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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 17, 2015	CCAO SMALL COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL
FEBRUARY 20, 2015	CCAO JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 21-25, 2015	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE , MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC
FEBRUARY 25, 2015	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REGIONAL SEMINAR, HOWARD JOHNSON INN, LIMA
FEBRUARY 27, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, RED PIG INN, PUTNAM COUNTY (OTTAWA)
FEBRUARY 27, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, BASS PRO SHOP, WOOD COUNTY (ROSSFORD)
MARCH 2, 2015	CCAO WATER QUALITY TASK FORCE MEETING, TOLEDO AREA (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)
MARCH 2, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, PUMP HOUSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
MARCH 3, 2015	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REGIONAL SEMINAR, THE GALAXY RESTAURANT, WADSWORTH
MARCH 4, 2015	STATEHOOD DAY , STATEHOUSE ATRIUM, COLUMBUS
MARCH 9, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, EAGLE STICKS, MUSKINGUM COUNTY (ZANESVILLE)
MARCH 9, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, THE BRIDGE, SHELBY COUNTY (SIDNEY)
MARCH 10, 2015	CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 10, 2015	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REGIONAL SEMINAR OHIO UNIVERSITY INN, ATHENS
MARCH 11, 2015	GOVERNMENTAL ENERGY AGGREGATION – A CCAO 2 nd Wednesday Webinar
MARCH 13, 2015	CCAO JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

MARCH 16, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, ROSA & ROCCO'S, MARION COUNTY (MARION)
MARCH 17, 2015	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REGIONAL SEMINAR, THE ROBERTS CENTER, WILMINGTON
MARCH 23, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, THE NEW CENTER AT NE OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, ROOTSTOWN
MARCH 24, 2015	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REGIONAL SEMINAR, CCAO, COLUMBUS
MARCH 27, 2015	CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 27, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, JOHN S. KNIGHT CENTER, AKRON
MARCH 27, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, BENDER'S TAVERN, CANTON
MARCH 30, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, JAKE'S RESTAURANT, ASHLAND COUNTY (ASHLAND)
MARCH 30, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, CELEBRATIONS II, MONTGOMERY COUNTY (DAYTON)
JUNE 24-25, 2015	COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

NEW MEMBER TRAINING SEMINAR HELD

CCAO hosted a New Member Training Seminar on Feb 8-10 that was attended by 39 county commissioners, administrators and clerks. Out of the 30 new commissioners, county executive and county council members, 23 attended from 22 counties. In addition to the two-day seminar, registrants visited the CCAO office building, visited their members of the Ohio General Assembly, attended hearings, and toured the Statehouse. [Click here](#) for the seminar materials that have been posted on our website.



GOVERNMENTAL ENERGY AGGREGATION WEBINAR – MARCH 11

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “Governmental Energy Aggregation” webinar on March 11 at 9:30 a.m. Both electric and natural gas governmental opt-out electric aggregation is permissible in the State of Ohio. There are some obvious differences between the two types of aggregation while others are more subtle. Both could create issues or challenges for elected officials to identify and consider when deciding if governmental opt-out aggregation makes sense for their community. Here are some items that will be covered in the webinar:

- Background of electric and natural gas choice in Ohio
- Key differences between natural gas and electric aggregation in Ohio
- Steps to setting up both electric and natural gas aggregation

- Utility pricing differences on natural gas across Ohio
- Utility pricing differences on electricity in Ohio
- Electric and natural gas utility auction timing and duration
- General geography where aggregation is permissible and where it isn't
- Evaluation of what is "savings" from a community and customer's perspective

Bring your thinking caps with you as the decisions you make for your facilities on energy pricing matters may not be same as what you make or would like to make for consumers that participate in governmental aggregation. Our speakers are from Palmer Energy Company, the company that manages the CCAO Service Corporation Natural Gas, Electric and Energy Conservation Programs. Mark R. Frye, President, and Kirkland Mizerek, Executive Vice President, both have years of experience in energy consulting and conservation.

Webinar participants may pose questions to the presenters who will respond during and after the power point presentation. There is no charge to attend. To register, please [click here](#). If you experience difficulty in connecting to the link above and wish to register for the webinar, please email [Amanda Jones](#), CCAO Program Assistant, and provide her with your name, title, and email address. **Webinar participation 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. [Read more...](#)

THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT – WHAT’S NEXT?

CCAO/CEBCO invites you to attend one of our 2015 ACA training sessions on the “Cadillac Tax” and some specific, new employer reporting requirements of the Affordable Care Act. These provisions will affect what you do in 2015 and beyond. Marc Fishel of Fishel Hass Kim Albrecht LLC will present and answer your questions on these and other ACA-related topics.

