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MAY 17, 2012

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May 31, 2012

CCAO JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE - CONFERENCE CALL, 1:00 P.M.

JUNE 8, 2012

CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR, DOUBLETREE COLUMBUS/WORTHINGTON, COLUMBUS

JUNE 13, 2012

JOB & FAMILY SERVICES COLLABORATION & MERGER PROJECTS – CCAO 2nd WEDNESDAY SEMINAR, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

JULY 13-17, 2012

NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER, ALLEGHENY COUNTY (PITTSBURGH), PA

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CIDS & STATEHOUSE REPORT TO BE SENT FROM NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS ON MAY 18

On May 18, 2012, for the first time ever, CCAO will be e-mailing CIDS and the Statehouse Report from our newly developed database. Previously both reports were sent via e-mail from ajones@ccao.org. Beginning May 18, 2012, CIDS and the Statehouse Report will be from enews@ccao.org.

To ensure you keep receiving all of your important notifications from CCAO, please be sure and add enews@ccao.org to your address book! Ask your IT department to whitelist enews@ccao.org. Please make sure this new e-mail address is not in your “blocked or spam” folder. CIDS and the Statehouse Report are e-mailed to individuals with CCAO membership as well as other affiliated contacts.

Please note the following:

- If you previously unsubscribed to CIDS and the Statehouse Report, you are now re-subscribed (any previous email you may have received and unsubscribed to was a test).
- Please note: If you click unsubscribe to ALL, you will not receive any emails from CCAO.

If you do not receive CIDS and the Statehouse Report on or after May 18, 2012 and think an error has been made; or, if you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org

Also, we want to thank all of our members for their continued support and patience as we work to implement our new database!

CCAO GENERAL GOV'T & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL – MAY 17 AT 1:30 P.M.

CCAO General Government & Operations Committee will convene Thursday, May 17 via a conference call at 1:30 P.M. Details about accessing the conference call will be sent to committee members. If you have any questions about accessing the conference call, please contact Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or ajones@cao.org. Please let Amanda know if you will be participating in the conference call. If individuals have questions about the committee meeting agenda, please contact Cheryl Subler, Managing Director of Policy, at (614) 220-7980 or csubler@ccao.org.

CCAO JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL – MAY 31 AT 1:00 PM

There will be a conference call meeting of the CCAO Jobs, Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. All committee members were sent directions of how to access the conference call. Please notify Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, on or before May 21, 2012 at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or ajones@ccao.org if you have any questions about the call. Let her know if you will be able to participate in the conference call meeting.

The purpose of this conference call meeting is to review suggested changes to the Solid Waste Review Report prepared by GT Environmental and make any recommendations that the committee wishes to make to the proposed legislative policy as outlined in the consultant's report. Copies were e-mailed to committee members.

At a meeting of the CCAO Board of Directors on April 20 commissioners accepted the CCAO/OSWDO Solid Waste Review Report. Commissioners asked at the meeting that they be given an opportunity to review the Report and comment back to CCAO regarding any suggested changes or revisions that they would like to make to the Report. Copies of the two committee reports prepared by the consultant were sent electronically to all counties with CIDS on April 27th and May 4th. Commissioners and solid waste directors were encouraged to review the report and send any recommended changes to the report to CCAO staff by May 18th. During the week of May 21 a summary of any suggested changes will be forwarded to members of this committee for your review prior to the conference call. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981, (888) 757-1904, or bcole@ccao.org.

JOB & FAMILY SERVICES COLLABORATION & MERGER PROJECTS – CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES

Cutbacks in state and federal funding and increased demand for human services in a weak economy are causing county job and family service departments to look at new approaches to achieve efficiencies through merger of departments and collaboration projects. Join CCAO on June 13, 2012 for a 2nd Wednesday seminar to learn from a director of a three-county pilot merger project the genesis, challenges and anticipated benefits of this joint effort. You will also receive information from JFS executives on the advantages of sharing resources for training and supervision, and potential savings and flexibility flowing from a "one-call center," a pooled workforce, and collaborative technological processes and purchases.

All 2nd Wednesday's Seminars will be held in the Board Room at the CCAO Offices, 209 E. State Street, in Columbus. Register for this FREE program by e-mail to 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. Coffee will be served at 9:00 a.m., the program begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes promptly at 12:30 p.m., and lunch is on your own after the program.

A workshop flyer and schedule of other 2012 2nd Wednesday Seminars is attached to this issue of CIDS and linked on the front page of www.ccao.org. If you have questions regarding the substance of the program, contact Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, at bcole@ccao.org

CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR TO BE HELD JUNE 8; ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE!

