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### DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 23, 2014	<b>NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS &amp; ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, KALAHARI WATERPARK RESORT, ERIE COUNTY (SANDUSKY)</b>
JUNE 25, 2014	<b>CCAO AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COUNTY RESPONSE TO ADDICTION &amp; MENTAL HEALTH, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS</b>
JUNE 27, 2014	<b>CORSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS</b>
JUNE 27, 2014	<b>CCAO HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL</b>
JULY 9, 2014	<b>COUNTY WELLNESS PROGRAMS – A CCAO 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY WEBINAR</b>
JULY 11-14, 2014	<b>NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE &amp; EXPOSITION, ORLEANS PARISH (NEW ORLEANS), LOUISIANA</b>
JULY 12, 2014	<b>OHIO CAUCUS RECEPTION (AT THE NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE), HILTON NEW ORLEANS RIVERSIDE, ORLEANS PARISH (NEW ORLEANS), LOUISIANA</b>
DECEMBER 7-9, 2014	<b>CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE &amp; TRADE SHOW, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS</b>

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### CCAO COUNTY WELLNESS PROGRAMS WEBINAR

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “County Wellness Programs” webinar on July 9 at 9:30 a.m. We recognize that the task of improving employee health and lowering healthcare costs isn’t getting any easier for the employer. That being said, we will cover some of the problems and solutions regarding worksite wellness programs. The specifics will include:

- Status and current data on chronic diseases and health risks.
- Initiatives that address behavior change, some of which can be implemented at no cost.
- Incentives and their tax implications.
- Wellness rules and regulations.
- Best practice communication methods.
- CEBCO’s wellness program: yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Participants in the webinar 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/971282918> 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 July 9 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...](#)

## **NEWS FROM OTHER STATE ASSOCIATIONS**

### CHILD WELFARE ASSOCIATION NAMES NEW DIRECTOR

The Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO), a non-profit association of Ohio's public child welfare agencies, has chosen its new director – a veteran state official with a background of serving Ohio's children and families. Angela E. Sausser Short will begin her work at PCSAO on August 6. She has been the director of Ohio Family and Children First for nine years and, in January, was appointed chief of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Bureau of Children and Families. Sausser Short is a licensed social worker and graduate of The Ohio State University with a Master of Social Work in Social Administration and a Master of Arts in Public Policy and Management. Her undergraduate degree in Social Work and Psychology with a minor in Gerontology is from Miami University. Sausser Short replaces Crystal Ward Allen, who served as director of the organization for 12 years before leaving to join Casey Family Programs this spring.

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### SOS ISSUES DIRECTIVE FOR UNIFORM DAY & HOURS FOR IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING

This week, Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted issued [Directive 2014-17](#) to establish uniform days and hours for in-person absentee voting. Last week, U.S. Southern District Court Judge Peter C. Economus declared ORC 3509.03 to be unconstitutional and permanently enjoined the Secretary of State from enforcing it to the extent that it relates to the 6:00 p.m. deadline for in-person absentee voting, which was enacted by the General Assembly in 2011. If you have any questions about this Directive, contact the Secretary of State's office at (614) 466-2585.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND APPROVES GRANTS

The [Local Government Innovation Fund](#) (LGIF) offers communities financial assistance to create more efficient and effective service delivery. Projects are expected to facilitate improved business environments and promote community attraction with their plan for efficiency, collaboration, or shared services. Communities will be able to save money and provide more effective services to their constituents with assistance from this program.

Thursday, the Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) Council approved funding for 13 projects totaling \$525,640. By approving all projects that earned scores of 65 points or higher, the Local Government Innovation Fund Council appropriated \$299,500 in innovation grants to six entities and \$226,140 in efficiency grants to seven entities.

Counties receiving innovation grants: Columbiana County Port Authority for the RiverNet fiber-based wireless network at \$49,500, and the Preble County Commissioners Countywide Public Safety Communications System at \$50,000.

## OHIO'S STATE PLAN ON AGING; COMMENTS ACCEPTED UNTIL JUNE 26

The federal Older Americans Act (OAA) requires the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) to submit periodic plans that establish the strategic framework for delivering OAA services in our state. OAA services in Ohio include nutrition programs, disease prevention and health promotion, supportive services, caregiver support, civic engagement, and other special projects. ODA is seeking public review and feedback on the draft state plan for federal fiscal years 2015-2018. The theme of the plan is "[From Choice to Voice](#)" and reflects ODA's commitment to person-centered approaches that put the individual at the center of all decisions. Comments can be submitted about the state plan draft to [StatePlanComments@age.ohio.gov](mailto:StatePlanComments@age.ohio.gov) through Thursday, June 26, 2014. [Read more...](#)

## OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS DUE JUNE 30

The Department of Veterans Services announced the final day to nominate veterans for this year's class of inductees for the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame is June 30, 2014. No more than 20 inductees who served in all eras and branches of service will be chosen for induction. Established in 1992, the hall of fame honors members in a permanent display on the second floor of the Riffe Center in downtown Columbus. [Click here](#) for nomination forms and guidelines.

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### NEW WATERS OF THE US RULES FROM US EPA – **COUNTY ACTION NEEDED**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) jointly released a new proposed rule – [Definition of Waters of the U.S. Under the Clean Water Act](#) – that would amend the definition of "waters of the U.S." and expand the range of waters that fall under federal jurisdiction. The proposed rule, published in the Federal Register, is open for public comment for 120 days, until October 20, 2014. CCAO is asking that you contact your Congressman and consider doing a resolution to express concern with the proposed expansion of U.S. EPA jurisdiction. NACo is also asking for pictures, examples and maps of county-impacted infrastructure. [Read more](#) for talking points, draft letters and resolutions, and specific steps needed to advocate.