Sessions will begin at 10:30 a.m. We welcome staff and elected officials from all counties to participate. Choose the location and date that works for you:

- February 25 Howard Johnson Inn, 1920 Roschman Avenue, Lima
- March 3 The Galaxy Restaurant, 201 Park Centre Drive, Wadsworth
- March 10 Ohio University Inn, 331 Richland Avenue, Athens
- March 17 The Roberts Center, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington
- March 24 CCAO, 209 E. State Street, Columbus

There is no charge to attend the training sessions. Lunch will be served following the session. To help us have proper seating and refreshments, please RSVP your attendance five days before the session to [Melissa Bodey](#) at (614) 220-7997 or [Wendy Dillingham](#) at (614) 220-7992.

REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS SCHEDULED IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

As the 131st General Assembly convenes, CCAO is scheduling regional legislative briefings for commissioners, county executives and council members, and legislators at locations across the state. Meetings have been organized around legislative district lines. These events are designed as an opportunity to allow you to meet with your legislators and your fellow commissioners to articulate and explore the common problems and concerns that county and state government have in serving their constituents, the people of Ohio.

The 11 events which have been scheduled are listed above in Dates to Remember. Commissioners, county executives and county council members were emailed a [memo](#), [briefing schedule](#), and [sample press release](#) from CCAO. CCAO will be sending an invitation to each legislator. We also encourage you to invite other county elected officials and your key staff to attend.

STATE ACTIVITIES

KASICH SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER TO FURTHER PROTECT LAKE ERIE

Thursday Governor Kasich signed an [executive order](#) to require Ohio EPA to create emergency rules that will further protect Lake Erie, its aquatic life and the fishing industry, while ensuring shipping can continue in the Cuyahoga River. The executive order provides the Ohio EPA Director the tools needed to prohibit open lake disposal of dredge material in Lake Erie if:



- The dredge material could result in higher levels of a chemical in fish that bioaccumulates throughout the food chain, such as PCBs, or
- The disposal of dredge material would violate any international treaties or compacts.

One result of the action will be to ensure that dredge material from the Cleveland Harbor is disposed of in a confined disposal facility. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' own sampling data shows that if sediment from the harbor is disposed of in Lake Erie, it would result in an increased PCB bioaccumulation in the impacted region of Lake Erie. [Read more...](#)

COMMUNITY CONNECTORS GRANTS



[Community Connectors](#) is one of the key education initiatives announced by Governor Kasich at his 2014 State of the State address to support Ohio's schools by fostering increased student mentorship by bringing together families, community organizations, faith-based organizations, businesses, and others in support of our schools and to

mentor students. Community Connectors provides \$10 million in 3-to-1 matching grants that will help give more Ohio students access to role models who can help motivate and inspire them, as well as help them develop skills that lead to success in school and the workplace.

Application deadline: 5:00 p.m. on March 6, 2015. [Click here](#) for frequently asked questions. Please email info@communityconnectors.ohio.gov if you have any questions.

PUCO AWARDS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING GRANTS

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has approved ten hazardous materials training grants totaling \$354,093. The grants will be used to train more than 2,000 public safety and emergency services professionals. The PUCO awarded six grants to the following six counties:

- **Medina County** Emergency Management Agency –\$12,517 to conduct hazardous materials training courses for more than 80 responders in Medina and surrounding counties.
- **Seneca County** Emergency Planning and Tiffin Fire Division –\$8,540 to conduct a Hazmat Technician Course to train 30 fire service and EMS responders.
- **Stark County** Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team –\$6,570 to conduct a Hazardous Materials Response course with specialized spill containment equipment to train 40 fire service responders, state and local response committee members and emergency response managers.
- **Summit County** Emergency Management Agency – \$33,200 to conduct Hazmat IQ and Rad IQ training courses to train 360 fire service responders.
- **Wayne County** Regional Training Facility –\$17,400 to conduct five hazardous materials training courses for 100 fire service and EMS responders.

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The PUCO awards hazardous materials planning and training grants to local government subdivisions, educational institutions and state agencies in Ohio. Money for these grants comes from fines paid by hazardous material carriers and shippers. Individual grants are based upon applications to the PUCO and are awarded on a reimbursement basis. For more information about the PUCO’s hazardous materials planning and training grants program, please visit the motor carrier section of www.PUCO.ohio.gov.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

ENERGY & COMMERCE COMMITTEE ADVANCES LATTA’S DRINKING WATER PROTECTION ACT

On Thursday, the House Energy and Commerce Committee passed [H.R. 212, the Drinking Water Protection Act](#), sponsored by Ohio Congressman [Bob Latta](#) (Dist. 5). The legislation now awaits a vote by the U.S. House of Representatives.



