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DECEMBER 6-8, 2015	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM – REGISTER YOUR TEAM!

CCAO is hosting a [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 Tuesday, 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...](#)

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

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...](#)

AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

2015 CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING – JUNE 12

Join the County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association (CCC/EAPA) at the second of three regional training sessions to be held on June 12, 2015 in the Wood County Administration Building, 1 Courthouse Square - Floor 5, in Bowling Green. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Lunch is provided by CCAO/CEAO.

All the county commissioners’ and engineer’s office support staff members are encouraged to attend. These regional meetings and the CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference, held in December, are excellent opportunities for networking. The topics discussed at the regional meetings vary from the daily operations of the office to recent legislative updates.

RSVP your attendance to the Meeting Coordinator Jesicca Sautter, Office Manager – Wood Engineer’s Office, at (419) 354-9068 or jsautter@co.wood.oh.us. Information about the CCC/EAPA is available at www.ccc-

eapa.org. There is also a [Yahoo group](#) that is a resource for questions and answers. For more information about CCAO's oldest affiliate organization, please contact 2015 CCC/EAPA President [Theresa Upton](#), Clerk, Lorain County Commissioners, 226 Middle Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035 or (440) 329-5103.

STATE ACTIVITIES

"ABUSE STANDARDS" TARGET WASTEFUL SPENDING THROUGH NEW INITIATIVE



On Monday, Auditor of State Dave Yost released a [draft bulletin](#) to public offices and independent public accountants concerning "Abuse Standards." The draft bulletin contains important information for review and comment by public officials and other interested parties regarding the application of these Standards. Authoritative guidance and examples of "abuse" are included in this draft bulletin. Comments are an important part of this process; please take this opportunity to review the Standards. AOS must receive responses by June 18, 2015. Please send comments to DraftBulletinComments@ohioauditor.gov. The 30-day comment period, pending feedback, should largely help guide how the process is implemented.

Public entities that unreasonably misspend taxpayer dollars could soon be hit with abuse findings in their audits. The proposed initiative seeks to help shine a light on instances when taxpayer funds are clearly wasted or abused. The new abuse finding is expected to be applied to audits beginning July 1, 2015. Pointing to Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards that define abuse as behaviors that are deficient or improper compared to those a prudent individual would consider reasonable and necessary business practices. Waste or abuse and could lead to referrals for ethics and other investigations. AOS Yost said he hopes the abuse finding, which has been rarely used in Ohio audits, will serve as a deterrent to public entities when it comes to misspending taxpayer money.

OAQDA: HELPING YOUR EMPLOYERS WITH LOWER-COST ENERGY FINANCING SOLUTIONS

In recent years, CCAO members may have come to know the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) through its Qualified Energy Conservation Bond (QECB) program. QECB financing was accessed by several counties that used the funds for energy equipment upgrades. While the QECB programs draw to a close, officials can still look to the OAQDA as an economic development tool. Financing from OAQDA can help large and small employers to purchase and install facilities and equipment that lessen air emissions, as well as achieve energy efficiency. In recent years, a variety of businesses have used OAQDA financing to help with energy use, from lighting needs to roofing to heating and cooling operations.



OAQDA's financing support is made possible through conduit bonds, structured in various ways based on the needs of each project. This flexibility has allowed OAQDA to assist in the financing of projects ranging in size from more than \$350 million to as little as \$14,000. OAQDA bonds are in the "municipal debt" category and can be tax-exempt or taxable. [Read more...](#)

NEW OHIO EPA SEARCH ENGINE MAKES FINDING AGENCY ACTIVITIES EASIER



Do you want to follow Ohio EPA actions in your area? Is there a public meeting or comment period about a local project? Did Ohio EPA issue a permit for a local business expansion? Finding this information on Ohio EPA's website is now easier with a new public notice database and webpage recently launched by the Agency. In

addition to making the process simpler for the public to find documentation of Ohio EPA actions, the new site also streamlines the Agency's internal public notice processing to improve efficiency and reduce costs. Users can access the public notices through the main Weekly Review and Public Notice webpage at <http://epa.ohio.gov/actions>. [Read more...](#)

9-1-1 PSAP OPERATIONS STANDARDS TO BE REVIEWED BY THE ESINet STEERING COMMITTEE

Earlier this year, the ESINet Steering Committee adopted recommendations submitted by the PSAP Operations Sub-Committee for rules to implement technical standards for PSAPs, staffing, operations and call taker training. These recommendations have been drafted into rules which the Committee will review at its next meeting prior to submitting them to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review for adoption. Although the ESINet Steering Committee approved the [initial draft](#), an additional compliance section has been added. The entire package will be reviewed and discussed, with public comment, at the Committee's July 9th meeting. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be held at the Ohio Department of Transportation Auditorium, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223.



The Committee will also receive a presentation from OARnet regarding ESINet design and have a discussion with the members of the Technical Standards Sub-Committee regarding their review of the responses to RFI seeking ideas for a NextGen 9-1-1 system design.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

HOUSE OFFERS TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF MAP-21

On May 15, House Ways and Means Committee and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairs offered a bill that would extend the current surface transportation law, [Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act \(MAP-21\)](#), through July 31. The current extension of MAP-21 is set to expire at the end of May. Without congressional action, spending authority for federal surface transportation programs would cease and the Federal Highway Administration would not be able to reimburse states for construction costs incurred after May 31, including many county projects.

