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JULY 19-22, 2013	NACo COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE (ANNUAL CONFERENCE), TARRANT COUNTY (FORT WORTH), TEXAS
JULY 20, 2013	CCAO CAUCUS RECEPTION (<i>HELD DURING THE NACo COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE</i>), FORT WORTH CONVENTION CENTER, TARRANT COUNTY (FORT WORTH), TEXAS
JULY 29, 2013	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TRAINING, MEDINA COUNTY (WADSWORTH)
JULY 30, 2013	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TRAINING, ALLEN COUNTY (LIMA)
JULY 31, 2013	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TRAINING, CLINTON COUNTY (WILMINGTON)
AUGUST 12, 2013	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TRAINING, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)
AUGUST 14, 2013	THE BASICS OF THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW (CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR)
AUGUST 31, 2013	DEADLINE FOR DOG REGISTRATION RATES
DECEMBER 8-10, 2013	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS (HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: HYATT REGENCY)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

SUZANNE DULANEY NAMED AS NEW CCAO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The CCAO Board of Directors has approved the selection of Suzanne Dulaney as CCAO Executive Director. Dulaney will assume the position officially on August 5, replacing Larry Long, who is retiring after nearly 40 years of service to CCAO.

Suzanne obtained her law degree with a concentration in governmental affairs from Capital University and her undergraduate degree in political science from Miami University. She comes to us with 18 years of experience working with the Ohio General Assembly and 14 years working in non-profit trade associations.



Some commissioners may remember Suzanne when she was a Senior Policy Analyst for CCAO from 1999-2006, specializing in health and human service programs. After leaving CCAO she served as the Associate CEO for the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities where she was in charge of legal and legislative affairs.

Suzanne is a life-long resident of Ohio. She is a native of Butler County, where her parents still reside. Suzanne currently lives in Delaware County with her husband, Jeff Dulaney. Jeff has a PhD in physics and is the President, CEO, and Founder of LSP Technologies, Inc., a company in Franklin County that specializes in the development and use of high-energy laser systems to improve the safety and durability of aircraft.

ACA TRAINING TO PROCEED DESPITE THE RECENT DELAY

Even though Washington has delayed some parts of health care reform by a year, CEBCO is continuing with its plan to offer regional ACA training. The delay is a welcome change but the requirements remain, and time spent in preparation is still time well spent in our opinion. Even as it announced the delay, the Administration indicated there is additional clarification coming in days ahead (additional information on the delay on page 3)

CEBCO in cooperation with the law firm of Fishel Hass Kim Albrecht LLC is offering training programs throughout Ohio to assist county commissioners and their support staff with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliance. The ACA places many new responsibilities on county administration as health plan sponsors, and what you don't know – when it comes to the ACA – CAN hurt you. All those nagging questions about what must be offered, to whom, and at what cost as well as the new taxes and reporting requirements will be addressed by Marc Fishel. Participants will receive a summary of the key responsibilities incumbent upon counties and actionable ideas to remain compliant with the new regulations.

Five sessions have been scheduled around the state to insure accessibility. The same program will be presented at each seminar. Plan to attend or send the appropriate staff member to one of these meetings:

- **July 15 – Athens County (Athens)**
Ohio University Inn & Conference Center, 331 Richland Avenue, Athens
- **July 29 – Medina County (Wadsworth)**
The Galaxy, 201 Park Center Drive, Wadsworth
- **July 30 – Allen County (Lima)**
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 803 S. Leonard Avenue, Lima
- **July 31 – Clinton County (Wilmington)**
Robert Center, 123 Gano Road (I-71 & SR 68, Exit 50), Wilmington
- **August 12 – Franklin County (Columbus)**
CCAO Offices, 209 E. State Street, Columbus

All meetings will start at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Q&A lunch (provided). This FREE training is open to all counties. [Register and read more...](#)

THE BASICS OF THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW WEBINAR - AUGUST 14

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “The Basics of the Prevailing Wage Law” webinar on August 14, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. Speakers from the Ohio Department of Commerce and the Ohio Attorney General’s office address the following issues and questions and answer questions from county officials who will be participating in the webinar.

- What are prevailing wages?

- What are prevailing wage thresholds for new construction and reconstruction?
- What are public authority responsibilities?
- What are the responsibilities of the prevailing wage coordinator?
- What are the requirements for certified payroll reports?
- What are contractor responsibilities and requirements?

