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DATES TO REMEMBER

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 14, 2012	CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR: NEW OPTIONS FOR LEGAL ADVERTISING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 15, 2012	NW OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, ELKS LODGE POST #3, WYANDOT COUNTY (UPPER SANDUSKY)
MAY 16-18, 2012	NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION (WIR) CONFERENCE, SANTA FE COUNTY (SANTA FE), NEW MEXICO
MARCH 27-29, 2012	2012 SAFETY CONGRESS & EXPO (OSC12), GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS
APRIL, 2012	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

ASSOCIATION NEWS

WORKER'S COMPENSATION HANDBOOK CHAPTER UPDATED

This week, revised Chapter 71 – Worker's Compensation of the *County Commissioners Handbook* was published on the CCAO website. Ohio is one of four states (along with North Dakota, Washington and Wyoming) in which the state is the sole provider of workers' compensation coverage. The Ohio BWC is the largest exclusive state-fund workers' compensation system in the United States and the second largest underwriter of workers' compensation insurance in the country. Chapter 71 can be found on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. Click on the Handbook button on the first page. If you have any questions, contact Beth Miller, CORSA Claim & Litigation Manager, at (614) 220-7989 or emiller@ccao.org

CAB 2011-02 REVISED: COUNTY BUDGET QUARTERLY SPENDING PLANS

H. B. 153, the state biennial budget bill for the FY 2012 and 2013, amended ORC Section 5705.392 dealing with the authority of the board of county commissioners, as a part of the annual or amended appropriation resolution, to include a quarterly spending plan as a part of the appropriation resolution. As a result of the enactment of H.B. 225, effective March 22, 2012, the law will be changed again. This additional change exempts any fund in the county treasury that is subject to rules of the Ohio Tax Commissioner adopted pursuant to ORC Section 5703.05. Under this language, the county auditor's Real Estate Assessment Fund (REA) becomes exempt from a quarterly spending plan. Read a copy of this revised County Advisory Bulletin on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org Click on Publications > County Advisory Bulletins.

CAB 2011-04 REVISED: COUNTY CENTRALIZED SERVICES

H. B. 153, the state biennial budget bill for FY 2012- 2013, enacted ORC Section 305.23 to authorize county commissioners to establish centralized service programs for a number of administrative and operational functions that are often common to multiple county offices. This section of law was again amended in H.B. 225 (effective March 22, 2012). The intent of this change is to clarify that the all purchases from the Real Estate Assessment Fund (REA) Fund are exempt from the centralized services law. County Auditors were concerned that the structure of the law might be interpreted so that only purchases for contract services from the REA Fund would be exempt from centralized services. It was always the feeling of CCAO that all purchases from the REA were exempt so we do not feel that the change was substantive. Read a copy of this revised County Advisory Bulletin on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org Click on Publications > County Advisory Bulletins.

WYANDOT COUNTY TO HOST NW DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING – MARCH 15

Join Wyandot County Commissioners Joyce Morehart, Steven Seitz and Michael Wheeler and County Engineer Mike Kohl for the Northwest Ohio Commissioners & Engineers Quarterly Meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at the Wyandot County Elks Lodge Post #3, 320 East Wyandot Avenue, in Upper Sandusky.

Tours are scheduled at 1:15 and 2:15 p.m. at the Ithaca Gun Company at 420 North Warpole Street, in Upper Sandusky. Each tour is limited to 10 people. Meet at the Company 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the tour.

Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. at the Elks followed by the social hour, business meeting, and dinner. Registration fee: \$5 per person. Registration deadline: March 5. Cancellation deadline: March 8. For more information, contact M. Sue Shrider, Clerk/Administrator, Wyandot County Commissioners, 109 South Sandusky Street, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351, (419) 294-3836, Fax (419) 294-6427 or wycocom@co.wyandot.oh.us

2nd WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES: NEW OPTIONS FOR LEGAL ADVERTISING – MARCH 14

CCAO encourages commissioners and other county officials to attend the next CCAO 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series on "New Options for Legal Advertising: Using Ohio's New Public Notice Website and Other Cost Saving Opportunities" on March 14, 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.

