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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 8, 2012	CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR: COUNTY AIRPORTS: FUNDING, OPERATIONS & ECONOMIC IMPACT, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 16, 2012	CCAO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 1, 2012	OHIO'S STATEHOOD DAY, OHIO HISTORY CENTER, COLUMBUS
MARCH 3-7, 2012	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON HILTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, DC
MARCH 7, 2012	OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST
MARCH 27-29, 2012	OHIO SAFETY CONGRESS & EXPO, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS
APRIL, 2012	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

ASSOCIATION NEWS

2nd WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES: COUNTY AIRPORTS: FUNDING, OPERATIONS & ECONOMIC IMPACT – FEB 8

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.

In this highly competitive economic environment, county airports provide local communities with an economic edge necessary to attract and retain businesses that require access to convenient, general aviation airports to meet their business travel needs. Learn from individuals deeply involved in Ohio's general aviation industry the economic value of local airports, the implications of Federal Aviation Administration and state contractual agreements on counties, the status of airport improvement funding, and the importance of addressing insurance and liability concerns. Information will be provided on the role of the Ohio Office of Aviation regarding county airports.

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 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 Please include the name and title of those attending and the county, agency or company they represent.

CCAO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE TO MEET FEB 16

Paula Prentice, Summit County Council Member and CCAO Health and Human Services Committee Chair, has scheduled a follow up Committee meeting to discuss the request for additional funding of the Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh) program. This meeting will be held Thursday, February 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the CCAO offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. If the funding is recommended by the Committee, it would afford time for possible action by the CCAO Board of Directors at their meeting on Friday, February 17th. Lunch will be served following the committee meeting. Please RSVP your attendance by Monday, February 13th to Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7985 or ajones@ccao.org Please indicate a dietary preference, if you have one.

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. Register online to save \$25. Go to www.naco.org for more information.

The Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast will be held on March 7, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the Rayburn House Office Building – Room B-340 in Washington, D.C. Personally invite your Member of Congress to the breakfast.

HEALTHY COUNTIES, HEALTHY FAMILIES' THEME FOR NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH – SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH CCAO!

This year's National County Government Month (NCGM) theme, which is also the initiative of NACo President Lenny Eliason, is "Healthy Counties, Healthy Families." Now is the time for your county start planning to hold fun and interactive events to promote your county's health care and wellness services and recreational programs during the month of April.

NACo has **FREE** resources available to assist you, such as the NCGM planning and tips booklet and the online Media Resources Kit. The Kit includes media templates to create your own county's NCGM buttons, posters, flyers, banners, proclamations and news releases. The media templates are specially designed for the 2012 "Healthy Counties, Healthy Families" theme. Plenty of space is left available to add your county's logo or unique county government month slogan or message.

A special feature of NCGM is the National County Government Month Award. The purpose of the award program is to encourage counties to participate in NCGM and recognize nationally counties that sponsor outstanding programs during the month of April. The National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) leadership will select of team of NACIO members to judge the entries. Three counties will receive the top award in rural, suburban and metropolitan counties, and – new this year – second place awards will be

presented. All entries will be posted online to serve as a database of ideas for other counties to use. There is no cost to apply. Applications must be received by Friday, May 25 to be eligible.

To access the NCGM Media Resources Kit and to learn more about the NCGM award program visit www.naco.org/NCGM For more information contact Jim Philipps, NACo Media Relations Manager, at (202) 942-4220 or jphilipps@naco.org

Would you like to share your plans with other Ohio counties? CCAO has received several requests from counties that are interested in sharing ideas. Please send information about your plans to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org

NEWS FROM OTHER OHIO ASSOCIATIONS

MAJOR GRANT WILL FUND STUDY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Making tax dollars devoted to child welfare work most effectively for children is the focus of a promising two-year study that will use data collected by the Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO). The grant is in partnership with the Research Foundation of State University of New York on behalf of University at Buffalo (SUNY-Buffalo) and is one of 15 grants recently awarded by Public Health Law Research (PHLR), a national program office of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). The PCSAO is part of a national grant to study the effects of funding on health and well-being outcomes for abused and neglected children.

The project addresses the question: Does the source and/or type of funding, not just the amount of funding, affect health outcomes for children in foster care? The study will examine 10 years' worth of data from the 88 counties in Ohio, 45 of which have dedicated local tax levies that provide flexible local child welfare funding. Eighteen other counties have unusual flexibility in how they spend federal funding for children in foster care, as part of the ProtectOhio Title IV-E Waiver experiment by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The quality outcomes under study include number of days spent in foster care, days a child waits before he or she is adopted, and cases of recurrent maltreatment. HHS uses these factors to measure the quality of child welfare programs across the country.

