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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- MARCH 27-29, 2012      2012 SAFETY CONGRESS & EXPO (OSC12), GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS
- MARCH 30, 2012      CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, GREENE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, GREENE COUNTY (XENIA)
- APRIL, 2012      NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
- APRIL 11, 2012      CCAO 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY SEMINAR: ATTORNEY GENERAL DEBT COLLECTION PROGRAM, WEBINAR
- APRIL 13, 2012      CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, RICHLAND COUNTY, LONGVIEW CENTER, MANSFIELD
- JUNE 8, 2012      CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR, DOUBLTREE COLUMBUS/WORTHINGTON, COLUMBUS

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### CCA O STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVE SURVEY DUE MARCH 21

Recently, the Boards of County Commissioners, Cuyahoga and Summit County Executives and County Councils received an online survey from Gallagher Consulting Group, Inc. about the CCAO Strategic Planning Initiative. Please respond online to this survey by March 21. If you have additional questions, please contact Ann Gallagher, President, Gallagher Consulting Group, Inc., 870 North High Street – Suite 19, Worthington, OH 43085, (614) 854-9658, fax (614) 854-9485 or [ann@gallagherinc.com](mailto:ann@gallagherinc.com)

#### CAB 2012-03: NEW LEGISLATION ON SHARED SERVICES ENACTED & AMENDED

During last year's state budget process, the Administration proposed the enactment of ORC Section 9.482 to ensure that all local governments had the authority to enter into contracts for the joint provision of services. From the perspective of CCAO, most of the authority granted under this new section of law already existed in ORC Section 307.15. One of the primary differences between these two sections of Ohio law is that under

ORC Section 9.482 the county was authorized to enter into contracts with a broader range of governments than was authorized under ORC Section 307.15.

H.B. 225 amended the shared services contracting authority enacted by H.B. 153, the state biennial budget bill for FY 2012-2013. H.B. 153 provided broad intergovernmental agreement authority in ORC Section 9.482, which would enable a legislative authority to contract with another jurisdiction for services. Such language was similar to prior (and still existing) intergovernmental agreement authority for counties in ORC Sections 307.14 - 307.19, which was not changed in H.B. 225.

The new language in H.B. 225 provides that “no county elected officer may be required to exercise any power, perform any function, or render any service under an agreement entered into under this section without the written consent of the county elected officer. No county may enter into an agreement under this section for the exercise, performance, or rendering of any statutory powers, functions, or services of any county elected officer without written consent of the county elected officer.” Read a copy of County Advisory Bulletin 2012-04 on the CCAO website at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org) Click on Publications > County Advisory Bulletins.

### 2010 CCAO WORKERS' COMP GROUP RETRO RESULTS

Recently, CCAO held a webinar for the Group Retro program. The webinar worked well and was well-received by the attendees. The final financials for the 2010 Group Retro program are as follows:

- 15 counties in group.
- Savings initially estimated at 13%.
- Actual savings 16.8%, \$782,316.
- Counties will receive 80% of their rebate by April 30, 2012. The BWC withholds 20% until 2014.

Achieving these rebates is due to the work of the counties – safety and claims management by their workers' comp coordinators / loss control coordinators. We also need to give credit to the folks at CompManagement. Direction and resources from Russ Hocutt, expertise and communication from Tony Sharrock, Heather Vogus and Ric Bell, and especially the front-line service to our counties by safety consultant Doug Newman and the many CMI account executives around the state. Together we have brought this first year of group retro to a successful outcome, and laid the groundwork for the long term success of group retro for counties.

### **COUNTY ACTIVITIES**

#### WANT TO TELL YOUR COUNTY'S STORY? PROMOTE YOUR COUNTY'S HISTORY, TOURISM & ECONOMIC FUTURE!

Some counties may remember back in 2006 sending an engraved stone along with its history for display the Ohio Governor's Residence & Heritage Garden. That county walkway is the most popular part of the Residence tour! The history of the stones are a frequent stop on the website, too. Go to <http://www.governorsresidence.ohio.gov> for more information.