The current state budget provides counties with new, cost saving options for complying with Ohio's public notice laws. Learn from individuals who helped shape the law how counties may use an abbreviated second notice to satisfy publication requirements if certain conditions are met, how pre-printed inserts and county websites may be used for public notices, and how community newspapers may now compete for public notice business under the new definition of a newspaper of general circulation in the county. Learn directly from a

state official involved in establishing the new state public notice website how local governments can access and use this new, optional public notice tool.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

PAUL H. HERRELL

Lawrence County Commissioner Paul H. Herrell, 67, passed away on Friday, February 17TH. Herrell, a Lawrence County farmer, served as county commissioner from 1999-2002 and from 2011 until his death. According to his colleagues, Paul loved working at the Courthouse and was passionate about his job as county commissioner. During his tenure, he was instrumental in getting an emergency medical ambulance station established in the Aid area. His other public service included serving on the Lawrence County and Symmes Valley School Boards and the Lawrence County Fair Board. Paul supported the county fair and 4-H. CCAO extends heartfelt sympathy to the Herrell Family. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Linda, his wife of 50 years, and family at 13269 State Route 141, Kitts Hill, OH 45645.

STATE ACTIVITIES

LIEBERMAN APPOINTED TO TASK FORCE ON THE FUNDING OF OHIO COURTS

Last Friday, Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor named the 28-members of the Task Force on the Funding of Ohio Courts to examine long-term solutions to strengthen the financial picture of Ohio's courts. Chief Justice O'Connor spoke in her 2011 inaugural address of the need to pursue systemic change and further cost savings through a collaborative process involving Ohio's judges, bar associations and all stakeholders in the legal community.

Judge Christopher Boyko of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio chairs the Task Force. Among the other selected members are State Auditor Dave Yost, Senate Minority Leader Eric Kearney (Dist. 9-Cincinnati) and Senator Scott Oelslager (Dist. 29 -Canton), and State Representatives Dennis Murray (Dist. 80-Sandusky) and Gerald Stebelton (Dist. 5-Lancaster). Deb Lieberman, Montgomery County Commissioner and CCAO President, will serve on the Task Force. Other Task Force members can be found at http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/PIO/news/2012/budgetTF_021712.asp

The Task Force will meet for the first time March 23 and throughout 2012. A report will be issued by early next year with specific recommendations for further cost savings and efficiencies.

BWC WELLNESS GRANT APPLICATION AVAILABLE

The application packet for the Ohio BWC Wellness Grants is now available on the BWC website at www.ohiobwc.com/employer/programs/safety/WellnessGrants.asp

The BWC's workplace wellness grant program was created to help employers meet the challenges related to rising incidences of chronic disease among workers. Grants are available up to \$15,000 to be paid out over four years. The grant will cover up to 50 employee participants per employer, allocating \$300 per participating

employee. The amount per employee is graduated each year. To be eligible for a wellness grant the employer must be:

- A state fund employer.
- Current on monies owed to BWC and lapsed no more than 40 days in the last 12 months.
- Employer must contract with a vendor specifically for this wellness grant program. Existing contracts will not be considered.
- Employer does not currently have a wellness program.

Counties may collaborate in the development of an employee wellness program; however each must submit their own grant application. 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.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

THE MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT: ASK SENATORS BROWN & PORTMAN TO SUPPORT S 1832

Last week, CCAO sent a memo asking each county to contact Senator Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman to ask them to co-sponsor or support S 1832 -The Marketplace Fairness Act. Passage of this federal legislation would permit states and local governments to collect sales and use taxes on remote sellers. The Marketplace Fairness Act is sponsored by U. S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-Wyoming) and co-sponsored by a bipartisan group of eleven Senators.

