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### DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 14, 2014	<b>OHIO'S MEDICAID EXPANSION: IMPLEMENTATION STATUS REPORT – A CCAO 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY WEBINAR</b>
MAY 15, 2014	<b>CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT &amp; OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING</b>
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JULY 11-14, 2014	<b>NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE &amp; EXPOSITION, ORLEANS PARISH (NEW ORLEANS), LOUISIANA</b>
DECEMBER 6-8, 2014	<b>CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS</b>

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### STATE ISSUE 1 – THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



CCAO thanks county commissioners for their hard work and support leading to the passage of State Issue 1. Statewide, Issue 1 passed with 65.1% of voter supporting the issue. Together we spread the word about a successful program that benefits all counties! Thank you for supporting State Issue 1.

#### 2014 PRIMARY RESULTS; 20 COUNTIES TO SEAT NEW COMMISSIONERS

Over the past few months, the attention of Ohioans might have been on State Issue 1 and the statewide primary election, but to the 86 county commissioners, Cuyahoga County Executive and County Council (Dists. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11) and the three Summit County Council at-large seats up for election – the spotlight was on the grassroots of government. As a result of the Primary Election held on Tuesday, 20 counties will have a new county commissioner, county executive or county council member.

#### Summary of incumbent status:

- 24 won (20–R and 4–D)

- 4 lost (4–R)
- 52 ran unopposed (37–R and 15–D)
- 17 did not run for re-election (12–R and 5–D)

Results are published on CCAO’s website at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org). Click on the link at the end of the article on the front page. Please note that these are unofficial results. Contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org) with any corrections.

## COUNTYWIDE TAX LEVY RESULTS

The following summarizes the county tax issue levy results from the Primary Election held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014. Forty-one counties had 51 countywide levies on the ballot. Of the 51 countywide levies on the ballot, 38 passed and 13 failed.

Summary of levies: Children Services – 3 pass, Senior Services – 3 pass, Seniors & Children – 1 fail, County Home – 2 pass, MRDD – 6 pass/2 fail, Mental Health – 4 pass, Health – 3 pass/1 fail, Parks & Recreation – 5 pass/2 fail, Zoo – 1 fail, SWCD – 1 fail, Library – 5 pass/1 fail, Criminal Justice (crime/drug) – 1 fail, OSU Extension – 2 pass, Port Authority – 1 pass, and Transit – 1 pass/1 fail.

### Sales Tax and Misc. Questions:

- The renewal of Cuyahoga County’s excise (sin) tax for the three major league sports facilities passed.
- Fayette County passed electric aggregation for 12 precincts.
- Mahoning County’s 1/2% sales & use tax (general fund) for a continuing period of time failed.
- Medina County passed gas aggregation for townships.
- Muskingum County’s \$5 motor vehicle tax failed.

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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:bcole@ccao.org). [Read more...](#)

## OHIO COUNTY COURTHOUSES SYMPOSIUM – STILL TIME TO REGISTER!



### 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 next week 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. Bring a photo ID to the reception.

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.

[Click here](#) for a detailed schedule, registration information, maps and driving directions.

## **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](mailto:emiller@ccao.org) if you have any questions.

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### HOLOCAUST & LIBERATORS MEMORIAL UNVEILING AT THE OHIO STATEHOUSE

On June 2, 2014 at noon – rain or shine - Ohio will dedicate the new Ohio Holocaust and Liberators Memorial at the Statehouse. Please join Governor John Kasich, the Memorial's designer Daniel Libeskind, and leaders from across the state for this historic event. The Memorial will be unveiled and dedicated as a tribute to the Holocaust's victims, survivors and liberators - and to dedicate ourselves to be ever vigilant in making sure it never happens again. This is a once in a generation opportunity to be part of the unveiling of a new monument at the Ohio Statehouse. Seating will be available for those with special needs. Overflow seating will be in the Statehouse atrium. For more information, please contact Merle Madrid at (614) 644-0924 or [Merle.Madrid@governor.ohio.gov](mailto:Merle.Madrid@governor.ohio.gov).



### OAG ANNOUNCES ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE

As part of Older Americans Month, Attorney General Mike DeWine announced a new Elder Justice Initiative within the Ohio Attorney General's Office to increase the investigation and prosecution of elder abuse cases and improve victims' access to services. The office's Crime Victim Services Section will spearhead the initiative, which will also draw on the expertise and services of the Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) and Consumer Protection, Health Care Fraud, and Special Prosecutions sections.

The initiative is designed to complement the work being done in counties by the county departments of job and family services, county prosecutors, law enforcement, and others in the realm of adult protective services.