STATE ACTIVITIES

MOBILE PHONE APP GIVES OHIOANS ACCESS TO TENS OF THOUSANDS OF JOB OPENINGS

The new OhioMeansJobs mobile phone application allows Ohioans to search, save and apply for jobs from their iPhone, iPad or Android device. The app combines unique data from the state of Ohio with advanced search tools and filter technology from Monster. Job seekers can use the app to view their resumes and search tens of thousands of job openings by job title, keyword and location.

Developed through a partnership with Monster, the mobile app also aggregates internship openings posted on nearly any website in Ohio. The OhioMeansJobs website also offers specialized job search assistance for Ohio's veterans and always lists veterans' resumes first when employers are searching for candidates.

In addition to serving job seekers, OhioMeansJobs is a valuable tool for business owners and hiring managers. The website gives Ohio-based employers free access to the Monster resume bank, a savings of more than \$10,000 annually, and provides information on how a business owner's next hire could earn them an \$8,000 On-the-Job Training grant. On-the-Job Training grants allow businesses to hire and train the right person for less by providing cash reimbursement for hiring an eligible, out-of-work Ohioan. Employers can post job openings on OhioMeansJobs for free and use advanced search tools and customizing filters to narrow down many resumes to a smaller group of the most promising candidates.

For more information, go to:

1. OhioMeansJobs <https://ohiomeansjobs.com/omj/>
2. iPhone App Store <http://itunes.apple.com/my/app/ohiomeansjobs/id479299425?mt=8>
3. Android Market <https://market.android.com/details?id=com.ohiomeansjobs.android>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COLLECTIONS SERVICES PROGRAM

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine recently announced the establishment of the Local Government Collections Services Program within the Ohio Attorney General's office.

HB 153, the current state budget bill, included a provision sought by and supported by the CCAO that allows the attorney general to collect debt on behalf of local governments. The Local Government Collections Services Program will allow counties and other local governments to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Attorney General's Office to collect debt they are owed. The debt must be final and greater than \$100. Examples of debt that can be collected under the program include fees, statutory fines and court costs. Utilizing the program can allow local governments to offset a debtor's state tax refund or lottery winnings to recover the debt owed.

This program is similar to the Ohio Attorney General's Collection Enforcement Section, which has served for decades as the chief collection agent for all state agencies, boards, commissions and universities. The new program for counties and local governments is funded by a collection cost of about 10 percent from the debtor so it will not cost the counties or local governments any money to participate.

At the encouragement of the CCAO, the Attorney General's Office is also discussing this program with Clerks of Courts across the state to begin working with them to collect debt owed to their courts. We believe this program offers an outstanding opportunity to support the counties with their debt collection efforts. CCAO encourages you to consider this program for your county.

For more information or to schedule a meeting to discuss your county's participation in the program, contact Jill Reardon, Director of Internal Collections, Ohio Attorney General's Office (614) 466-4510 or at LGC@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov

BWC WELLNESS GRANTS

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) has announced a workplace wellness grant program to help employers meet the challenges related to rising incidences of chronic disease among workers. Over the next four years, the program will make \$4 million available to employers to create programs to control escalating costs of workers' compensation claims associated with these health risk factors.

Participating employers will be awarded up to \$15,000 over four years to implement wellness programs in their workplaces. BWC expects more than 600 employers will benefit from these grants, which will be awarded on a "first come, first serve" basis based on availability of funds.

BWC will gather data from participating employers to determine the effectiveness of the program in reducing claims frequency and costs, improving return-to-work and reducing health-care costs to employers. The BWC expects to begin the application process for these wellness grants in the first quarter of 2012. Counties should contact their BWC Employer Services Specialist, or their local BWC Service Office for updated information on this application process.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

HUD RELEASES FY 2012 ALLOCATIONS FOR CDBG & HOME PROGRAMS

On January 17, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the FY 2012 allocations for CDBG, HOME and other Community Planning Development programs. Due to cuts in the FY 2012 appropriations for CDBG and HOME, and new Census data, many entitlement grantees will receive a significant decrease in the formula funding levels. The CDBG program was reduced by 11% (from \$3.3B to \$2.94B) and HOME was reduced by 38% (from \$1.6B to \$1B) in the FY 2012 HUD budget.