S 1832 is intended to overcome a U.S. Supreme Court decision *Quill Corp v. North Dakota* (1992) in which the court ruled that states may only collect sales taxes by retail merchants that have a physical presence in each state unless Congress acts to authorize the collection of sales taxes from remote sellers (i.e., out of state, catalogue and internet sellers). The legislation would give states the choice of becoming a member of the Streamlined Sales Tax Agreement, a multistate effort to establish uniform standards for the collection of sales taxes, or, as an alternative, adopt minimum simplification requirements to qualify for collection of sales taxes from remote sellers.

Ohio has been working with other states on the Streamlined Sales Tax Project for over ten years. NACo, which has been actively working with states and the governing board of the Streamlined Sales Tax Project over the same time period, believes that S 1832 promises the greatest potential for Congressional action since the Streamlined Sales Tax Project first got underway in the 1990's. Lake County Commissioner Daniel Troy serves as chair of NACo's Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee.

CCAO strongly encourages county officials to contact Senators Brown and Portman to ask them to co-sponsor or support S 1832. Estimates vary, but it is widely believed that the State of Ohio, counties and transit authorities in Ohio are collectively losing more than \$100 million a year in lost sales and use tax revenue due to the failure of remote sellers to collect taxes otherwise due and payable under Ohio law.

Contact information for Senators Brown and Portman:

- Senator Sherrod Brown: (202) 224-2315, Fax (202) 228-6321 or <http://brown.senate.gov/contact/>
- Senator Rob Portman: (202) 224-3353, Fax (202) 224-9075 or <http://portman.senate.gov/public/>

For additional information on S 1832, please contact Mike Belarmino, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4254 or mbelarmino@naco.org For additional information regarding Ohio's efforts to comply with

the Streamlined Sales Tax Agreement, contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director – Research, at (614) 220-7981 or bcole@ccao.org

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TAKES ACTION TO MOVE NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 FORWARD

Title VI of H.R. 3630 - Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, which was signed into law this week, creates a nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network (PSBN). Its key provisions allocate D Block spectrum to public safety, provide \$7 billion in funding, and establish a governing body that will ensure the build out of a nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network. This legislation goes a long way in advancing next generation 9-1-1 services by providing \$115 million in grants to upgrade 9-1-1 infrastructure to technologies that will make it possible for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) to receive not only voice 9-1-1 calls, but also text, video, data, and images. The 9-1-1 grants can be used for the implementation and operation of 9-1-1, E 9-1-1, migration to IP-enabled emergency network, adoption and operation of NG 9-1-1 services, and training of public safety communications personnel.

NACo ACTIVITIES

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. If you have not registered, 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.

VETERAN JOB FAIRS

VETERAN MANUFACTURING JOB FAIR

Two “Veteran Manufacturing Job Fairs” that are open to veterans and their family members seeking employment have been scheduled.

- March 6, 2012 – 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
The Job Center, 1040 East Tallmadge Avenue, in Akron
- March 13, 2012 – 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
The Employment Source, 822 30th Street NW, in Canton

On-site applications and potential interviews may be available. The job fair is co-sponsored by the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services and Magnet Manufacturing Advocacy & Growth Network. For more information, call the veteran employment representatives at Stark – (330) 491-2639/2606; Tuscarawas (330) 602-2863; Summit (330) 630-3065/3059/4632; or Wayne (330) 264-7761.

HIRING OUR HEROES

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is co-sponsoring two “Hiring Our Heroes” events at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial, 300 West Broad Street, in Columbus. This two-day veterans training and hiring fair is for job seekers, active duty military members, Guard and Reserve members, and eligible spouses on the following dates:

- March 19, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
“Motivational Guidance for the Veteran Job Seeker” and “Preparation & Training for Employment Opportunities” workshops will be held.
- March 20, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Job Fair for Employers & Job Seekers

Employers and job seekers must preregister (FREE) at the Hero2Hired website www.HoH.GreatJob.net Walk-in job seekers are welcome. For registration assistance, contact hiringourheroes@uschamber.com For more information, go to www.uschamber.com/hiringourheroes

