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CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CORSA BEST PRACTICES PANEL WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Congratulations and a round of applause for the CORSA Personnel Policy Manual Best Practices Panel for receiving the 2013 National Public Employer Labor Relations Association (NPELRA) Pacesetter Award. The Pacesetter Award recognizes the Panel for their leadership and innovation in the development and implementation of the CORSA Model Personnel Policy Manual and Training Program.

In 2012, CORSA formed the panel in response to challenges from small to mid-size counties that have been particularly hard-hit by the reductions in state funding in the past several years. Due to budget cuts, counties have reduced HR staff, not replaced HR expertise lost due to retirement, and limited their use of outside HR experts. As a



Frank Hatfield, Fishel Hass, Kim, Albrecht (accepting for the late Cheri Hass); Aundrea Cordle, Fairfield Co.; and John Brownlee, CORSA

result, CORSA has seen an increase in requests for assistance updating policies to keep up with changing laws, and an increase in employment claims and litigation. In defending these claims, CORSA found a surprising number of counties and county departments with out-of-date or non-existent personnel policies.

CORSA staff personally delivered the manual to each member county and presented a two-hour seminar on-location in each county on the essential policies in the manual and followed by two-hours of “call in” legal advice from Cheri Hass to assist with the implementation. The goal of this implementation was to reach beyond the commissioners’ office to other elected officials who do not have a manual or staff.

The next stage of on-site training in 2013 was on disciplining the difficult employee, which was developed by the panel to address the most common and difficult employee issues experienced by counties. The panel continues to update the manual on new policies such as FMLA, social media, tobacco use, and conducting investigations.

Serving on the panel were John Brownlee, CORSA Risk Control Manager; Cheri B. Hass (1966-2013) Attorney with Fishel, Hass, Kim and Albrecht; Kelly Cicolani, Richland County HR Director; Chad Dennis, Colonel, Licking County Sheriff’s Office; Aundrea Cordle, HR Director, Fairfield County and Fairfield County JFS; Jim Keating, Trumbull County HR Director; Mike Steiger, HR Director, Allen County Board of DD; and Denise Smith, Portage County Assistant Prosecutor. For more information about the panel, please contact John Brownlee, CORSA Risk Control Manager, at (419) 980-0084 or jbrownlee@ccao.org

OHIO’S MEDICAID EXPANSION WEBINAR – MAY 14

CCAO is pleased that **Cynthia Dungey**, Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), will be joining **Greg Moody**, Director of the Office of Health Transformation, and **Joel Potts**, Executive Director of the Ohio Job & Family Services Directors Association (OJFSDA), as speakers for the one-hour 2nd Wednesday Webinar on “Ohio’s Medicaid Expansion: Implementation Status Report” to be held on May 14 at 9:30 a.m. Topics will include:

- Enrollment: How is enrollment tracking as compared with estimates? If different from the estimates, what explains the differences?
- How is the enrollment process impacting County Departments of Job and Family Services offices? What kind of volume are individual counties experiencing? Is the demand creating challenges for the counties?
- What are the remaining information technology hurdles?
- What has been the fiscal impact to date at the state and county level?
- Access – Are individuals encountering access issues and, if so, what are those access issues?
- Next steps: Discussion of any future implementation details impacting counties on the horizon or additional policy changes resulting from Medicaid Expansion under consideration.

To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/487486470> 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 and provide her with your name, title, and email address. **Webinar participation on May 14 is limited to the first 100 to sign-on to the webinar that morning.** For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research at bcole@ccao.org. [Read more...](#)

OHIO COUNTY COURTHOUSES SYMPOSIUM TO BE HELD IN COLUMBUS MAY 15 AND 16; RICHARD GUY WILSON - KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**OHIO COUNTY
COURTHOUSES
SYMPOSIUM**

The Ohio Historical Society, County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO), Heritage Ohio, the Supreme Court of Ohio, and both the Ohio and Columbus Chapters of the American Institute of Architects will host a symposium on Ohio County courthouses on May 15 and 16 in downtown Columbus. The symposium will address the value of historic courthouses and how to overcome the challenges of funding and maintaining county courthouses in the 21st century.

The symposium will open on Thursday, May 15 at 5 p.m., with a reception featuring Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor and a special sneak preview of "Justice Finds a Home," a documentary that will air later this year on public television.

The keynote speaker presenting on Friday morning at 8:15 a.m. is Richard Guy Wilson, PhD, Commonwealth Chair in Architectural History at the University of Virginia. Dr. Wilson will discuss the "American Identity and Legacy: Courthouses" and will place Ohio's historic county courthouses within a national and statewide architectural context as a symbol and its significance within the community.

