DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 5, 2015  CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, OSU F.T. STONE LABORATORY, OTTAWA COUNTY (GIBRALTAR ISLAND AT PUT-IN-BAY)

JUNE 10, 2015  ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FOR ADDICTED AND MENTALLY ILL POPULATIONS, A CCAO SECOND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR

JUNE 10, 2015  CCAO SMALL COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL

JUNE 12, 2015  CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

JUNE 12, 2015  CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, WOOD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BOWLING GREEN

JUNE 15, 2015  NW OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, HARDIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS – COMMUNITY BUILDING, HARDIN COUNTY (KENTON)

JUNE 17, 2015  CCAO METROPOLITAN & REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

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/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM – REGISTER YOUR TEAM!

CCAO is hosting an 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, and other key partners (i.e., port authorities, planning commissions, sanitary engineers, OSU Extension, etc.).

General Session Topics:
- **The Team Approach to International Economic Development** – International economic development leader shares global perspective
- **What Do I Need to Know About My Community?** – Data you need to make smart economic development decisions
- **What Do I Do with the Information?** – You have the data, now what?
- **Tying It All Together** – Helps you identify the next steps to enhance economic development in your community

Keynote Address:
- **Economic Development Lessons** – Mark Partridge, Ph.D., C. William Swank Chair of Rural-Urban Policy at The Ohio State University

Breakout Sessions
- **Land Banks** – From blight to right
- **Economic Gardening** – The National Center for Economic Gardening shares new ways to approach economic development
- **Energy as an Economic Development Strategy** – Powering into the future
- **Jobs in the Aerospace and Military Sector** – How to support and grow military jobs
- **Local Economic Development Incentives** – Be smarter about incentives and give your community an edge
- **Structural Models for Economic Development** – What entity serves as your “front door” for economic development?
- **Working with State Partners** – State leaders discuss successful collaboration
- **Water and Sewer: Leveraging Grants and Loans** – Funding is always the big challenge – leave no stone unturned
- **Infrastructure Challenges** – Getting creative to meet infrastructure demands
- **Workforce Development** – Public/Private partnerships lead to employment success
- **Broadband** – High speed internet access is essential in the connected global economy
- **Water and Sewer: Shared Services for Water, Sewer and Stormwater Projects** – Explore options for shared service arrangements

More program information can be found at [www.ccao.org/econ-dev-symposium](http://www.ccao.org/econ-dev-symposium).

[Click here](http://www.ccao.org/econ-dev-symposium) to register online. Please remember to register by June 10 to get the early bird registration price. Registration is limited to the first 300 registrants.

The room reservation deadline at the Hyatt Regency Columbus has been extended to Monday, June 1. For reservations [click here](http://www.ccao.org/econ-dev-symposium) 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…](http://www.ccao.org/econ-dev-symposium)

**CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO MEET AT STONE LAB – RSVP DUE TODAY**

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](http://www.ccao.org/econ-dev-symposium) 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. **PLEASE RSVP BY TODAY, MAY 29** to Brian Mead at (614) 579-2514.

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 ferry on Put-In-Bay and transport us to Stone Lab. If you miss the 9:30 a.m. ferry, 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.

[Click here](#) for more information about attire 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**

**AMAZON TO START COLLECTING SALES TAX IN OHIO**

The Columbus Dispatch reported today that the online retailing giant Amazon will start collecting sales tax in Ohio as part of an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars in the state, which will include data centers and fulfillment centers. Amazon estimates that tax collections in Ohio would be $150 million to $300 million. The plan is projected to create more than 1,000 jobs in Ohio over the next few years. The data centers will be in Dublin, Hilliard and New Albany. Governor Kasich stated that he would want to use the revenue generated from Amazon sales tax collections to lower other forms of taxes in Ohio.

**YOUTH DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION INITIATIVE URGES OHIO PARENTS TO “START TALKING!”**

In 2014, Ohio Governor John R. Kasich and First Lady Karen W. Kasich launched Start Talking! a program to help parents and other adults communicate better with kids about drug use. Based on research and what experts say are the best methods to engage kids, Start Talking! offers four ways for parents and other youth leaders to approach children and young adults:

- **Know!** – This program focuses on middle school students. Know! provides communication tips and tools to parents and caregivers, to empower them to raise their children substance-free. Know! also provides resources for educators and other adults to help reinforce the efforts of parents. Know! is offered by the Ohio Drug Free Action Alliance.
• **Parents360 Rx** – This program focuses on adults and is community-based. It is designed to increase adults’ knowledge about substance abuse, particularly prescription drug abuse. More knowledgeable parents and adults have greater confidence and are better equipped to talk with children about drug use. The Parents360 Rx Action Toolkit can be used to host youth drug prevention discussions in local communities. Parents360Rx is a national program developed by the [Partnership at Drugfree.org](http://www.drugfree.org).

• **5 Minutes for Life** – This program focuses on high school students. Led by the Ohio Highway Patrol, the Ohio National Guard and local law enforcement in partnership with the Ohio High School Athletic Association and participating high schools, 5 Minutes for Life engages student athletes as ambassadors who lead peer-to-peer conversations that promote healthy, drug-free lifestyles.

• **Building Youth Resiliency** – This program starts community partnerships to build a local effort, using proven prevention programs, to give students the courage to resist drugs and push back on peer pressure. The Office of Ohio First Lady Karen W. Kasich, in partnership with other state agencies, is leading this effort.