CCAO invites all county commissioners, affiliates and guests to the CCAO Summer Seminar to be held June 8, 2012 at the [Doubletree Hotel Columbus/Worthington](#), 175 Hutchinson Avenue, in Columbus.

All **conference educational sessions** will take place on Friday, June 8. Registration will open at 7:30 a.m. with sessions beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. There will be one registration fee for all attendees that will include conference registration, continental breakfast, beverage breaks, and lunch.

These **affiliate organizations** will be meeting at the Summer Seminar: County Administrators Association, County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association, Ohio County Dog Wardens Association, and Organization of Solid Waste Districts of Ohio.

Conference Registration: For the first time, you will have the opportunity to register online at www.ccao.co/registration. Register for the conference by May 25, 2012 to receive the discounted rate. **REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE.** For registration information please contact Ali Redmond, CCAO Accountant, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904, fax (614) 221-6986, or onlinereg@ccao.org. RETURN REGISTRATION FORMS TO CCAO, 209 EAST STATE STREET, COLUMBUS, OH 43215.

Cancellation Policy: Refund of Conference registration fee, less an administrative fee of \$25 will be made if written notice of conference registration cancellation is postmarked no later than May 25, 2012.

Room Reservations: If you would like to arrive the evening before the seminar, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Doubletree Hotel Columbus/Worthington. Room rate: \$94 single/double. Cutoff date: May 25, 2012. Please make reservations by calling (614) 885-3334 or (800) 870-0349 and mention CCAO for the discounted rate or register for your room [online](#).

2012-13 NACo BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

NACo's Annual Conference is rapidly approaching and one of the most important events is the election of officers and Board of Directors members. State associations are asked to nominate representatives to serve on the NACo Board of Directors. The NACo Nominating Committee will review the nominations and prepare a report to be presented at the Annual Business Meeting to be held on Tuesday afternoon, July 17 in Allegheny County (Pittsburg), PA. The one-year term on the NACo Board of Directors begins the last day of the current annual conference and ends the last day of the next annual conference.

CCAO is entitled to two representatives on the NACo Board of Directors. Currently, the positions are filled by Commissioners Olen Jackson (Morrow) and Daniel Troy (Lake).

Commissioners interested in serving on the NACo Board of Directors should submit a letter of interest to Larry Long, CCAO Executive Director, via fax (614) 221-6986 or llong@ccao.org by **May 29, 2012**.

OSU EXTENSION PROGRAMS

OPERATION MILITARY KIDS

Through a network of national, state and local partners, "Operation: Military Kids" (OMK) provides access to youth programs and support services where military children live. OMK Partners organize special events, provide transportation to military kids to sporting events or other extracurricular activities.

The Durant family spent a weekend at Kelley's Island last summer — a whole weekend together, which doesn't happen often for this military family. They did so thanks to a family camp sponsored by "Operation: Military Kids" (OMK), a partnership of Ohio State University Extension 4-H youth development and the Ohio National Guard's family readiness program. John Durant, a sergeant and safety officer in the Ohio National Guard, is thankful his day job is close to home at the Beightler Armory in Columbus. But mandatory weekend and summer training continually takes him away. That's why OMK offered three family camps in 2011, all filled to capacity. View a two-minute "Operation: Military Kids" [video](#) for more information.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

DEFIANCE & PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHARE THEIR JFS DIRECTOR

On April 30, 2012 Defiance County Commissioners Thomas Kime, Otto Nicely and James Harris, Jr. and Paulding County Commissioners Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley and Fred Pieper approved a Memorandum of Understanding to Share a Job and Family Services (JFS) Director. This MOU became effective May 1, 2012 and will remain in effect until June 30, 2013.

The current Defiance County JFS Director Jack Graf is retiring effective May 31, 2012. This retirement provided an opportunity for the two Boards to review their county JFS processes, identify potential for creating a more efficient method of managing these two entities and merging as a single entity. After review of mission, vision, philosophy, management, and operational functioning, the Boards decided to enter into an MOU to share Paulding County JFS Director N. Corey Walker. The Boards agreed that this is an opportunity to maximize resources.

Walker will remain an employee of Paulding County, even though he will be the JFS Director for both counties. Walker has been granted full statutory authority by both Boards to run each county's JFS as needed in order to meet the defined goals and objectives. Each organization remains an independent organization, separate in all aspects, including fiscal. There will be no sharing or mixing of funds cross county lines. Walker's full salary and benefits will be paid by Paulding County JFS. However, Paulding County will invoice Defiance County quarterly for half of Walker's salary.

