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| MAY 20-22, 2015 | NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE, KAUA'I COUNTY (HI) |
| JUNE 5, 2015 | CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, OSU F.T. STONE LABORATORY, OTTAWA COUNTY (GIBRALTAR ISLAND AT PUT-IN-BAY) |
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| JUNE 10, 2015 | CCAO SMALL COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL |
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| JUNE 24-25, 2015 | COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS |
| JULY 10-13, 2015 | NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER, CHARLOTTE, NC |
| DECEMBER 6-8, 2015 | CCAO/CAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS |

ASSOCIATION NEWS

COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM – REGISTER YOUR TEAM!

CCAO has now opened registration for our [County Economic Development Symposium](#) on June 24-25, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. Please plan to attend and to extend an invitation to some of your key economic development partners (approximately 4 or 5, but if you would like to invite more, we can make accommodations), such as:

- local business leaders
- mayors
- higher education leaders
- chamber of commerce members
- workforce development partners



- county engineers, recorders, civil attorneys, and treasurers
- school superintendents/ESC/JVS
- other key partners (i.e., port authorities, planning commissions, sanitary engineers, OSU Extension, etc.)

We have benefitted greatly from a diverse and talented [planning committee](#), and we are very excited about the keynote speakers and sessions that we are able to offer to you and your team of economic development partners. Information about our planning committee members, symposium objectives, and session topics can be found at www.ccao.org/econ-dev-symposium.

[Click here](#) to register online. Please remember to register by June 10 to get the early bird registration price and that registration is limited to the first 300 registrants.

Make your room reservations at the Hyatt Regency Columbus by May 27 to get the discounted room rate. For reservations [click here](#) or call (800) 463-1234.

Please feel free to contact [Mary Jane Neiman](#), CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or (888) 757-1904 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there! [Read more...](#)

NW OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS QUARTERLY MEETING – JUNE 15



Join Hardin County Commissioners Edward Elliott, Randall Rogers and Brice Beaman and County Engineer Michael Smith for the next Northwest Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Association Quarterly Meeting to be held on Monday, June 15, 2015. Register at 12:00 noon at the Hardin County Fairgrounds – Community Room, 14134 CR 140, in Kenton and depart by 1:00 p.m. for tours. The social time, business meeting and dinner buffet will also be held at the Fairgrounds.

Tours of the following facilities are limited to 40 registrants:

- [International Paper](#) (paper cup/plate/lid manufacturer)
- [Heritage Cooperative](#) (fuel station/agronomy complex)
- [Precision Strip](#) (metal processor)

Golf Outing: Tee times are available (weather permitting) at 10:00 a.m. at the Veteran’s Memorial Park Golf Course, 15906 SR 309 E, in Kenton. Greens fees: \$20 for 18 holes and shared cart or \$18.00 for seniors. Contact [Mike Smith](#) at (419) 674-2222 for more information.

Registration fee: \$17. Registration and cancellation deadline: June 11, 2015. For more information, please contact [Debra Madison](#), Deputy Clerk, Hardin County Commissioners, at (419) 674-2205. [Read more...](#)

CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO MEET AT STONE LAB ON JUNE 5

CCAO Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Chair Chris Abbuhl (Tuscarawas) has scheduled a meeting and tour on Friday, June 5, 2015 of [OSU’s F.T. Stone Laboratory](#) located in Ottawa County on Gibraltar Island at Put-in-Bay. The tour will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. Spouses are welcome to attend. Lunch and breaks will be provided.

