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### DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 18, 2013	CEBCO BOARD/RENEWAL MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)
SEPTEMBER 19, 2013	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES (COLUMBUS)
SEPTEMBER 20, 2013	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013	NW OHIO COMMISSIONER & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, DEFIANCE EAGLES, DEFIANCE COUNTY (DEFIANCE)
OCTOBER 3, 2013	CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING/OSU EXTENSION UPDATE, THE OHIO 4-H CENTER FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)
OCTOBER 9, 2013	CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING/OSU EXTENSION UPDATE, OLDE DUTCH RESTAURANT, HOCKING COUNTY (LOGAN)
OCTOBER 15, 2013	CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING/OSU EXTENSION UPDATE, SHISLER CONFERENCE CENTER, WAYNE COUNTY (WOOSTER)
OCTOBER 23, 2013	CCAO WEBINAR - THE HEALTH OF OHIO: RESULTS FROM THE 2012 OHIO MEDICAID ASSESSMENT SURVEY
OCTOBER 30, 2013	CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING/OSU EXTENSION UPDATE, WARREN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WARREN COUNTY (LEBANON)
NOVEMBER 6, 2013	CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING/OSU EXTENSION UPDATE, WOOD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WOOD COUNTY (BOWLING GREEN)
DECEMBER 8-10, 2013	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS) (HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: HYATT REGENCY)

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### LONG RECOGNIZED FOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY OVER 40 YEAR CAREER

Larry L. Long, former Executive Director of CCAO, was recognized by the Buckeye Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) for his accomplishments in promoting education and advocating on behalf of counties to improve solid waste management in Ohio. SWANA is a national organization active in 45 states that represents public and private solid waste professionals in education and advocacy regarding solid waste matters.

Long received the SWANA Ohio Buckeye Chapter Non-Member Recognition Award for 2013 from Jim Skora, a director of SWANA and Senior Manager with GT Environmental, an environmental consulting firm that works with public and private clients on environmental issues. Skora credited Long with organizing a series of seminars for county commissioners back in 1988 shortly after Ohio's comprehensive solid waste management law (HB 592) was passed. Long has also been instrumental in updating the CCAO Handbook Chapter on Solid Waste Management and supported efforts by CCAO and the Organization of Solid Waste Districts of Ohio to secure an Ohio Environmental Education Fund grant in 2010 to educate local officials and the general public on Ohio's comprehensive solid waste management law.



In his remarks to the Buckeye Chapter of SWANA, Long recalled the circumstances involving the passage of the original state solid waste law as well as legislative activity that permitted the siting of the Franklin County landfill. Attending the event on behalf of CCAO was Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research and CCAO's resident specialist on solid waste issues.

### CCAO WEBINAR: 2012 OHIO MEDICAID ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Join CCAO on October 23, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. for a webinar about "The Health of Ohio: Results from the 2012 Ohio Medicaid Assessment Survey". This presentation will concentrate on the determinants of health and health care system dynamics relating to regional and local government health-associated policy and planning. Particular emphasis will be placed upon population health burdens (e.g., uninsured rates, low access to care rates, poor-to-fair health status, poverty, health disparities and health conditions) that impact Ohio. Comparisons will be drawn between Ohio's Appalachian, metropolitan, suburban and rural non-Appalachian counties. The theoretical framework for the discussion will be population-associated health risk. Consideration of how these findings may impact implementation of the Affordable Care Act will be addressed. Instruction on how counties may access Ohio Medicaid Assessment Survey (OMAS) data and data findings will be provided.

Webinar attendees may pose questions to the presenters who will respond during and after the power point presentation. To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/278055726> or copy and paste it into your browser. If 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](mailto:ajones@ccao.org) and provide her with your email address. Space is limited for this webinar, so register early.