Here is a new chance to promote your county's history, tourism and economic future! The Friends of the Ohio Governor's Residence & Heritage Garden has embarked on another project we think will be just as popular. The 2012 State Fair will have a new exhibit in the Ohio Department of Natural Resources area. It will be a plaza with a 25'x 25' geologic bedrock map of Ohio overlaid with the county lines. This exhibit will be the world's largest geologic map and will be the same size as the popular Ohio map located on the floor in the Statehouse Map Room. State Fair goers will be able to stand on their county and see the type of bedrock beneath it. Visitors will be able to see examples from each geologic period on the path around the map.

A committee of geologists, educators and botanists have developed this exhibit to educate people about Ohio's bedrock; the importance it has played in Ohio's past, present and future economic development; and to inspire more students to get excited about the sciences. To deepen the educational value of this exhibit, each county will have a Quick Response (QR) Code linked to more information.

There are several ways your county can participate:

1. **Let the project link to the county website.** Send us a link to the page with the best geological information and give us permission to include that content in a mobile site connected with the QR code. This might be the county topographical map, water maps, or OSU extension information. The shorter and more visual the information, the longer the visitor will look!
2. **Send a big example of what was made from the bedrock in your county's past and the history to go with it.** The committee wants a big rock heavy enough so it won't be carried off. If that history is already on a county, business or historical society's website, send the web address.
3. **Websites linking places with pictures and information about your county bedrock's uses or places where visitors can go and see examples.** Examples: businesses, historical societies, chambers of commerce, travel and/or tourism office, convention and tourism office, parks and recreation sites, etc.

For more information, contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, who is coordinating this portion of the exhibit, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org) **Please respond to Mary Jane by May 1, if you would like to have your county represented in this exhibit** that will be seen by the 800,000 State Fair attendees. Send the committee a Big Rock and get an invitation to the ribbon cutting reception July 25, 2012! Send us web-based information and get your county on the QR map!

## STATE ACTIVITIES

### BWC REQUIRES TWO HOUR SAFETY TRAINING FOR GROUP RATING AND GROUP RETRO COUNTIES

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) requires that Group Rating and Group Retro employers who have sustained an allowed claim in the past two years have a staff person attend two hours of safety training annually. The training can be offered by CCAO as the sponsoring organization, CompManagement, Inc. as CCAO's third party administrator, or the Ohio BWC. Both classroom training and web-based training will meet this training requirement.

2012 Group Rating Members: Ashland, Auglaize, Brown, Carroll, Crawford, Darke, Defiance, Fulton, Harrison, Henry, Highland, Holmes, Knox, Marion, Morgan, Noble, Paulding, Perry, Pike, Preble, Sandusky, Washington.

2012 Group Retro Members: Belmont, Champaign, Clinton, Coshocton, Fairfield, Fayette, Gallia, Geauga, Hocking, Huron, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Morrow, Ottawa, Pickaway, Putnam, Seneca, Shelby, Union, Van Wert, Vinton and Williams.

BWC safety training, classroom and on-line, which is available at no charge, can be found on the BWC web site at [www.ohiobwc.com](http://www.ohiobwc.com) Also, sessions offered at the Ohio Safety Congress, a free event which will be held March 27-29, 2012 at the Columbus Convention Center, will meet this two hour safety training requirement. Information and registration for the Safety Congress is available on-line at the BWC website.

CompManagement will be contacting CCAO Group Rating and Group Retro members regarding on-line and classroom safety training programs which meet the training requirement and are offered for a fee.

