.org or registration information, contact Tanya McComas, CCAO Admin Assistant, at 614/221-5627 or tmccomas@ccao.org