For additional information regarding the webinar topic, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research, at [bcole@ccao.org](mailto:bcole@ccao.org) or Laura Abu-Absi, CCAO Policy Analyst, at [labu-absi@ccao.org](mailto:labu-absi@ccao.org). [Read more...](#)

DEFIANCE COUNTY TO HOST NW OHIO COMMISSIONERS AND ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING

Defiance County Commissioners Otto Nicely, James Harris, Jr. and Thomas Kime and County Engineer Warren Schlatter will be hosting the fall quarterly meeting of the Northwest Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Association on Monday, September 23, 2013. The meeting will be held at the Defiance Eagles, 711 West Second Street, in Defiance.

Registration fee: \$5.00. Registration deadline: September 13. For more information, please contact Stephanie Metz, Clerk, Defiance County Commissioners, 500 Court Street-Suite A, Defiance, OH 43512, [clerk@defiance-county.com](mailto:clerk@defiance-county.com). [Read more...](#)

CCAO BUDGET BRIEFINGS/OSU EXTENSION UPDATES REGISTRATION OPENS

The state operating budget traditionally impacts counties more than any other legislation enacted during a General Assembly, and this year was no different. HB 59 provides funding to Ohio's counties and, moreover, enacts a substantial tax reform package along with many other policy provisions. Thus, CCAO will offer regional briefings this fall to discuss items in HB 59 that impact county government, suggestions on how to implement certain provisions and insight into potential future legislative initiatives.

OSU Extension and the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will join CCAO for these meetings. Dean Bruce McPherson will participate in three of the five meetings to share his vision for the College's future and to meet commissioners. OSU Extension Director Keith Smith will share some changes in the organization's structure designed to increase effectiveness and better serve counties.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of the five CCAO Budget Briefings/OSU Extension Updates for county commissioners, chief staff members and OSU Extension that will be held this fall. The same agenda will be presented at each location. The sessions begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge to attend. **Pre-registration is necessary.**

**AGENDA**

- 8:15 AM Registration & Coffee
- 9:00 AM Welcome
- 9:15 AM CCAO/OSU Extension Presentations
  - Future Directions: College of Food, Agricultural & Environmental Sciences/OSU Extension
  - Comments from Suzanne Dulaney, CCAO Executive Director
  - Analyzing the State Budget—Past, Present & Future
  - *Break for Lunch*
  - Continued Budget Analysis and Everything Else You Need to Know
- 3:30 PM Adjourn

**DATES/LOCATIONS**

- October 3 Franklin County (Columbus)**  
The Ohio 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus. [Register now...](#)
- October 9 Hocking County (Logan)**  
Olde Dutch Restaurant, 12791 State Route 664 S, Logan. [Register now...](#)
- October 15 Wayne County (Wooster)**  
Shisler Conference Center, 1680 Madison Ave, Wooster. [Register now...](#)

**October 30 Warren County (Lebanon)**

Warren County Administration Building, 406 Justice Dr., Lebanon. [Register now...](#)

**November 6 Wood County (Bowling Green)**

Commissioners Meeting Room, One Courthouse Square, County Administration Building, Bowling Green. [Register now...](#)

Registration information was distributed via email and posted on our website this week. [Read more...](#)

**REMINDER: ALL MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

This is a reminder that all county commissioners, county executive and county council members are welcome and invited to attend the CCAO Board of Directors meetings. The next CCAO Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Friday, September 20, 2013. In order to include everyone who plans to attend in the lunch count, please RSVP Kathy Dillon, Office Manager & Boards' Liaison at [kathydillon@ccao.org](mailto:kathydillon@ccao.org) on or before September 16 if you will be attending the meeting. Also, please feel free to contact Kathy Dillon should you have any additional questions.

**CCAConnect: JOIN THE CONVERSATION**

CCA has rolled out CCAConnect which is a new communication tool for county commissioners, elected county executives and county council members to reach out to peers for assistance with issues! How do I start using CCAConnect? [Read more...](#)

If you have any questions about CCAConnect, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org)



**AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES**

**FINAL 2013 CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING TO BE HELD IN CARROLL COUNTY**

The County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association (CCC/EAPA) have scheduled regional training sessions this year. The final regional training session will be held on Friday, October 25, 2013 – Carroll County (Carrollton) at Knickers Restaurant/Carroll Meadows Golf Club, 1130 Meadowbrook Lane, in Carrollton. RSVP your attendance to Joann Sikorski, Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Athens County Commissioners at (740) 592-3219 or [jsikorski@athensoh.org](mailto:jsikorski@athensoh.org)

All the county commissioners' and engineers' office support staff members are encouraged to attend. Regional meetings, as well as at the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference, are excellent opportunities for networking. The topics discussed at the regional meetings vary from the daily operations of the office to recent legislative updates. All meetings will be held on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Lunch is provided by CCAO/CEAO.