“Today, the Energy and Commerce Committee took an important step to protecting our public health and safety by advancing the Drinking Water Protection Act,” said Latta. “My legislation takes the thoughtful, robust approach needed to adequately assess and manage the risks of algal toxins in our drinking water, and I thank the Committee for its support. I look forward to working with my Congressional colleagues and leadership to ensure this legislation is taken up for a vote on the House floor in a timely manner.”

Latta introduced the Drinking Water Protection Act to help protect drinking water from harmful cyanotoxins, which caused a water emergency in Northwest Ohio last August. The bipartisan bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and submit a strategic plan to Congress for assessing and managing the risks associated with algal toxins in drinking water.

PRESIDENT OBAMA’S FY 2016 BUDGET REQUEST

On February 2, President Obama unveiled his nearly \$4 trillion 2016 budget proposal, which include many provisions that would affect counties, if adopted by Congress. Each year, the President and his administration are responsible for providing Congress with an outline and request for appropriations for each Department and Agency in the Executive Branch. Though the President’s budget is not signed into law, it provides insight on the Administration’s policies and priorities for the next fiscal year, and is the opening move in the annual appropriations process.

In President Obama’s FY 2016 Budget request to Congress his administration has laid out a plan that would impose a 28 percent cap on the tax-exempt interest on municipal bonds, increase funding for most housing and community development programs, introduce a six year surface transportation funding plan, increase funding for economic development assistance programs, consolidate the Department of Homeland Security’s grant programs and increase funding for employment and training programs among others.

[Click here](#) for NACo’s highlights.

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL COMMENTARY

OAG Opinion 2015-003:

SYLLABUS: Pursuant to R.C. 5126.0221(B)(3), a classified employee of a county board of developmental disabilities who was employed on or after October 31, 1980, is subject to dismissal from employment when that

employee's immediate family member is elected as a county commissioner of a county that is served by the county board of developmental disabilities that employs the classified employee.

This opinion request sought to clarify what appeared to be a conflict between the specific statutory prohibition above and the civil service laws applicable to classified employees. Employees in the classified service can only be removed for good cause and only after the procedures enumerated in the civil service law and its rules and regulations are followed.

The AG indicated that the term “employed” as used in R.C. 5126.0221(B)(3) is not limited to simply “hiring” an employee, but rather encompasses all the time that the employee is working for the employer, and noted this interpretation is analogous to numerous cases and opinions that have held public officials who no longer meet statutory qualifications of the office are disqualified from service. The AG consequently determined that R.C. 5126.0221(B)(3) means that a classified employee of the county board of developmental disabilities who was hired on or after October 31, 1980, is subject to dismissal if an immediate family member of that employee becomes a county commissioner in a county served by the board..

Turning to the conflict issue between the employment prohibition and civil service law, the AG noted that despite the provisions of R.C. 124.34 which governs when classified employees may be removed from service and sets forth specific reasons for their removal, that section does not provide any exception for employees of county boards of developmental disabilities. Thus, R.C. 124.34 conflicts with R.C. 5126.0221(B)(3) because R.C. 124.34 allows classified employees to be removed only for certain enumerated reasons, and R.C. 5126.0221(B)(3) subjects a classified employee to removal for a reason beyond those set forth in R.C. 124.34.

Statutory construction indicates that if a general provision conflicts with a special or local provision, they shall be construed, if possible, so that effect is given to both. If, however, when an irreconcilable conflict exists between two statutes that address the same subject matter, one general and the other special, the special provision prevails as an exception to the general statute. Since R.C. 124.34(A) applies to all classified employees but R.C. 5126.0221(B)(3) applies only to those employees of a county board of developmental disabilities, the AG concluded that R.C. 5126.0221(B)(3) is a special provision intended to cover only a subgroup of those individuals covered by R.C. 124.34. In addition, statutory history shows that while R.C. 5126.0221(B)(3), was a recent enactment, R.C. 124.34 and its statutory predecessors date back to the General Code.

Therefore, the AG opined that R.C. 124.34 is a more general provision than R.C. 5126.0221(B)(3) and was enacted earlier in time, so it is R.C. 5126.0221(B)(3) that must be applied with the result that the employee in question is subject to dismissal from the position with the county board of developmental disabilities pursuant to R.C. 5126.0221(B)(3).