Transportation to Stone Lab: **Please make every effort to board the 9:30 or 10:00 a.m. ferry** to South Bass Island and the Village of Put-in-



Bay on the [Miller Ferry](#), 5174 East Water Street, Port Clinton from Catawba Point. Brian Mead, CCAO Policy Analyst, will be at the Miller Ferry launch to assist you with tickets. OSU vans will meet the ferries on Put-In-Bay and transport us to Stone Lab. If you miss the 9:30 or 10:00 a.m. ferries, please board another ferry and call Brian at (614) 579-2514. Parking is available at Miller Ferry dock site

The program will include:

- Tour of Water Quality Lab and the Aquatic Visitors Center
- Tour of Gibraltar Island and Cooke Castle, a National Historic Landmark (1864);
- Presentations by experts on key issues affecting Lake Erie and coastal communities (current status and forecast for harmful algal blooms, the status of efforts to prevent harmful algal blooms, water levels, and more);
- Extension future discussion
- Q&A session; and
- Science cruise on one of Stone Laboratory's research vessels where participants will pull a fish trawl and collect plankton, water, and invertebrate samples, followed by a brief laboratory session to discuss what was observed and collected.

Please **RSVP by Friday, May 29** to [Brian Mead](#) at (614) 579-2514. [Click here](#) for more information about attire, program and the programs at Stone Lab.

ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FOR ADDICTED & MENTALLY ILL POPULATIONS

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour "Alternatives to Incarceration for Addicted and Mentally Ill Populations" webinar on June 10 at 9:30 a.m. Counties across Ohio have been challenged by the number of addicted and mentally ill individuals who are arrested and serve time in county jails. Alternatives to incarceration and training to avoid incarceration are available to improve outcomes for addicted and mentally ill populations while saving county jails space for individuals that pose a threat to society. Learn from leaders in the fields of behavioral health and jail diversion about some of the options and programs to improve outcomes for addicted and mentally ill people and to reduce the number of such individuals in county jails.

Topics discussed include:

- Sequential Intercept Mapping as a community planning tool to address the over-representation of individuals with mental illness and addiction in the criminal justice system;
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) - Police based pre-arrest jail diversion program;
- Adults with behavioral health needs under correction supervision;
- Drug courts—specialty dockets;
- Cross-systems information and data sharing;
- Community treatment options including medication assisted therapy;
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) and Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) Teams; and
- Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC).

Speakers: **Scott Sylak**, Executive Director of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County and **Ruth Simera**, Program Administrator of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence, Northeast Ohio Medical University.

Participants in the webinar may pose questions to the presenters who will respond during and after the power point presentation. [Click here](#) to register for this exceptional educational opportunity. There is no charge to attend the webinar.

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...](#)

2014-15 NACo BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

[NACo's 80th Annual Conference and Exposition](#) is rapidly approaching and one of the most important events is the election of officers and Board of Directors members. State associations are asked to nominate representatives to serve on the NACo Board of Directors. The NACo Nominating Committee will review the nominations and prepare a report to be presented at the Annual Business Meeting to be held during the Annual Conference on Monday morning, July 13 in Mecklenburg County (Charlotte), North Carolina. The one-year term on the NACo Board of Directors begins the last day of the current annual conference and ends the last day of the next annual conference.

Ohio is entitled to two representatives on the NACo Board of Directors. Currently, the positions are filled by Commissioners Daniel Troy (Lake) and Gary Lee (Union).

Commissioners interested in serving on the NACo Board of Directors should email a letter of interest to [Mary Jane Neiman](#), CCAO Public Relations Associate, or send via fax (614) 221-6986 by May 29, 2015.

AFFILIATE NEWS

FACILITY MANAGERS & LOSS CONTROL ASSOCIATIONS TO MEET JUNE 19

The County Facilities Managers Association and the County Loss Control Coordinators Association will meet together in Lake County (Painesville) on Friday, June 19. The meeting will be held at the Lake County Utilities Training Center located, 1981 Blasé Nemeth Road, in Painesville Township. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and should last until about 3:00 p.m.

The morning session will have a representative from The Garland Company give a presentation on what to be looking for on a roof inspection, preventive maintenance plans and materials for different roof applications. Lake County's chief building inspector will be speaking about electrical safety, what maintenance and electrical technicians need to know and new laws or procedures that have gone into effect recently. In the afternoon a representative from OSU Extension will give a presentation on the application of herbicides and pesticides, type of licensing needed and the rules and regulations associated with the license.