Information about the CCC/EAPA is available at [www.ccc-eapa.org](http://www.ccc-eapa.org) and there is also a yahoo group that is a resource for questions and answers. You can sign up at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC\\_EAPA](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC_EAPA). For more information, please contact 2013 CCC/EAPA President Lisa Hawkins, Clerk, Ashtabula County Commissioners, 25 West Jefferson Street, Ashtabula, OH 44047-1092, (440) 576-3754, Fax (440) 576-2344, or [LLHawkins@ashtabulacounty.us](mailto:LLHawkins@ashtabulacounty.us)

## COUNTY ACTIVITIES

### PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Join Putnam County in Ottawa this Sunday, September 16 for the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party of their courthouse! A celebration is planned for 2:00 p.m. including tours, speakers, refreshments, hand-outs and a video about the history of the court house. The program will be held on the north side of the court house. Those attending are asked to bring lawn chairs for the program. It will include live music, and recognition of past elected county officials and guests. Former Justice Robert Cupp is the guest speaker.



Putnam County was formed from Indian Territory on April 20, 1820. Kalida was laid out in 1834 as the original county seat. In 1866 a fire destroyed the courthouse along with most of the county records. At the next election, the residents of Putnam County voted to move the county seat to Ottawa, where a new courthouse was built in 1866.

Construction started on the third and present courthouse in 1912 and in 1913 the building was completed and occupied. The three-story stone, Beaux Arts style building is built on a stone foundation and is rectilinear with a five bay façade. The cost of the 1913 courthouse was \$198,290.40.

## STATE ACTIVITIES

### 72 COUNTIES TO RESUME WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN FOOD ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS

Starting October 1, 2013, 72 counties will need to begin to enforce work requirements for Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents who receive food assistance.

Since 2007, Ohio has been one of many states receiving an automatic federal waiver based states' unemployment rates of otherwise mandated work requirements for food assistance recipients who are classified as Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS). Without the waiver, these food assistance recipients must participate in an approved work or training program for 20 hours per week in order to receive more than three months of food assistance benefits every three years.

Given the relative improvement in Ohio's total unemployment rate, the state no longer automatically qualifies for a waiver, but could seek such a waiver from the federal government. Recently, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) announced it applied for a waiver, but only for the 16 counties with a 24-month average unemployment rate greater than 120% of the national average unemployment rate for the same period. The 16 counties are: Adams, Brown, Clinton, Coshocton, Highland, Huron, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Ottawa, Perry, Pike, and Scioto.

Currently, the statewide allocation to counties to help fund employment and training programs for this population is up to \$3M/year. (County TANF dollars cannot be used, since TANF dollars may only be used for eligible individuals who have a child in the home.)

Counties will be working with ODJFS to develop a meaningful employment and training program for this population. Given the other administrative challenges facing county JFS departments for the same October 1, 2013 time frame – including implementation of the new Medicaid eligibility determination system, MAGI – additional resources may be required.

The affected population – ABAWDS – is comprised of adults between 18 and 50 years of age who are physically and mentally fit for work, and who are neither pregnant nor have children younger than 18.

Food assistance, known federally as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), is a federally funded program that provides approximately 1.8 million Ohioans with an average benefit of \$132 per month. More than 40 percent of current recipients are children. Food assistance benefits can be spent only on eligible food items and cannot be spent on alcohol, tobacco, restaurant food, or other prohibited items.

For additional information, please contact CCAO Policy Analyst Laura Abu-Absi at (614) 220-7996, (888) 757-1904 or [labu-absi@ccao.org](mailto:labu-absi@ccao.org).