CCAO will offer safety training in conjunction with 2012 Group Rating and Group Retro meetings which will meet the BWC training requirement. Information will be sent out as soon as these sessions are finalized. As the group sponsor, CCAO is responsible for tracking and reporting each Group Rating and Group Retro member counties' compliance with this training requirement. CompManagement will be maintaining the required documentation on CCAO's behalf. Please visit [www.compmtgt.com/riskservices](http://www.compmtgt.com/riskservices) and click on the "Report Safety Training" button to have your safety training recorded and reported appropriately.

For more information on CCAO's Group Rating and Group Retro Programs, contact Beth Miller, CORSA Claim & Litigation Manager, at (614) 220-7989 or [emiller@ccao.org](mailto:emiller@ccao.org)

## STATEWIDE CONSORTIUM OF OHIO COUNTY LAW LIBRARY RESOURCE BOARDS GRANT AWARDS

The Consortium of Ohio County Law Library Resource Boards has been in existence for one year. By the end of 2011, the consortium had negotiated an offer with Matthew Bender for a series of handbooks at a discounted rate. This discount was not only for the law library, but every county agency in Ohio as long as they placed the order through their county law library. Twenty-five counties took advantage of this offer.

The consortium started 2012 by requesting grant proposals from county law library resource boards. ORC §3375.481(E)(2) allows the consortium to provide grants to law libraries. The consortium set aside \$50,000 for grants and developed four grant categories: 1) Staff Development and Career Development Grants, 2) Programming for Patron Grants, 3) Technology Grants, and 4) Multi-County Collaboration Grants.

Twenty grant requests were received asking for a total of \$90,639. The consortium board met on March 9<sup>th</sup> and awarded \$57,770 to 19 county law library resource boards. Most of the money will be used for technology. Several libraries asked for tablets and eBooks in order to bring this new technology to their patrons. Copy machines, desktop computers, and laptops were also frequently requested. Programming for patrons was also a repeated request. Libraries asked for money to defray the cost of supplies, brochures and speaker fees.

Money to pay for these grants comes from the county law library resource boards. They are required to pay 2% of their statutory fine money to the consortium. Over twenty counties have received their 2% contribution back between the grants and the Matthew Bender book offer.

For more information, please contact Angela T. Baldree, MLS, Executive Director, Statewide Consortium of Ohio Law Libraries, at (440) 343-4894 or [Angela.Baldree@sc.ohio.gov](mailto:Angela.Baldree@sc.ohio.gov)

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### COMMUNICATIONS EXCELLENCE TO BE RECOGNIZED BY NACIO

Did your county demonstrate communications excellence in 2011? If so, the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) wants to recognize those achievements. NACIO is seeking entries for its 2012 Awards of Excellence competition. This awards program recognizes outstanding public relations and public information work being done on behalf of counties. There nine categories for entries include annual reports; brochures, multiple-page booklets; publications; writing; graphic design; photography, audiovisual productions; special projects; and computer media. This competition is open to staff of county governments that are eligible to join NACo. The deadline for entries is **April 15, 2012**. For more information, visit [www.nacio.org](http://www.nacio.org)

**CLASSIFIEDS**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Employer/Application Deadline/For More Information. . .</b>
<b>Referral Specialist</b>	Huron County JFS March 19, 2012 <a href="http://www.hccommissioners.com/miscpages/jobs.html">http://www.hccommissioners.com/miscpages/jobs.html</a>
<b>EMA Director</b>	Knox County March 23, 2012 @ 4:00 p.m. <a href="http://www.co.knox.oh.us/jobs/">http://www.co.knox.oh.us/jobs/</a>
<b>GIS Coordinator</b>	Henry County Engineer March 30, 2012 <a href="http://www.henrycountyengineer.com/index_files/Page3916.htm">http://www.henrycountyengineer.com/index_files/Page3916.htm</a>
<b>JFS Administrator</b>	Defiance County Commissioners April 5, 2012 @ 4:00 p.m. <a href="http://www.ccao.org/ClassifiedAds/tabid/180/language/en-US/Default.aspx">http://www.ccao.org/ClassifiedAds/tabid/180/language/en-US/Default.aspx</a>