To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/332878902>. Click here for more webinar information. If for any reason you experience difficulty in connecting to the link above and you wish to register for the webinar, please email Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at ajones@ccao.org and provide her with your email address. Space is limited for this webinar, so register early. If you have questions regarding registering for the webinar, please contact Amanda at the email address listed above. For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research, at bcole@ccao.org

COUNTY PERMISSIVE LODGING TAX HANDBOOK CHAPTER UPDATED

This week, Chapter 21 – County Permissive Lodging Tax of the *County Commissioners Handbook* was published on the CCAO website. The primary purpose of this tax is to fund the operations of convention and visitors’ bureaus operating in the county. Chapter 21 can be found on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. Click on the Handbook button on the first page or [click here](#) for a direct link to the chapter. If you have any questions about the chapter, contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981, (888) 757-1904 or bcole@ccao.org

STATE ACTIVITIES

DOG REGISTRATION RATE RESOLUTION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 31ST!

As you are likely aware, the recently passed state budget bill (HB 59) included language that will allow individuals to register a dog for a period of one year, three years, or register the dog permanently rather than requiring an annual registration as in current law. Boards of commissioners need to work with their county auditors and dog wardens to make sure they are prepared for these changes in law, particularly by passing a resolution on dog registration fee increases by August 31, 2013. For more information, please see the related story in this week’s Statehouse Report.

CASINO AND RACINO REVENUES CONTINUE THEIR STEADY DECLINE

The monthly revenue reports for June 2013 released by the Casino Control Commission show a continued deterioration in receipts. All four casinos reported gross revenues which were below their May revenues. The Cincinnati casino reported the most significant decrease in revenue. Receipts fell of approximately \$2 million from the previous month. Collectively, the four casinos’ revenues were down over \$3.5 million. The counties’ share of the \$68.6 million in June gross casino revenues amounts to approximately \$8.5 million after allocating the shares to the largest cities in each of the eight largest counties. Year-to-date gross casino revenues for the period of January through June total roughly \$406.0 million and yield about \$50.5 million to the counties and \$17.8 million to the eight cities.

Meanwhile, revenue at Scioto Downs near Columbus and Thistledown in Cleveland, the two operating racinos, also fell off from the preceding month. The Ohio Lottery Commission reported \$21.7 million in racino revenue for June which was about 4% below May.

SECRETARY OF STATE LAUNCHES OHIO FOUNDING FATHERS AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS WEBSITES

Secretary of State Jon Husted has launched two websites as part of new civic engagement effort focused on providing Ohioans with easy access to important historical information about our state and its founding principles. In 2011, Ohio lawmakers passed Senate Bill 165, which requires state educators to incorporate as part of their coursework content related American and Ohio history and government. The new law ensures students will learn about key historical documents, including the Declaration of Independence, Northwest Ordinance, U.S. Constitution, with emphasis on the Bill of Rights, and Ohio Constitution.

Visitors to OhioFoundingFathers.com and OhioHistoricalDocs.com will be able to more easily access historical information maintained by the Ohio Secretary of State, including elections statistics, past and current laws of Ohio, the Ohio Constitution and historical rosters of federal, state and local elected officials. Additionally, the sites work together to honor and educate visitors about the founders who helped shape our state and nation, as well as the diverse collection of people, places and events that make our state so unique. [Read more...](#)

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

HOUSE MUNICIPAL BOND SUPPORT LETTER

Last week, the bipartisan letter to House Leadership in support of the tax exemption for municipal bond interest led by Reps. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-Md.) and Randy Hultgren (R-Ill.) closed with over 130 Representatives signing on. NACo, which worked closely with congressional staff to move this effort forward, commends counties who reached out to their Representatives.

The letter, which will be sent to Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-Ohio) and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), urges them to support municipal bonds and to oppose proposals that would cap or eliminate the tax exemption for municipal bond interest. To view a copy of the letter, [click here](#). Thanks to the following Members of Congress from Ohio for signing on to the letter.

To see if your Representative signed on, [click here](#). Please take a moment to thank them for signing on to the letter.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT PENALTIES DELAYED UNTIL 2015

The Obama Administration has announced a delay in a key provision of the Affordable Care Act. Large employers (those with more than 50 full-time employees or equivalent) will not be penalized in 2014 if they fail to offer affordable minimum essential coverage to all employees who work at least 30 hours per week. According to the U.S. Treasury Department, these penalties will not take effect until 2015. This change gives employers some breathing room to determine how they will implement these provisions of the Act.

This delay does not affect other parts of the law. For example, the exchanges will be available beginning October 1, 2013 for implementation in 2014. Similarly, the pre-existing condition bar will be effective as will the 90 day maximum waiting period for employee coverage. Tax subsidies and individual penalties for failing to obtain health insurance will also apply in 2014. The Treasury Department has indicated it will be issuing further guidance on this delayed implementation in the near future. [Read more...](#)

GRANTS

USDA GRANTS TO BRING IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting applications for grants to provide access to education, training and healthcare resources in rural areas. Funding is authorized through the Department's Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program. The USDA remains focused on carrying out its mission, despite a time of significant budget uncertainty. Today's announcement is one part of the Department's efforts to strengthen the rural economy.