Topics covered on Friday, May 16 include: courthouse renovation and preservation; addressing technology needs in historic buildings; administering a successful courthouse project; funding a renovation/preservation effort; and the economic value of courthouses.

[Click here](#) for a detailed schedule and registration information.

CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION NEWS

WORKERS COMP MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION OPEN ENROLLMENT APRIL 28 - MAY 23

Over the next four weeks you will be hearing about the workers' compensation Managed Care Organization (MCO) open enrollment period, and will likely receive solicitations from several companies. CompManagement Health Systems (CHS) is a service corporation partner of CCAO and is the MCO we confidently recommend to our members. Along with CompManagement, Inc., our third party administrator, CHS has made a major contribution to the benefits we offer members through our Group Rating and Group Retro Programs.

What does an MCO do?

The most important role of an MCO is the medical management of workers' compensation claims. MCOs are tasked to engage all parties - injured employee, physician and employer – to facilitate the earliest return to work that is safe for the employee. Beyond any other criteria, an MCO's value to an employer and injured employee is based in their involvement in negotiating a safe return-to-work.

Are all MCOs the same?

No. The BWC evaluates the results of all MCOs in their MCO Report Card. The most important measurement is MoD (Measurement of Disability), which compares each MCO's return-to-work results to established benchmarks. Lost time in a claim is one of the biggest cost-drivers, and your MCO's involvement in helping your employees return to the workplace after an injury directly impacts your premium costs.

What are the options?

There are 16 MCOs in Ohio, and the Open Enrollment period (April 28 – May 23) is the only time during which MCOs are permitted to market their services to employers. It is important to select an MCO partner that excels in resolving claims, and is also easily available to work through complicated issues when they arise.

CCAO works closely with CompManagement Health Systems, and their reputation and performance with our members validates our confidence. To retain CHS as your MCO, you do not need to do anything. [Click here](#) to learn more about CHS' services and results. Contact Beth Miller, CORSA Claim and Litigation Manager, at (614) 220-7989, (888) 757-1904 or emiller@ccao.org if you have any questions.

COUNTY NEWS

COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Ohio Jail Advisory Board - County Commissioners Dan Foley (Montgomery), Todd Sands (Muskingum) and Doug Weisenauer (Crawford) were appointed to three-year terms on the Ohio Jail Advisory Board. The Ohio Jail Advisory Board advised and assists the deputy director of operations of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections to promote practitioner involvement in the development of jail standards and policies for the safe, secure, humane, and efficient operation of jails in Ohio.



Dan Foley



Todd Sands



Doug Weisenauer

Concentrated Animal Feeding Facility Advisory Committee – The Concentrated Animal Feeding Facility Advisory Committee (CAFF) advises the director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Livestock Environmental Permitting Program staff on policies and rules governing large-scale livestock and poultry farming in Ohio. Fayette County Commissioner Tony Anderson is currently serving a term that began last year and ends March, 13, 2015. Shelby County Commissioner Tony Bornhorst was recently appointed as an alternate on the committee.



Tony Anderson



Tony Bornhorst

OSU EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

CELEBRATING THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF OSU EXTENSION

May 8th marks the 100th anniversary of the federal Smith-Lever Act, which created the USDA Cooperative Extension system and OSU Extension. Resolutions are pending in both the Ohio General Assembly and Congress recognizing this milestone; and boards of commissioners are encouraged to celebrate this event with a proclamation as well. Each county will be having some type of anniversary celebration during 2014.

If you are not aware of what is happening in your county, contact your county Extension director or Gwen Wolford, Director, Government Relations, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at (614) 563-1307, or wolford.1@osu.edu. [Click here](#) for draft resolution that can be edited.



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SMITH ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM OSU EXTENSION



Keith L. Smith, director of Ohio State University Extension since 1992, has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2015. Smith, who also serves as Ohio State University's associate vice president for agricultural administration, associate dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), and Gist Chair in Extension Education and Leadership, made the announcement April 3. OSU Extension is the college's outreach arm. [Read more...](#)

STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY CHANGES ITS NAME TO OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION



The Ohio Historical Society is about to make history of its own with a brand new name: the Ohio History Connection. Sixty years ago, the Ohio Historical Society was called The Ohio State Archeological and Historical Society. Changing the name to the Ohio History Connection will usher in the next evolving generation of historical preservation both live and online. The name change is the result of two years of research both nationally and in Ohio. An overwhelming majority of respondents enjoyed the services and historical sites in Ohio, but those same people felt the words “historical” and “society” were too exclusive and antiquated. The word “connection” also better explains how people can access Ohio history.