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP your attendance by June 5 to County Facility Manager President [Chuck Klco](#), Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, Lake County Commissioners at (440) 350-2577.

STATE ACTIVITIES

2015 JUDICIAL SYMPOSIUM ON ADDICTION & CHILD WELFARE

For the second year, the Kasich administration and the Supreme Court of Ohio will be hosting a Judicial Symposium on Addiction and Child Welfare. This day-long event offers a great opportunity to engage with representatives from your county juvenile court and treatment community on behalf of the families who come to your attention because of substance abuse or addiction. The event will be held on June 23rd at the Embassy Suites, 5100 Upper Metro Place, in Dublin. Every judge is asked to invite a local team to attend which includes the child welfare director, ADAMHS board director and another community member. Thus, this event may

come to your attention from any of the local participants or you may receive an invitation from your judge to participate. Judges are to submit the team participant lists by May 29th. To learn more about the event please contact Alaina Herrel, Assistant Program Coordinator, Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, at aherrel@oacbha.org.

THE VOICE OF ETHICS: SEASONAL HIRING

In spring and summer the Ohio Ethics Commission receives questions regarding family members and seasonal public jobs. Family members serving in the same public agency or municipality is not illegal, but nepotism – hiring or authorizing the hiring of a family member – is prohibited. This restriction extends to those in all areas of public service, including state and local governments.

Why is there an emphasis on nepotism? Public agencies are required to conduct all hiring activity in a fair, open and impartial manner because it's the law, and also because it is the right thing to do. Giving precedence or advantages to a family member in public hiring is unfair to other applicants who may be equally or even more qualified. Public officials and employees are prohibited from directly hiring a family member into a public job as well as recommending or otherwise using public connections to obtain a job for a family member. The official or employee is required by law to completely remove themselves from participating in any way in the hiring process if a family member is competing for a public job.

Many seasonal full-time or part-time jobs with counties, cities, villages, school districts, and other public agencies are with summer programs. The Ohio Ethics Law generally prohibits public officials and employees' minor children from obtaining a job with their agency, municipality or office. The only way in which an official's minor child can work for the same agency is if the official can demonstrate four things:

1. The hiring process was fair and open;
2. Broad opportunity to apply was provided for qualified and interested applicants;
3. All qualified and interested applicants who are not related to agency officials or employees have already been hired; and
4. Vacancies still exist.

Please call the Ethics Commission at (614) 466-7090 and ask to speak with an advisory attorney if you have any questions. [Read more...](#)

OPERS MEMBER-DIRECTED & COMBINED PLAN CHANGES

The May issue of the OPERSource newsletter highlights the changes coming to the Ohio Public Retirement System's (OPERS) Member-Directed and Combined Plans. These recommended changes are being implemented by rule and plan document amendments. Some changes will go into effect on July 1, 2015, and others Jan. 1, 2016. In addition, this issue includes information about recent OPERS' Board action addressing concerns regarding re-employed retiree health coverage. Additional details about both of these topics are available on the [OPERS website](#). [Read more...](#)



FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

PARTNERSHIPS FOR OPPORTUNITY & WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), in partnership with the Department of Commerce, the Small Business Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission, this week announced the availability of up to \$35.5 million to help communities and workers successfully adapt to changes in the coal industry and power sector.

The grant is being made available as part of the [Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization](#) (POWER) initiative, led by the Commerce Department's Economic Development Agency.

The [Federal Funding Opportunity](#) outlines the POWER Initiative implementation grant priorities, evaluation factors, and application guidance for the up to \$20 million from Department of Labor, up to \$12.5 million in funding from the Department of Commerce, up to \$2.5 million from the Small Business Administration, and up to \$500,000 from Appalachian Regional Commission. Although resources from multiple federal agencies are made available through this opportunity, applicants need to apply separately for each funding source in which they are interested. Applications for DOC, SBA and ARC funding must be received by July 10, 2015. DOL funding applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. [Read more...](#)

HOUSE PASSES “WATERS OF THE U.S.” BILL



On May 12, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the [Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015 \(H.R. 1732\)](#), by a vote of 261-155. It was introduced in the House on April 13 and requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to restart the “waters of the U.S.” rule-making process agencies to work more closely with state and local governments on a revised “waters of the U.S.” rule. The Waters of the U.S. rule is expected to be finalized within the next several months. Representative [Bob Gibbs](#) (Dist. 7-Ashland) co-sponsored H.R. 1732.