### DOI ANNOUNCES 2014 PILT PAYMENTS

Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell announced Wednesday that about 1,900 local governments around the country are receiving a total of \$436.9 million under the 2014 Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. The payments represent the largest amount ever allocated under the PILT program to compensate counties and local governments for non-taxable federal land in their jurisdictions. Forty-five Ohio counties will receive a total of \$600,939. A full list of funding by state and county is available at [www.doi.gov/pilt](http://www.doi.gov/pilt).

### WSOS RECEIVES USDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

[WSOS Community Action, Inc.](#), located in Sandusky County (Fremont), is one of 48 community-based organizations in 26 states that will receive a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant to promote economic growth, support rural business development and create jobs. WSOS will receive \$152,492 to implement economic development programs in Ashtabula, Huron, Morgan, Perry, and Sandusky counties. Funding for recipients is contingent upon the grantee meeting the terms of the grant agreement. This USDA grant is funded through the [Rural Community Development Initiative Program \(RCDI\)](#) to help community-based development organizations, federally recognized Indian tribes and other groups promote economic growth in low-income, rural communities.

## NACo ACTIVITIES

### OHIO CAUCUS RECEPTION AT THE NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE – JULY 12

Mark your calendars for the **CCAO 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)



### NACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS; 5 OHIO COUNTIES WIN 7 AWARDS

Since 1970, National Association of Counties (NACo) [Achievement Award Program](#) recognizes counties and state associations for improving the organization, management, services, and function of county government. The non-competitive Achievement Award Program provides all counties nationwide with an extensive collection of information on successful and innovative county programs. Achievement Awards will be presented during the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference held July 11-14, 2014 in Orleans Parish (New Orleans), LA. Congratulations to Fairfield, Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Summit counties for winning the following awards.

#### **Children and Youth**

Summit County [Summit Kids Month](#)

#### **Civics Education and Public Information**

Hamilton County [Do Ask, Do Tell](#)

#### **County Administration and Management**

Fairfield County [Improving Transparency: Communication Strategies for Stakeholders](#)

#### **Environmental Protection and Energy**

Franklin County [Food Waste Diversion Program](#)

Montgomery County [Scrap Tire Buy Back Program](#)

#### **Health**

Summit County [Care Coordination: A Community Response Model](#)

#### **Human Services**

Hamilton County [Public Assistance Recertification Call-In Model](#)

## AWARD PROGRAMS

### INNOVATIONS IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AWARDS – DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for the Innovations in American Government Awards program offered by Harvard Kennedy School's Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation has been extended to June 27, 2014. The award recognizes programs that demonstrate creative and effective government at its best. This year, the Ash Center is also offering the Roy and Lila Ash Innovations Award for Public Engagement in Government, a special Innovations Award that will recognize government-led innovations that demonstrate novel and effective

approaches to increasing public engagement and participation in the governance of towns, cities, states, and the nation. [Read more...](#)

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### IMPROVING JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS BY ENGAGING FAMILIES WEBINAR

Involvement in the justice system can be intimidating, overwhelming and present real barriers to families staying connected, but creating opportunities for families to meaningfully participate can make a significant difference in a child's outcomes. Join NACo on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. for a webinar on "Improving Juvenile Justice Systems by Engaging Families" to hear from counties that have implemented successful family engagement programs for justice-involved populations, which allow families and youth to feel more comfortable and supported, have more input in treatment and other decisions, and even result in lower arrest rates. [Register here...](#)

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION**

### SYLLABUS: 2014-022

1. The position of administrator of the Hardin County Court of Common Pleas is incompatible with the positions of official court reporter and assistant deputy jury commissioner of the Hardin County Court of Common Pleas.
2. A person may not serve simultaneously as court administrator, official court reporter, and assistant deputy jury commissioner of the Hardin County Court of Common Pleas while serving as a township fiscal officer.
3. A person may serve simultaneously as official court reporter and assistant deputy jury commissioner of the Hardin County Court of Common Pleas while serving as a township fiscal officer, provided that it is physically possible for one person to hold these three positions.
4. A person may serve simultaneously as administrator of a court of common pleas and a township fiscal officer, provided that it is physically possible for one person to hold both positions.

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### CCAO/CORSA ANNOUNCES JOB POSTING FOR CLAIMS TECHNICIAN

The [County Risk Sharing Authority](#), a property-liability risk sharing pool established by the [County Commissioners Association of Ohio](#), is seeking a claims technician who will be responsible for receiving new claims, evaluating coverage, set-up and entry into claims information system, generating reports and managing electronic claim files. Under general supervision, the claims technician will also investigate and adjust routine claims.

Requirements: high school diploma or equivalent and 3-5 years' experience providing administrative or technical support in an insurance setting, or 1-2 years' adjusting personal lines claims. Excellent verbal and written communication. Must be flexible, team-oriented, and committed to customer service. Proficient with claims information systems, Word, and Excel.

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 on-site parking. Please send resume and cover letter, with salary requirements, to Elizabeth Miller, CORSA Claim and Litigation Manager, at [emiller@ccao.org](mailto:emiller@ccao.org) on or before July 7, 2014. No calls, please. To view the complete job description, [click here](#).

<b>Title /For More Information. . .</b>	<b>Employer/Application Deadline</b>
<b>Contracting Specialist</b>	Clark County June 25, 2014
<b>Social Services Supervisor I</b>	Clark County June 25, 2014
<b>Program Specialist</b>	Clark County June 25, 2014
<b>Investigator 1</b>	Clark County July 1, 2014
<b>Eligibility/Referral Specialist 2</b>	Clark County July 1, 2014
<b>Solid Waste Coordinator</b>	Medina County July 11, 2014
<b>Regional Planning Commissioner Director</b>	Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Open until filled