### USUAL STORY ON MONTHLY CASINO REVENUE

Revenue at the state's four casinos in August dropped slightly from the July numbers. A total of \$70.585 million in revenue was realized in August at the casinos in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo from about \$770 million in bets, mostly from slot machines. The revenue was down from about \$72 million in July but close to the monthly average since the statewide take peaked at nearly \$84.3 million in March. Horseshoe Cincinnati led the pack in August with nearly \$19.2 million in total revenue while Horseshoe Cleveland brought in \$18.9 million; Hollywood Columbus netted \$16.89; and Hollywood Toledo came in with \$15.86 million.

Meanwhile, on the “racino” front the intake at the two open “racinos” operating video lottery terminals ticked up a bit last month to run about \$346,000 ahead of July.

The state's newer racino at Thistledown near Cleveland outperformed Scioto Downs south of Columbus in terms of credits played at the VLTs in August but recorded similar profit levels due to a higher amount of promotional play credits given at Thistledown. Thistledown's revenue for the month was about \$11.8 million and Scioto's was about \$11.1 million.

CCAO has prepared a “Guide to Following Casino Revenue” which lists the websites where those interested in tracking the casino and racino revenue can go to monitor and get up to date information. [Read more...](#)

### OHIO AIRPORTS FOCUS STUDY PUBLIC MEETINGS; FINAL MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 16-19

Budgets are tight for everything these days and airports are no different. The Ohio Airport Focus Study invites you to share your thoughts about the future of Ohio's general aviation airports. The final four public meetings will be held next week on September 16, 17, 18, and 19. Parking is free at all locations. Unable to attend? Beginning September 10, you may access the online survey at [www.AirportsFocusStudy.ohio.gov](http://www.AirportsFocusStudy.ohio.gov). For more information please contact the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, 2829 West Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235, [Focus.Study@dot.state.oh.us](mailto:Focus.Study@dot.state.oh.us) or [Read more...](#)

### YOST ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF SUNSHINE AUDIT

On Thursday, Auditor of State Dave Yost announced the results of a “Sunshine Law” audit that his office initiated this past spring.

The test of 20 counties and cities for Sunshine Law compliance this year returned a mixed bag of results. Auditor of State Dave Yost announced the results of those audits in a presentation to the Ohio Association of Broadcasters (OAB) Board of Directors.

Results ranged from full compliance with Sunshine Laws to the failure to centralize how public records

requests are fulfilled and tracked. Comments and recommendations are included in the entities' management letters that accompany the audit. Yost announced to those in attendance at the OAB meeting that he would audit 40 local governments next year in hopes of promoting greater compliance. "We've got to do better," said the State Auditor.

The audits analyzed procedures to determine if each entity has controls in place to ensure compliance with the Ohio Public Records Act. Among the standards examined were prompt responses to requests for inspections and responses within a reasonable time for copies. Auditors also examined records retention schedules related to public records requests, and best practice procedures such as training, redaction practices and documentation of response.

For a copy of the State Auditor's press release, please click [here](#). In addition, to review the Auditor's 2013 Sunshine Update, please click [here](#). Finally, for a copy of the Auditor's "Technical Bulletin" detailing guidance on responding to public records request, please click [here](#).

For more information on this issue, please contact CCAO Senior Policy Analyst Josh Hahn at [jhahn@ccao.org](mailto:jhahn@ccao.org).

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### HUD ANNOUNCES CDBG WEBINARS FOR URBAN AND SMALL COUNTIES

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) are opening registration for a series of outreach webinars as part of the "Moving CDBG Forward: TA and Program Outreach" project. These webinars are designed to discuss potential changes and improvements to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Specifically, HUD seeks input from grantees and other stakeholders on obstacles they encounter in the CDBG program and whether solutions are best provided by technical assistance (TA) and training or by changes to the program itself.

**Urban County** grantees receiving CDBG Grants can register for the webinar on Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 3:30-5:00PM EDT by going to ["Moving CDBG Forward: Urban County Grantees Webinar"](#) registration page.