**NOMINATE VETERANS FOR THE OH VETERANS HALL OF FAME BY JUNE 30**

Don’t miss the chance to honor veterans who have served their communities following military service – the deadline for nominations for the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2015 is June 30, 2015. The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was established in 1992 to recognize the achievements of veterans in community service after their military service ended. Charter members of the Hall’s Class of 1993 included the six Ohio military veterans who were elected President of the United States and all Medal of Honor recipients from Ohio. Honorees include astronauts, government officials, police officers, community leaders, and veterans’ advocates. The Hall of Fame Executive Committee, made up of veterans, selects not more than 20 inductees annually. Men and women chosen for induction into the Hall come from all eras, all branches of service and all walks of life. [Click here](http://www.veterans.ohio.gov) for nomination guidelines and forms.

**OHIO EPA AWARDS NEARLY $600,000 FOR 2015 LITTER MANAGEMENT GRANTS**

The Ohio EPA is awarding $599,445 in grant funding to 41 local governments to support local litter cleanup events and tire amnesty programs. Local governments use these monies to fund litter collection events, community awareness programming or create opportunities for residents to get rid of scrap tires. All local cleanup efforts will involve the work of volunteers and are on public property. The Litter Cleanup and Tire Amnesty Grant program requires a 10 percent match and is available to local governments, park or health districts, state colleges and universities, solid waste authorities or Keep America Beautiful communities. For additional information about the grant program, contact Ohio EPA at (614) 644-2873, or visit [recycleohio.gov](http://www.recycleohio.gov). For a list of funded projects and more information – [click here](http://www.recycleohio.gov).
OHIO STATE FAIR GROUP & SENIOR DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE

The entertainment, excitement and endless attractions at the Ohio State Fair make it a perfect place to hold family reunions, group outings or summer camp trips. By purchasing tickets through the group purchase program, you can save up to $4 on each admission and up to $5 on each Midway ride-all-day wristband voucher.

New for 2015, group tickets will now be purchased through the consignment program. Previously, the group program required that payments were to be submitted along with the ticket order in advance. The consignment program allows fairgoers to reserve tickets in advance and only pay for what the group uses – after the Fair! Though the process for purchasing group tickets has changed, the savings are still the same! Groups and seniors must fill out and return the group purchase agreement form by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2015. More information on group and senior tickets and the group purchase agreement form can be found on the Ohio State Fair website.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION RULE DRAWS MIXED RESPONSE; NACo RELEASES STATEMENT ON “WATERS OF THE U.S.”

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency finalized a controversial water pollution rule Wednesday stating the rule would more clearly define which bodies of water are subject to protection under the federal Clean Water Act (CWA), arguing that it would make the permitting process less costly, easier, and faster for business and industry.

On the other hand...for more than a year, NACo and other business and agriculture related groups have voiced serious concerns and called for clarity on the federal proposal to redefine “Waters of the U.S.” (WOTUS). Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine joined business groups in arguing that the proposal exceeds the U.S. EPA's authority.

In response to the EPA and Army Corps' release of the final rule, NACo has issued an initial analysis of the published rule. NACo Executive Director Matthew Chase said, “We support clean water. Clean water is essential to the nation’s counties on the front lines of preserving local resources, strengthening public safety and promoting economic growth. We have repeatedly called for a collaborative intergovernmental process, greater certainty and a pragmatic rule to advance clean water goals without hindering counties’ vast public safety and infrastructure responsibilities. While we appreciate the agencies' recent efforts, the flawed consultation process has resulted in a final rule that does not move us closer to achieving clean water goals and creates more confusion than clarity.”

Late last year, NACo formally called for the proposed rule to be withdrawn until further analysis and meaningful consultation could be completed. The CCAO Board of Directors also submitted testimony calling for the rule to be withdrawn. NACo testified before congressional bodies four times, including a bicameral congressional hearing earlier this year. Since the proposal was unveiled in April 2014, NACo has advocated for greater certainty and launched an online resource hub and action center.

On May 12, the House of Representatives passed the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015 (H.R. 1732) that would require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to withdraw the proposed WOTUS rule within 30 days and restart the rule-making process. At the end
of April, a bill similar to H.R. 1732, the Federal Water Quality Protection Act (S. 1140), was introduced in the Senate and would also stop and restart the rule-making process and require the agencies to work more closely with state and local governments in rewriting a rule. 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.

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 only appoints 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, 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](mailto: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 TODAY**

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 DISCOUNTED EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TODAY - MAY 29.** You may register after today, but registration fee will be at a higher rate. 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. For more information and to register online, click here.

**PUBLICATIONS/VIDEOS**

**HOW MEDICAID WAIVERS WORK**

The Center for Community Solutions has released an animated short video that tackles the topic of home and community based Medicaid waivers aimed at helping senior citizens and individuals with developmental disabilities stay in the community as opposed to institutional settings. If you or any of your constituents want to learn more about the multiple waivers available and what they do and do not cover, click here to view the video.

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**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.

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June 1, 2015 |
| GIS Coordinator                  | Ottawa County  
June 5, 2015                                     |
| Director of Economic Development  | Lucas County  
June 26, 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                        |
| Eligibility Referral Specialist II | Holmes County  
Until position is filled                    |