Elder abuse can take the form of physical, sexual, verbal, and emotional abuse; neglect, including abandonment; and financial exploitation, including exerting undue influence. A Department of Justice study estimated in 2009 that about one in nine people 60 and older suffers abuse each year. For every one case reported to authorities, it is believed five more go unreported. A study reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association, also in 2009, found victims of elder abuse have a 300 percent higher risk of death than individuals not subject to abuse. [Read more...](#)

### HOME FORECLOSURES HIT 11-YEAR LOW, OHIO SUPREME COURT DATA REVEALS

The Ohio Supreme Court data released Tuesday shows that foreclosure cases hit an 11-year low in 2013. Common pleas courts reported 53,163 new residential, commercial, and tax foreclosure case filings to the Supreme Court last year. That total is a decline of 17,306 filings from 2012. Except for Jackson, Monroe,

Paulding and Pike counties, all other counties saw a decrease in foreclosures last year. Cuyahoga County continued to be the state leader in foreclosures.

The last time the numbers were at a comparable level was in 2002, when 55,274 cases were filed, according to the court data. Foreclosures reached an all-time-high in 2009 when 89,061 were filed with the courts. Since the high court began collecting foreclosure data in 1991, the year with the fewest filings was 1996 with 16,999. Cases rose each year from then on until 2010 when the totals began to steadily decline to where they are now.

The court said it collects foreclosure data in an effort to determine the pace of incoming litigation for case management purposes and it does not seek to use the information to analyze trends in the housing market or elsewhere. [Read more...](#)

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### **MADE IN RURAL AMERICA: USDA ANNOUNCES \$150 MILLION INVESTMENT FUND TO GROW SMALL BUSINESSES, CREATE JOBS IN RURAL AMERICA**

As part of the Obama Administration's new "Made in Rural America" export and investment initiative, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the creation of a new investment fund that will help propel the growth of small businesses across rural America. The new Rural Business Investment Company (RBIC) will now allow USDA to facilitate private equity investments in agriculture-related businesses. Currently, USDA programs exist to help provide loans or loan guarantees to help rural businesses grow, but many small cutting-edge businesses also need equity support in addition to or instead of borrowed funds.

The fund is being formed under the USDA's Rural Business Investment Program (RBIP). USDA utilizes RBIP to license funds to invest in enterprises that will create growth and job opportunities in rural areas, with an emphasis on smaller enterprises. Working through the USDA program enables licensed funds to raise capital from Farm Credit System banks and associations.

Franklin County Commissioner Paula Brooks chairs NACo's International Economic Development Task Force. The Task Force and the NACo Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the "Made in Rural America" program. "CCAO's collaboration with NACo helped lead to this new jobs generator," Commissioner Brooks said. "I'm originally from Columbiana County – which is rural – and now live in urban Franklin County. USDA's RBIP offers a great opportunity for rural businesses to grow both their non-agricultural and agricultural-connected assets. When these enterprises grow, it helps all Ohio counties."

USDA will be accepting applications for other new [Rural Business Investment Companies](#). Interested applicants have until July 29th to submit their applications for review in FY2014. Any application accepted after this deadline will be held for consideration next year. USDA intends to accept RBIC applications through 2016. In addition, the White House Rural Council, as part of the Made in Rural America initiative, will convene the [Rural Opportunity Investment Conference](#) later this year to attract additional investments to rural America by connecting major investors with rural business leaders, government officials, economic development experts and other partners. [Read more...](#)

### **PROPOSED GROW AMERICA ACT COULD MODERNIZE TRANSPORTATION POLICY**

The U.S. Department of Transportation introduced the GROW AMERICA Act, the Obama Administration's proposed federal surface transportation reauthorization bill. The current transportation funding law, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), is set to expire at the end of September. The

Administration's bill, introduced April 29, would replace MAP-21 by providing a four-year authorization of federal highway, transit and rail programs at an increased funding level of \$302 billion.

MAP-21 passed Congress in the summer of 2012, providing a two-year authorization of federal surface transportation programs with essentially level funding (a total of \$105 billion for FY13 and FY14). The programs authorized by MAP-21 are primarily funded through the Highway Trust Fund, which collects revenue from the federal motor fuels tax. The Administration proposes funding the programs with current revenue plus \$150 billion in one-time transition revenue from business tax reform. [Read more...](#)

### TREASURY DEPARTMENT CREATES NEW OFFICE OF STATE & LOCAL FINANCE

The U.S. Department of Treasury has created a new Office of State and Local Finance that is intended to focus on state and local finance issues, including monitoring state and local government bond issuers and the management of pensions and other unfunded liabilities. [Read more...](#)

### NACo REQUESTS 90-DAY EXTENSION FOR "WATERS OF THE U.S." COMMENTS

On May 1, NACo, along with the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) and National League of Cities (NLC), sent a letter requesting a 90-day extension of the public comment period for the newly proposed rule on "Definition of Waters of the United States Under the Clean Water Act," as published in the Federal Register. The proposed rule was published on April 21 and is currently open for public comment for 90 days, until July 21, 2014. It would amend the definition of "waters of the U.S." and potentially expand the range of waters that fall under federal jurisdiction to include county-owned ditches such as roadside, flood control and stormwater. [Read more...](#)

### **NACo ACTIVITIES**

#### HOKAMA TO APPOINT LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2014-15

Riki Hokama, Maui County Council Member (HI) and NACo 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, will have the privilege of making the following presidential leadership and committee appointments to his 2014-15 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 the steering committee nomination process will be available next week.