The commissioners are optimistic that this can lead to additional savings in future years as the counties continue to consolidate positions and work with the State JFS on technical issues.

OHIO GOVERNMENT PAYROLL SHRANK 4.6% LAST DECADE

Government payroll in Ohio shrank at one of the fastest paces in the country during the past decade, according to an analysis of federal data. Between March 2002 and March this year, the number of local, state and federal government positions in Ohio fell by 36,600 from 801,500 to 764,900. Only Connecticut, Rhode Island and Michigan lost a greater share of government jobs than Ohio's 4.6 percent slide.

The report was compiled by On Numbers, which crunches data for Business Courier parent American City Business Journals. Its analysis of U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data shows 37 states and Washington, D.C.,

saw government payrolls increase during the past decade. Nationally, government payrolls swelled by 613,800 jobs from 21.6 million in 2002 to 22.2 million in 2012, On Numbers found.

Ohio was one of seven states that registered government payroll drops of more than 10,000 government positions. The rest were: Michigan (-73,900), California (-56,400), Illinois (-30,700), Wisconsin (-15,400), Connecticut (-13,700) and Louisiana (-11,600). Source: *Business Courier*, May 7, 2012.

STATE ACTIVITIES

ATTORNEY GENERAL DEWINE ANNOUNCES GUIDELINES FOR MOVING OHIO FORWARD DEMOLITION PROGRAM

Last Friday, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced guidelines for local communities interested in applying for the \$75 million in demolition grants to help stabilize and improve communities by removing blighted and abandoned homes. The funds are from the national mortgage settlement reached earlier this year by the attorneys general with five of the nation's largest mortgage servicers over foreclosure abuses, fraud and deceptive mortgage practices.

The total amount of funding available to each county is based on the percentage of foreclosure filings in each county between 2008-2011 (which is the time period of the settlement agreement) divided by the total amount of funding (\$75 million). The grants will be awarded on August 1, 2012. Funds will remain dedicated to a county until December 31, 2013, the end of the first grant application period. The funds may be reallocated if no application is submitted or if funds remain unspent on eligible reimbursement projects. A link to the total amount available to each county can be accessed [here](#).

The Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Program will require that a lead entity, such as a land bank or local government, apply for the funds on behalf of each county in Ohio. The first round of grant applications, which can be downloaded from the Attorney General's website at www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/foreclosure, will be accepted between May 4, 2012 and June 30, 2012. After grant agreements are executed, demolition work must be completed by December 31, 2013.

While an exact total of abandoned homes is not available, conservative estimates place the number of vacant and abandoned properties in Ohio in need of immediate demolition at 100,000.

A goal of the Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Program is to maximize the number of demolitions of blighted and abandoned residential properties. Recognizing that many local governments are experiencing economic hardships, the program will not require a match for the first \$500,000 allocated to each county. Counties will be required to provide a dollar-for-dollar match to receive any reimbursement request over their \$500,000 allocation.

Local communities with questions regarding this program should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Mortgage Foreclosure Unit, 30 East Broad Street – Floor 15, Columbus, OH 43215, or email at MovingOhioForward@ohioattorneygeneral.gov

OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame honors veterans for their achievements and contributions through public and community service. The 2012 Induction Ceremony will be held on November 8, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the National Museum of the Air Force, 1100 Spaatz Street, Wright Patterson AFB. The deadline for the submission of nomination packets to be considered for the Class of 2012 is June 30, 2012. Download the [guidelines and nomination form](#) or call Karen Kish at (614) 752-8941.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

USDA SEEKS GRANT APPLICATIONS TO IMPROVE RURAL HOUSING

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces that applications for grants are being accepted to provide assistance to low- and very-low-income rural residents to repair their homes. USDA Rural Development is offering [Housing Preservation Grants](#) to intermediaries such as town or county governments, public agencies, federally recognized Indian Tribes, and non-profit and faith-based organizations. The grants are then distributed to qualified homeowners or owners of multi-family rental properties or cooperative dwellings who rent to low- and very-low-income residents. USDA does not provide funding directly to homeowners under this program.

Grants can be used to weatherize and repair existing structures, install or improve plumbing or provide access to people with disabilities. [Housing Preservation Grants](#) help bring job growth and stability to low-income communities while improving the living conditions of rural Americans.