NOTE: R.C. 5126.01(N) defines “immediate family” as “parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, spouses, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, sons-in law, and daughters-in-law.”

GRANTS

MACARTHUR FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$75 MILLION FOR JAIL REFORM



The MacArthur Foundation has announced an opportunity to undertake local jail reform through its new [Safety and Justice Challenge](#), a five-year \$75 million investment that seeks to reduce over-incarceration in jails. The Challenge is looking to improve local criminal justice systems across the country and safely reduce jail incarceration - with a particular focus on

addressing disproportionate impact on low-income individuals and communities of color. Selected sites will reveal new and better ways of targeting resources, more effective risk assessment to determine if confinement is really necessary, and better public safety returns and social outcomes.

Twenty sites will initially be selected to receive a grant of \$150,000 to support an intensive six-month planning process, during which they will rigorously examine how their jails are being used and what strategies will reduce the inappropriate use of jail without compromising public safety. Each site will produce a plan for implementing these reforms. Then, beginning in 2016, as many as 10 of these jurisdictions will be selected for a second round of funding of up to \$2 million to support implementation of their jail reduction plans.

Application deadline: March 31, 2015. [Click here](#) for more information about the Challenge and [click here](#) for the RFP.

For further guidance, the MacArthur Foundation will host three live webinars to walk applicants through how the competition will work and answer any queries you might have about the application process. The webinars will take place on the dates below; registration is necessary to participate. To register, send an email to safetyandjustice@macfound.org and indicate which webinar you plan to attend:

- Wednesday, February 25 from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 26 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 3 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

PUBLICATIONS

2014 ROADWAY SAFETY GUIDE

The Roadway Safety Foundation has published the [2014 Roadway Safety Guide: A Primer for Community Leaders](#), a hands-on, user-friendly document designed to provide local elected officials and community leaders with basic information to improve roadway safety in their communities. This guide includes information on numerous new technologies and engineering treatments like modern roundabouts and median barriers that have been revised with years of safety research and data now supporting their implementation.

Written for non-engineers, the guide includes helpful information such as checklists for identifying roadway trouble spots, information on building successful coalitions and tips for getting concerns prioritized by the right people who can address them.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GRANTS TRAINING IN CINCINNATI - MARCH 9-10

The Cincinnati Police Academy and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grants workshop in Cincinnati, on March 9-10, 2015. This training is applicable to grant seekers across all disciplines, including county entities. Attend this class and you'll learn how to find grants and write winning grant proposals. Beginning and experienced grant writers are encouraged to attend. The training is focused on learning how to find grants and write winning grant proposals. There is a cost to participants. [Click here](#) for event details.

CLASSIFIEDS

CCAO publishes classified ads on our website and in CIDS. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will be published on the website until the application deadline and for several weeks

in CIDS. When submitting your ad to CCAO, please provide a link to the online job posting and a deadline date. Email your classified ad to [Mary Jane Neiman](#), CCAO Public Relations Associate.

LSC LEGISLATIVE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Ohio General Assembly, through the Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC), has sponsored a legislative fellowship program for over 45 years. The LSC sponsors 23-24 paid thirteen-month legislative fellowship positions designed to provide college graduates with practical experience in the legislative process. This experience often leads to permanent employment opportunities in the legislature, state government, or related areas. Traditionally, twenty fellows are assigned to work with the majority or minority party caucus in either the House or the Senate, with additional fellows being placed with the LSC research and fiscal staff and Ohio Government Telecommunications (OGT)/The Ohio Channel.

The fellowship program begins the first week in December of each year and continues through December 31 of the following year. The application period begins January 1 of every year. The application deadline for the legislative fellowship positions is April 1. The application deadline for the telecommunications fellowship positions is May 31. The only eligibility requirement an applicant must meet is the completion of at least a bachelor's degree program by December. [Read more...](#)

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
County Planner	Athens County February 16, 2015
Planner I	Lake County February 20, 2015
Investigator I	Clark County February 20, 2015
Water Treatment System Operator	Warren County March 6, 2015
Engineer	Geauga County Until position is filled
Assistant Operations Superintendent	Licking County Until position is filled
Technical Study Director	Licking County Until position is filled
Student Help	Clark County Until position is filled
Building Code Inspector	Wayne County Until position is filled
Deputy Director of Program Integrity	Lucas County Until position is filled
Building and Electrical Safety Inspector	Logan County Until position is filled
Planner	Trumbull County Until position is filled