- **Steering Committee Leadership** – The 11 steering committees will each have a leadership team consisting of a chair and appropriate number of vice-chairs, and subcommittee chairs and vice-chairs. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference. These appointments are for one year. **Note: The NACo President only appoints steering committee leadership. CCAO appoints steering committee members from Ohio. CCAO will process steering committee membership nominations in early June.**
- **Caucus Leadership and Members** – These one-year appointments include the Rural Action Caucus (RAC) and Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) Steering Committees chair, vice-chairs and members. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference.
- **At-Large Appointments to the NACo Board of Directors** – These ten one-year appointments add diversity to the board (i.e., urban, rural, gender, geography, and minority representation).
- **Standing Committees** – Four committees (i.e., Finance, Information Technology, Programs and Services, and Membership Committees)

- **Ad Hoc Committees** – Eight committees (i.e., Defined Contribution and Retirement 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.)

Complete the [Presidential Appointment Application](#) online. **Application deadline: June 6, 2014.** If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org)

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org)

## **GRANTS**

### SMART PRETRIAL DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVE GRANTS

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications by May 27 for its [Smart Pretrial Demonstration Initiative](#), an opportunity for counties to improve their pretrial justice systems. NACo, with the BJA and the Pretrial Justice Institute, has an informational [video](#).

### 2014 FEMA INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS AWARDS

The FEMA Community Preparedness Awards highlight innovative local practices and achievements by recognizing individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions toward making their communities safer, stronger, better prepared, and more resilient. All submissions must be received by May 30 at 11:59 p.m. For more information about the awards and instructions for submitting an application, [click here](#).

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR GRANT OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST HOMELESS VETERANS

On April 14, U.S. Department of Labor announced a grant competition that will award 24 or more [Homeless](#)

[Veteran Reintegration Program](#) grants totaling approximately \$6 million to provide an estimated 2,000 veterans with occupational, classroom and on-the-job training, as well as job search and placement assistance, to help them succeed in the civilian labor market. Funds are being awarded on a competitive basis to state and local workforce investment boards, local public agencies, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations. Successful applicants will design a program that addresses the multitude of challenges associated with homeless veterans. [Read more...](#)

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **APPALACHIAN OHIO STATE OF THE REGION CONFERENCE**

Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Appalachian Ohio State of the Region Conference scheduled for May 20, 2014. The event, which begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m., will be held in the Walter Hall Rotunda on the campus of Ohio University in Athens. This day-long conference on "Manufacturing in Appalachia: Opportunities Abound" will address the region's current status and opportunities in the manufacturing sector by bringing together national leaders and industry experts to discuss recent trends and developments. There is no charge for admission, but space is limited. Please pre-register for the event. For more information, please contact Trena Twyman at (740) 597-1460 or [twyman@ohio.edu](mailto:twyman@ohio.edu). [Register here...](#)

### **WETLANDS RESTORATION AND STEWARDSHIP WEBINAR SERIES**

The month of May is American Wetlands Month. To celebrate, NACo and its Five Star program partners will kick off a new webinar series, "Cultivating Community Conservation: Techniques, Engagement and Education," on May 13 at 2:00 p.m. with a session dedicated to learning about the environmental restoration techniques local communities are applying to improve water quality, reduce flooding and protect critical habitats. [Register here...](#)

### **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**

### **CCAO/CEBCO ANNOUNCES JOB POSTING FOR ACCOUNT MANAGER**

CEBCO is the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio. We are a not-for-profit, member-owned self-insured health care purchasing pool serving more than 30 Ohio counties, created by the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO). Due to significant growth, we are seeking an experienced Account Manager to insure the satisfaction of an assigned group of counties.

This individual will be responsible for coordinating a full range of healthcare services in partnership with several top vendors, providing claims and financial reporting, addressing escalated issues, and managing annual renewals and open enrollment.



The qualified candidate will have knowledge of health plans, ACA, self-funding principles, claims management, and customer service in an insurance environment. A current Life and Health insurance license is required. Significant statewide travel is to be expected.

CCAO is an equal opportunity employer. Salary is commensurate with experience. CCAO offers an excellent benefits package and is located in the heart of downtown Columbus with free on-site parking. Please send resume and cover letter to Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org) on or before June 6, 2014. No calls, please. To view the complete job description, [click here](#).

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
<b>EMA Administrative Assistant</b>	Portage County May 15, 2014 or until filled
<b>EMA Director</b>	Paulding County May 19, 2014
<b>Temporary Building Inspector</b>	Wayne County As soon as a qualified candidate is chosen
<b>Building Inspector</b>	Wayne County May 23, 2014
<b>Purchasing/Central Services Director</b>	Montgomery County May 27, 2014
<b>Operations and Planning Manager</b>	Fairfield County May 28, 2014
<b>Utilities Department Deputy Director</b>	Clark County Open until filled
<b>Design Engineer</b>	Geauga County Open until filled
<b>Senior Manager/Sanitary Engineer Dept.</b>	Greene County Open until filled