For fiscal year 2012, USDA may award up to \$4.1 million in competitive grants through the Housing Preservation Grant program. Applications are due June 25, 2012. For more information on how to apply, please see page 27179 of the May 9, 2012 Federal Register or click on this [link](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

2012 NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION - JULY 13-17 - ALLEGHENY COUNTY (PITTSBURGH), PA

NACo's 77th Annual Conference and Exposition will be held on July 13-17, 2012. The Annual Conference will be hosted by Allegheny County (Pittsburgh) in our neighboring state of Pennsylvania. Since the conference is so close, many Ohio counties are a short drive of Allegheny County, located in western Pennsylvania. Educational sessions and exhibits will be held in downtown Pittsburg at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, which is very close to the conference hotels.

The Annual Conference provides county officials with a great opportunity to vote on NACo's policies related to federal legislation and regulation, elect officers, network with colleagues, learn about innovative county programs, find out about issues impacting counties across the country, and view products and services from participating companies and exhibitors. **Register for the NACo Conference by June 1 to receive the earlybird discount and register online to save \$25 per person on your registration fee.** For more information about the NACo Conference, go to www.naco.org > Meetings and Education.

RODGERS TO APPOINT LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2012-13

Chris Rodgers, Douglas County (Nebraska) Commissioner and NACo 1st Vice President, will have the privilege of making the following presidential leadership and committee appointments to his 2012-13 Leadership Team. Please note: Steering committee membership is not a part of this application process. The NACo president appoints only the steering committee leadership. CCAO is responsible for nominating the general steering committee members from Ohio. More information about steering committee nomination will be available soon.

- **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. These appointments are for one year. **This does not include steering committee membership nominations. CCAO will process steering committee membership nominations in early June.**

- **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. These appointments are for one year.
- **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, Programs and Services, and Membership Committees)
- **Ad Hoc Committees** – Eight committees (i.e., Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee, NACo Financial Services Center Advisory Committee, Arts and Culture Commission, Green Government Advisory Board, Healthy Counties Advisory Board, International Economic Development Task Force, Veterans & Military Services Committee, and Cybersecurity Task Force.)

The application is available online at www.naco.org Click on About NACo>Committees and Caucuses>Presidential Appointments. **Application deadline: June 4, 2012.** If you have any questions please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org

2012-13 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, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org Please respond by **June 1, 2012**. The nominations are processed at CCAO and will be forwarded to NACo for approval by the incoming NACo President Chris Rodgers, Douglas County (Nebraska) Commissioner, after the NACo Annual Conference in July. NACo will announce your appointment in September 2012.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2012-013

1. A regional council of county boards of developmental disabilities may receive and hold state moneys otherwise payable to a member county board of developmental disabilities that the member county board, pursuant to R.C. 5126.13, directs be disbursed directly to the regional council.
2. A regional council of county boards of developmental disabilities may invest the moneys of the regional council as authorized by the Uniform Depository Act, R.C. 135.01-.22. A regional council of county boards of developmental disabilities lacks statutory authority to invest its moneys in the publicly-traded stocks and bonds of for-profit corporations.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title	Employer/Application Deadline/For More Information. . .
Assistant County Administrator	Clermont County Human Resources May 18, 2012 http://www.clermontcountyohio.gov/2012ACA.aspx
EMS Director	Athens County Commissioners May 31, 2012 www.athenscountygovernment.com
9-1-1 Communications Director	Delaware County Commissioners June 1, 2012 http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/hr/jobs/9-1-1%20Communications%20Director.pdf

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!**

CCAOC'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!

June 13	Job & Family Services Collaboration & Merger Projects	Sept 12	Ohio's New Casinos: Economic Impact, County Revenue & Regulation
July 11	MARCS—Communication Shared Services Program	Oct 10	County Budgeting & Finance Refresher
Aug 8	Waging Successful Ballot Issue Campaigns	Nov 14	Housing Foreclosure Challenge: Land Banking as Potential Solution

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



Second Wednesday's

June 13, 2012

Job & Family Services Collaboration & Merger Projects

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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PRESENTERS

Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, CCAO

Jody Walker, Director, Vinton County JFS

Tim McCartney, Chief Operating Officer, Hamilton County JFS

Roxane Somerlot, Director, Marion County JFS

AGENDA—9:30-12:30

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:45 a.m. Ross-Hocking-Vinton Pilot Merger Project
- 10:30 a.m. Collaboration of SW Ohio JFS Directors Assn.
- 11:15 a.m. Collabor8 (Delaware, Hancock, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Sandusky, Wood)
- 12:00 p.m. Questions & Answers
- 12:30 p.m. Adjourn

LOCATION

All Second Wednesday's Seminars will be held in the Board Room at the CCAO offices, 209 East State Street, Columbus 43215.

HOW TO REGISTER

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