**Small County** grantees (CDBG Grant < \$350,000 per year) receiving CDBG Grants < \$350,000 per year can register for the webinar on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 from 3:30-5:00PM EDT by going to ["Moving CDBG Forward: Small Grantees Webinar"](#) registration page.

For more information on the Moving CDBG Forward project and a full schedule of events you can attend, please refer to the Moving CDBG Forward announcement on the [OneCPD Resource Exchange](#).

### EPA PROPOSES RULE FOR STORMWATER E-REPORTING

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed a move to electronic filing for National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permits that discharge wastewater into waters of the U.S. All NPDES permitted facilities under the Clean Water Act must monitor and report information on pollution discharges. [Read more...](#)

### COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION CHALLENGE

Municipal governments, including counties, are eligible for the Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities [Centennial Challenge](#), which aims to provide technical support and resources for developing and implementing

plans for urban resilience. Register by September 23, 2013 to receive the application. [Read more...](#)

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### NACO MEMBERSHIP WEBINAR

Join NACo on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. to learn a multitude of free exclusive membership benefit programs and resources. Find out how easy it is to take advantage of money saving and time saving benefits so that you can provide “tough times” solutions directly to your county and its residents. For more information, contact: Andrew Goldschmidt, NACo Director of Membership/Marketing, at (202) 942-4221 or [agoldschmidt@naco.org](mailto:agoldschmidt@naco.org). [Register now...](#)

### HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT WEBINAR

The 2014 open enrollment for health insurance will lead to many questions about eligibility and where to obtain information. Join NACo for a webinar on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. to learn from key health leaders about who is eligible to enroll for the state and federal health insurance marketplaces and about the enrollment process. Counties will also learn what resources are available to assist their residents and employees, if applicable, and the role they can play in enrollment efforts. For more information, please contact Emmanuelle St. Jean, Health Program Manager, NACo County Solutions and Innovation Department, at (202) 942-4267 or [estjean@naco.org](mailto:estjean@naco.org). [Register now...](#)

### ACA INSURANCE ENROLLMENT INITIATIVE WEBINAR

This webinar is a joint effort of NACBHDD-NACo-CWH-ACMHA to help launch the Health Insurance Marketplaces and the Medicaid Expansions. A fundamental goal is to enroll at least 7 million people in health insurance between October 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014. Many of these persons already will have a behavioral health or chronic health condition. Join this webinar on Friday, September 20, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. where panelists will discuss opportunities and challenges toward meeting this very important goal. For more information, please contact Ron Manderscheid, PhD, Executive Director, National Association of County Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Directors, at (202) 942-4296 or [rmanderscheid@nacbhd.org](mailto:rmanderscheid@nacbhd.org). [Register now...](#)

### OHIO RCAP FALL TRAINING SCHEDULE

The Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) is offering the following training courses this fall:

- [Management for Local Officials](#) - Ohio RCAP provides four unique training seminars for local officials in utility management and capacity development offered at locations throughout Ohio. These one-day courses cover technical, managerial, and financial aspects of utility operation and management.
- [Geographic Information Systems \(GIS\) and Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance \(CMOM\)](#) – GIS training will discuss how it is used by utility departments of small communities and how to begin a program. CMOM provides a management framework to evaluate asset condition and system performance, optimize operation and maintenance practices and plan for capital upgrades.

Click on the links above for more information, training schedule and approved contact hours for each course. There is no charge to attend. Lunch is on your own. You may register on-line at <http://ohrcap.org> or contact Nadine Thompson, Program Assistant, WSOS Community Action, at (800) 775-9767 or [nethompson@wsos.org](mailto:nethompson@wsos.org)



**CLASSIFIEDS**

<b>Title /For More Information. . .</b>	<b>Employer/Application Deadline</b>
<b>Director of Economic Development</b>	September 27, 2013 Jefferson County
<b>Sanitary Engineer</b>	October 4, 2013 Miami County
<b>Executive Director</b>	October 18, 2013 Trumbull County Planning Commission
<b>Director - Department on Aging</b>	Open until filled Geauga County
<b>Development Director</b>	Open until filled Madison County
<b>Fiscal Officer</b>	Open until filled Cuyahoga County