Last week, the Senate Finance Committee Chairman announced that he was seeking \$11 billion in revenue to extend current law and keep the Highway Trust Fund solvent through December 2015. Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle expressed concern over the length of the proposed patch and potential offsets that might be used to pay for the bill.

The two month extension is gaining traction in Congress for a number of reasons. First, it would require no additional revenue because it would spend money that is already in the Highway Trust Fund. Recently, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projected that the Highway Trust Fund would be unable to support any new federal or highway transit spending beginning October 1. The U.S. Department of Transportation confirmed that it can continue to maintain current funding levels at least through July. [Read more...](#)

JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT INTRODUCED

The [Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2015 \(JJJPA\)\(S.1169\)](#), a legislative priority for NACo, was introduced. JJJPA is the principal federal program through which the federal government sets standards for the care and custody of juveniles in the criminal justice system. Counties that operate juvenile detention centers, house justice-involved children in jails, or those that provide social services to justice-involved children must adhere to requirements in the JJJPA in order to receive federal funding. NACo supports reauthorization of the JJJPA, legislation which has not been renewed in over 10 years. [Read more...](#)

MOVE AMERICA ACT - BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION INTRODUCED TO CREATE NEW BOND PROGRAM

On May 4, [S. 1186, the Move America Act of 2015](#), bipartisan legislation to create a new bond program was introduced. The bill would create Move America Bonds that would essentially be treated as exempt-facility, private-activity bonds (PABs). The Move America Bonds, however, would have fewer restrictions and separate state volume caps. The proposed legislation would also authorize Move America Credits that allow states to convert portions of their volume cap to allocations for tax credits. NACo is currently exploring the provisions of the bill given its potential to serve as another tool in the fiscal toolkit of counties. [Read more...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

CREDENTIALS INFORMATION FOR VOTING AT NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The [credentials \(voting\) information](#) for voting at the NACo Annual Conference to be held July 10-13, 2015 in Mecklenburg County (Charlotte), NC was mailed to NACo member counties last week. Credentials information was sent to the chief elected official (board chair) and clerk in every member county.

In order to vote, a county must have:

1. Paid its 2015 dues before the voting occurs and
2. Have at least one paid registration to the annual conference.

List the names of the voting delegate and alternate authorized to pick up your county's voting materials on the credentials form. There can only be one alternate designated on the form. If your delegate does not pick up the county's ballot, you may authorize CCAO to pick up and cast your vote by checking a box on the credentials form. ***All votes at the conference must be picked up by the deadline designated by NACo or the county will be unable to vote.***

Return the credentials form signed by the chief elected official in order to vote by Friday, June 19. If the member county does not submit the form to NACo by this date, have the voting delegate carry it to the conference and present it at the Credentials Desk located in the registration area at the Charlotte Convention Center. Please fax, mail or e-mail the Credentials (Voting) Form to [Alex Koroknay-Palicz](#), NACo Membership Coordinator, at (202) 393-2630 by June 19, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact [Mary Jane Neiman](#), CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979.

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 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.

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 RE-OPENS 2nd VICE PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS; LEE MAY WITHDRAWS CANDIDACY

There is a new development in the race for NACo 2nd Vice President. The only declared candidate running for NACo 2nd Vice President, Lee May, has withdrawn from the race. He is currently serving as the Interim CEO of DeKalb County, Georgia as an appointee of the Governor. While he was also an elected county commissioner, he recently resigned this position to focus on the county executive position. Therefore, he is technically no longer an elected official so is ineligible to run for the NACo 2nd Vice President position.

NACo is re-opening nominations for this position since Lee May was the only declared candidate. Any elected official from a current NACo member county is eligible to run for the office of NACo 2nd Vice President. For more information about running for 2nd Vice President, please review the [NACo Elections Guidelines](#) (in regards to spending limits, travel, and campaigning). Contact [Mary Jane Neiman](#), CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 if you have any questions.

NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION – EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS NEXT FRIDAY

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.



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](#).

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

STRATEGIES FOR EMPLOYERS PROVIDING RETIREE HEALTH COVERAGE

Many counties currently offer retiree health benefits to their pre-65 employees. Rising costs, prescription drug coverage and the Affordable Care Act have impacted the retiree coverage health plans covered. Join NACo on June 4, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. to learn what strategies counties are using to continue providing retiree health coverage while containing costs. [Register here...](#)

STEPPING UP: STRATEGIES TO MEASURE PREVALENCE AND ASSESS THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES IN JAILS

Join NACo on June 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. for the next webinar in the Stepping Up series to learn about key strategies for screening and assessing for mental illnesses in jail and methods for collecting and reviewing prevalence numbers to set baselines for tracking the numbers of people with mental illnesses in your jail. On this webinar, national and county behavioral health and criminal justice experts and practitioners will discuss how they are able to identify people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders at jail intake and effective practices for screening and assessing for risk of recidivism. They will also outline effective methods to more accurately count the number of individuals with mental illnesses in their jails and how they have been able to use this information to inform policy, practice and resource allocation decisions. [Register here...](#)

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
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
GIS Coordinator	Ottawa County June 5, 2015
Director of Economic Development	Lucas County June 12, 2015
Deputy Fiscal Officer	Mansfield/Richland County Public Library June 26, 2015
Planner	Trumbull County Until position is filled
JFS Director	Delaware County Until position is filled
Economic Development Director	Delaware County Until position is filled