Under this notice, USDA may provide up to \$17.5 million in grants. Funds can be used to buy equipment and provide technical assistance. To be eligible, applicants must serve a rural area, demonstrate economic need and provide at least 15 percent in matching funds. Awards range up to \$500,000. In 2012, USDA Rural Development provided 58 DLT grants for projects in 36 states. Since the program began, 1,400 projects have been funded. Application deadline: **August 12, 2013**. For further details about eligibility rules and application procedures, see the notice published on page 38915 of the [June 28, 2013 Federal Register](#).

NACo ACTIVITIES

COUNTY LEADERS TO SET NATIONAL POLICIES, EXPLORE INNOVATIONS AT NACo'S 2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Featuring guest speaker Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, county leaders from across the country will meet July 19-22 in Tarrant County, Texas at the 2013 NACo Annual Conference: County Solutions and Idea Marketplace to establish national policies affecting counties and work collaboratively to find innovative solutions to challenges facing American communities.

Implementation of the Affordable Care Act and protection of the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds are key issues to be discussed during the four-day conference. Sebelius will open the Monday, July 22 General Session with remarks about implementation of the Affordable Care Act, followed by a panel discussion entitled "Where is Healthcare Going? The Public Sector Impact."

The tax-exempt status of municipal bonds will be a major issue of discussion. NACo released important new research last month on the impact of changes to the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds on counties and their residents. The [paper](#) explores the unique characteristics of municipal bonds, such as the locally-driven nature of municipal financing and its focus on infrastructure. Featuring profiles of 45 counties, the study provides estimates of the impact of proposed changes to the tax-exempt status of municipal bond interest on counties. [Read more...](#)

[Click here](#) to view the entire conference schedule of meetings and events.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

NACo DENTAL DISCOUNT PROGRAM

The National Association of Counties (NACo) offers a discount dental card program exclusively for member counties. The program provides 5% to 50% savings on most dental procedures including routine checkups, cleanings, dentures, root canals, crowns and more. This plan is not insurance, but is a discount plan where everyone is accepted with unlimited use. Sign up for a webinar presentation on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. to hear from key NACo staff and program administrator representatives, Careington Intl. Corporation, on how you can easily implement this program to help your county's residents with their dental needs. Only 47% of county residents nationwide have dental insurance, and many with insurance still have uncovered services. For more program information, please contact Andrew Goldschmidt, NACo Director of Membership/Marketing, at (202) 942-4221 or agoldschmidt@naco.org. [Register here...](#)

CAN I DO THAT? AN OVERVIEW OF THE OHIO ETHICS LAW

The Ethics Commission has announced their 2013 Webinar schedule! These webinars providing an overview of the Ohio Ethics Law will be available through the rest of the year. These one-hour sessions can be “attended” at your desk, using your own telephone and computer. [Webinars](#) are presented by the Ohio Ethics Commission and are supported by the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Register for a session now by clicking a date below:

- [August 6, 2013](#) 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- [September 5, 2013](#) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- [October 11, 2013](#) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- [November 5, 2013](#) 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- [December 18, 2013](#) 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Once registered you will receive an email confirming your registration with information you need to join the webinar.

OHIO PUBLIC SECTOR FACT FINDING

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) will hold their 2013 “Ohio Public Sector Fact Finding” Conference on Friday, August 16, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Dublin Hotel, 600 Metro Place North, in Dublin. The Conference will bring together as presenters and as participants, professionals who are part of the Fact-Finding process. It will include representatives of labor and management, neutrals who preside as fact finders, SERB staff under whose jurisdiction the fact-finding is conducted, and attorneys whose practice includes representing the parties at fact finding.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register for the Conference. For more information, contact Cheri Alexander, Administrator, SERB Research and Training Section, (614) 466-1193, Cherith.Alexander@serb.state.oh.us or www.serb.ohio.gov

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
EMA Director	Open until most desirable candidate is found Ashtabula County
SWD Coordinator	July 18, 2013 Logan County
Family Council Coordinator	July 18 or until filled Developmental Disabilities of Clark County
City Engineer	July 19, 2013 City of Tiffin
Data Technician	July 24, 2013 Warren County
Zoning Coordinator	July 26th at 5:00 p.m. Miami County Department of Development
Full-time Transit Director	August 1, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Carroll County
Backflow Prevention Specialist/Maintenance	July 31 st , 4:30 p.m. Ottawa County