The allocations reflect the level of funding approved for these programs in your county. The amounts also reflect approved grant reductions and include any reallocated funds for the CDBG and HOME programs. To view the FY 2012 allocations, go to <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/budget/budget12/index.cfm>

ANTI-EMINENT DOMAIN BILL SAILS THROUGH COMMITTEE

Last week, the House Judiciary Committee passed H.R. 1433, the Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2011 by a vote of 23-5. Under the bill, property claimed under a state's and/or local government's eminent domain authority cannot be used for economic development purposes (for a period of seven years after the taking) if the governmental entity has received any federal economic funding. Any state or local government that violates this would forfeit federal economic development funds for a period of two years unless they return all "taken" property and/or replace any property destroyed as a result of the violation. Additionally, private property owners would have the right to sue state and local governments if the property is used for economic development purposes within seven years of the taking.

This bill is in response to the 2005 Supreme Court's decision in *Kelo v. City of New London, CT*. By a vote of 5-4, the court ruled that states and local governments can use eminent domain authority for economic development, as long as the land in question is for public use, including private development. In the case of *Kelo*, the city took private property through eminent domain and turned it over to private developers for commercial development. This decision has unleashed a firestorm of opposition since the court's ruling.

While H.R. 1433 may easily pass in the House of Representatives, it's trajectory in the Senate is less certain. NACo does not have policy on the specifics of this bill. However, NACo generally opposes any federal attempts to preempt state and local land use policies, processes and decisions. For more information, please contact Julie Ufner, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4269 or jufner@naco.org

AWARD PROGRAMS

INNOVATIONS IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AWARDS

Applications are now being accepted for the \$100,000 Innovations in American Government Award. Offered by the Harvard Kennedy School's Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, the Innovations Award is heralded as the nation's premier award for the public sector. It recognizes programs that demonstrate creative and effective government at its best. This year, the Center's Innovations Program will also continue to identify and promote promising government efforts and partnerships through the Bright Ideas program.

All units of government — federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial — from all policy areas are eligible to apply for recognition. The top winner of the Innovations in American Government Award will receive a \$100,000 grant to support replication and dissemination activities. Top finalists will also receive monetary grants. Application deadline: March 1, 2012. Applications and additional information for both initiatives are available at www.innovationsaward.harvard.edu

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING RECOMMENDED PRACTICES

The American Petroleum Institute (API) is sponsoring a workshop on “Hydraulic Fracturing Recommended Practices” on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square (formerly the Hyatt on Capitol Square), 75 East State Street, in Columbus. A continental breakfast will be at 8:15 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited. Registration is required. Register at <http://publications.api.org/eventregistration/eventcity.aspx?city=columbus&state=ohio> Call (202) 682-8388 if you have any questions.

OHIO PROPERTIES REDEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE: TRANSFORMING PROBLEM PROPERTIES INTO OPPORTUNITY

The Greater Ohio Policy Center is sponsoring a two-day interactive training and policy solutions workshop on April 4-5, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. This workshop will gather local leaders from counties, municipalities, nonprofit community development organizations and the private sector from across the state and offer hands-on techniques and strategies for addressing vacant and abandoned property development challenges and generating redevelopment opportunities.

Session topics will include: acquisition tools, land banks, code enforcement, neighborhood stabilization and revitalization strategies, property information systems, demolition, and urban redevelopment successes. The Institute will also provide opportunity for input into policy reforms that arm local leaders with new tools and align policies with local community development needs.

Registration: \$89.00 (includes two continental breakfasts and lunches and workshop materials). Registration deadline: March 29. Register online at : <https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1160887-NzGnaxmZvp> For more information, please contact Samantha Spergel, Research Associate, at (614) 224-0187 ext.307 or sspergel@greaterohio.org or www.greaterohio.org

CLASSIFIEDS

Title	Employer/Application Deadline/For More Information. . .
Executive Director	Jefferson-Belmont Regional SWA Board February 10 @ 4:00 p.m. www.jbgreenteam.org
Water Pollution Control District Director	Logan County Commissioners February 13 @ 4:00 p.m. commissioners@co.logan.oh.us
ADAMHS Executive Director	Wood County ADAMHS Board February 15 www.wcadamh.org
Purchasing Director	Hamilton County February 17 http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/personnel/employmentapplication.asp
Stormwater Technician	City of Lima February 22 @ 5:00 p.m. http://www.ccao.org/Portals/0/Classifieds/Stormwater%20Technician%20ad%20(2).pdf