CONFERENCES

GETTING THE RIGHT MESSAGE

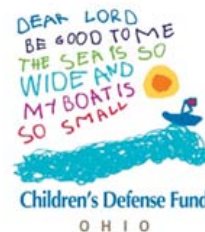
Ohio Children in the Vanguard will present “Getting the Right Message” on Friday, March 9, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Riffe State Office Tower, 77 South High Street – Floor 31, in Columbus. This will be a networking and information sharing session on improving quality of communications and messaging on public and private health insurance coverage. Lunch and refreshments are provided. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required. A flyer is attached to this issue of CIDS. RSVP by March 5, 2012 to Cyndie Darko, Voices for Ohio’s Children, (877) 881-7860 or cdarko@vfc-oh.org

OHIO’S 2012 OPIATE SUMMIT

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) in partnership with the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) and the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC) will present “Ohio’s 2012 Opiate Summit: Miles Traveled – Miles Ahead” to be held on May 7-8, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. Attendees will have an opportunity to participate in one of three pre-summit workshops (DATA 2000, Operation Street Smart or The Opiate Epidemic and its Impact on Medical and Clinical Practices) on the afternoon of May 7, as well as the full Summit on May 8. The goal for Ohio’s 2012 Opiate Summit is to have each participant leave with an understanding of the efforts that are currently underway in addressing the opiate epidemic in Ohio; a better appreciation of the issues that still need to be addressed; and new tools and information to take back to communities to fight this epidemic at the local level. For more details and registration information visit: <http://oacbha.org/2012-opiate-summit/> or to register online <http://survey.oacbha.org/index.php?sid=95732>

CLASSIFIEDS

Title	Employer/Application Deadline/For More Information. . .
County Administrator	Butler County Commissioners Position is open until filled http://www.ccao.org/Portals/0/Classifieds/Bultler%20COUNTY%20ADMINISTRATOR.pdf
CSEA Fiscal Officer	Tuscarawas County CSEA Director Tuesday, February 28, 2012 http://www.co.tuscarawas.oh.us/CSEA/CSEAFisOff.pdf
Referral Specialist	Huron County JFS March 19, 2012 http://www.hccommissioners.com/miscpages/jobs.html



Ohio Children in the Vanguard presents:

GETTING THE RIGHT MESSAGE

Friday, March 9, 2012
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Riffe Building
31st Floor
Columbus, Ohio

A networking and information-sharing session on improving quality of communications and messaging on public and private health insurance coverage

Featuring:

Lynn Quincy, Consumers Union
Rachel Klein and Ani Fete, Enroll America
Ohio Association of Health Plans (invited)
Jessica Kendall, Outreach consultant and former
Oregon Healthy Kids Outreach Manager
Triad Research

Free, but reservations are required

Please RSVP by Monday, March 5, 2012, to
Cyndie Darko, cdarko@vfc-oh.org or
call Voices for Ohio's Children at 1-877-881-7860
(Lunch and refreshments provided)

See agenda details on next page

GETTING THE RIGHT MESSAGE AGENDA

10:00-10:30 am	Welcome and Overview for the Day Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ohio Children in the Vanguard Partners<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ John McCarthy, Director■ Patrick Beatty, Policy Director for Medicaid■ Renuka Mayadev, Children’s Defense Fund of Ohio■ Amy N. Swanson, Voices for Ohio’s Children
10:30 am-12:00 pm	Updates on qualitative or quantitative research on quality messaging and communications Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Lynn Quincy, Consumers Union■ Triad Research
12:00-12:30 pm	Lunch Break*
12:30-1:15 pm	Best practices, resources and information from other Children in the Vanguard states/partners Presenter: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Jessica Kendall, Outreach consultant and former Oregon Healthy Kids Outreach Manager
1:15-2:30 pm	Updates on national and Ohio-based efforts that represent strong, public awareness and outreach materials for children’s health Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Ohio Association of Health Plans (invited)■ Enroll America
2:30-3:00 pm	Taking Action and Next Steps Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Ohio Children in the Vanguard Partners

* Lunch and refreshments provided by Enroll America