With more than 1.9 million artifacts in its collection, the Ohio History Connection is a national leader in changing how people can access history. The name change does not impact any current partnerships with Ohio’s 58 historic sites and museums or its relationships with the Smithsonian, American Alliance of Museums, the National Parks Service and other leading global organizations.

The new name will take effect Saturday, May 24 and the Ohio History Connection will celebrate at the 3rd Annual Member Celebration on Saturday, May 24. Everyone is invited to learn more about Ohio history or get involved in preserving Ohio history. For more information about programs and events, call (614) 297-2300, (800) 686-6124 or go online at www.ohiohistory.org.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS DUE MAY 15

The Ohio Ethics Commission reminds all Financial Disclosure Statement (FDS) filers that FDS forms are due on May 15, 2014. In February, the Commission extended the financial disclosure filing deadline for those disclosure filers whose forms would ordinarily be due on April 15, 2014. The deadline was extended to allow filers adequate time to prepare needed documents, especially those who may be using the Commission’s electronic filing system for the first time. [Read more...](#)

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS CROSS-STATE AIR POLLUTION RULE

This week, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld an Obama administration rule that requires reductions in power-plant pollutants that are generated in states such as Ohio and settle in other states. Ruling 6-2, the Court upheld the EPA’s 2011 Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, which requires 28 states, including Ohio, to reduce power-plant emissions that impact the air-quality in states located downwind. About 1,000 power plants in the eastern half of the U.S. may have to adopt new pollution controls or reduce operations. Ohio is home to American Electric Power, one of the nation’s largest producers of coal-fired electricity, that has about 25 coal-fired power plants.

Writing for the majority, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said the EPA reasonably interpreted the Clean Air Act in adopting the Cross-State Rule in *EPA v. EME Homer City Generation*. The rule requires states to be “good neighbors” when it comes to air pollution. The Obama administration rule was intended to replace a Bush administration regulation that was defeated in a lower federal court. The Bush-era rule remained in effect while the EPA came up with a new plan.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit invalidated the Obama effort in 2012. The D.C. Circuit said the EPA’s approach for setting pollution reductions forced some states to limit more than their fair

share of emissions. It also said the EPA didn't give the states a fair opportunity at coming up with their own plans for reducing emissions. With this new Supreme Court ruling, the case returns to a federal appeals court in Washington.

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION - JULY 11–14

Register today for NACo's Annual Conference and Exposition taking place July 11–14, in Orleans Parish (New Orleans), Louisiana. 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. The early registration deadline is May 30. [Read more...](#)



NACo member counties are invited to participate in a **County Innovation Poster Session** at the conference. Designed to showcase initiatives and programs that provide evidence-based, cost-saving solutions for counties, the Poster Session will feature the success stories, tools, lessons learned and how-to's of innovative county services and will share these lessons with counties throughout the country. Space is limited. Deadline for applications: May 16. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

Mark your calendars for the **Ohio Caucus Reception** to be held on **Saturday, July 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside in the Belle Chase Room (3rd floor)**. Ohio will hear from the candidates running for NACo 2nd Vice President and discuss how Ohio will cast its vote in the annual election on Tuesday, July 14. For more information about the NACo Conference or Ohio reception, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

YOUR COUNTY'S STREAMS AND RIVERS: A RIPARIAN LOOK AT IMPROVING WATER QUALITY

Join NACo for a webinar on "Your County's Streams and Rivers: A Riparian Look at Improving Water Quality" on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. to obtain a deeper understanding of the water quality effects of erosion and scouring along stream and river banks. Learn methods for how to avoid these problems. Hear the pros and cons of log-jams, and methods to deal with them. Finally, benefit from local stories about how to garner support for this work. [Register now...](#)

SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR COUNTIES

New approaches to waste management can enable counties to reap significant environmental and financial benefits. For example, landfill diversion programs can increase county recycling rates and extend the life of existing landfills. Naturally occurring methane at landfills can be captured and used as a source of renewable energy, reducing methane emissions and offering energy savings and new streams of revenue. Fuel efficient fleets can reduce vehicle emissions and save on fuel costs. Attend this NACo webinar on "Sustainable Waste Management Strategies for Counties" which will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Participants will be provided the tools and strategies needed to incorporate sustainable strategies into their counties waste management practices. [Register now...](#)

CLASSIFIEDS

| Title /For More Information. . . | Employer/Application Deadline |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| EMA Director | Paulding County May 19, 2014 |
| Public Assistance Assistant Director | Clermont County JFS May 6, 2014 |
| Purchasing/Central Services Director | Montgomery County May 27, 2014 |
| Utilities Department Deputy Director | Clark County Open until filled |
| Design Engineer | Geauga County Open until filled |
| Senior Manager/Sanitary Engineer Dept. | Greene County Open until filled |