On April 30, the Federal Water Quality Protection Act (S. 1140) was introduced in the U.S. Senate. The bipartisan legislation would require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to restart the “waters of the U.S.” rule-making process. S. 1140 is similar to a H.R. 1732.

The House’s FY 2016 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill also targets the “waters of the U.S.” rule. The bill, which would provide \$35.4 billion dollars for energy and water programs, an increase of \$1.2 billion over FY 2015 and \$633 million below the president’s request, would also place several restrictions on the application of the Clean Water Act.

Two weeks after the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure easily passed the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015 (H.R. 1732), the White House issued a veto threat. In its [Statement of Administration Policy \(SAP\)](#), the White House stated that they “strongly oppose” and would veto the bill if it was passed by both the House and Senate, arguing that it would decrease the Administration’s ability to protect water sources and create uncertainty for stakeholders. [Read more...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

CLARK TO APPOINT LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2015-16

Sally Clark, El Paso County (CO) Commissioner and NACo 1st Vice President, will have the privilege of making the following presidential leadership and committee appointments to her 2015-16 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 10 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). Terms are for one year.
- **Ad Hoc Committees** – Nine committees (i.e., Defined Contribution and Retirement Advisory Committee, NACo Financial Services Center Advisory Committee, Arts and Culture Commission, Geospatial Information Systems Committee, Resilient Counties Advisory Board, Healthy Counties Advisory Board, Immigration Reform Task Force, International Economic Development Task Force, and Veterans and Military Services Committee.) Terms are for one year.

Complete the [Presidential Appointment Application](#) online. **Application deadline: June 12, 2015.** If you have any questions or need assistance please contact [Mary Jane Neiman](#), CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or (888) 757-1904.

NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION – EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS MAY 29

NACo's 80th Annual Conference and Exposition will be held July 10-13 at the Charlotte Convention Center, in Mecklenburg County, (Charlotte) North Carolina. 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.



Registration is open. Register online to save \$25! The largest hotel blocks are at the Westin Charlotte Hotel (headquarters) and the Hilton Charlotte City Center Hotel. Room blocks have been held at seven other downtown hotel properties. Downtown Charlotte is a very walkable city with many dining opportunities. NACo will be encouraging walking throughout the conference. Shuttle service will be available running on a 20-25 minute schedule with stops at multiple hotels. The discounted **early bird registration deadline is May 29**, but waiting until this date will not guarantee your hotel reservation at your first choice hotel. For more information and to register online, [click here](#).

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

[SYLLABUS - 2015-017](#)

A board of county commissioners may not charge a board of health of a general health district for expenses incurred by county offices in providing services to the district, unless a statute expressly, or by necessary implication, authorizes such a charge. (2010 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 2010-001 (syllabus, paragraph 2), overruled, in part, due to statutory change.)

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.

| Title /For More Information. . . | Employer/Application Deadline |
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| Adult Protective Services Manager | Fairfield County May 22, 2015 |
| Eligibility Referral Supervisor I | Clark County May 25, 2015 |
| Wastewater Operator II or III | Ottawa County May 27, 2015 |
| Design Engineer | Medina County May 29, 2015 |
| LSC Telecommunications Fellowship | Ohio General Assembly (Legislative Service Commission) May 31, 2015 |
| CEO, Mental Health & Recovery Board | Clark, Greene and Madison Counties June 1, 2015 |
| Planner | Trumbull County Until position is filled |
| County Administrator | Sandusky County Until position is filled |
| JFS Director | Delaware County Until position is filled |
| Economic Development Director | Delaware County Until position is filled |