



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

OCT. 21, 2016	<b>CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS</b>
OCT. 26, 2016	<b>CCAOSC ENERGY PROGRAM ANNUAL MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS</b>
OCT. 28, 2016	<b>CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS</b>
NOV. 3, 2016	<b>CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL</b>
NOV. 9, 2016	<b>HELPING VETERANS ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN OHIO – A CCAO 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY WEBINAR</b>
Nov. 17, 2016	<b>TOP GUN CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS SEMINAR, THE CONFERENCE CENTER AT OCLC, DUBLIN (CCAO is a seminar co-sponsor)</b>
NOV. 18, 2016	<b>CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS</b>
DEC. 4-6, 2016	<b>CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS</b>
DEC. 6, 2016	<b>PUBLIC RECORDS/SUNSHINE LAW TRAINING, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS</b>
DEC. 9, 2016	<b>CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS</b>
FEB. 5-7, 2017	<b>NEW MEMBER TRAINING SEMINAR, SHERATON COLUMBUS HOTEL AT CAPITOL SQUARE, COLUMBUS</b>
FEB. 25-MAR. 1, 2017	<b>NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC</b>
JULY 21-24, 2017	<b>NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)</b>

# ASSOCIATION NEWS

## New Candidates' Briefing Guide

CCAO's 2016 Candidates' Briefing Guide was released this week. The guide, which is designed to educate candidates on county government and the policy issues that are important to counties, emphasizes the importance of strengthening the partnership between the state and counties to make a stronger Ohio.

The top policy issues included in this year's guide include:

- **Replace revenue lost from the elimination of the Medicaid managed care sales tax**
- **Partner with counties to replace voting equipment**
- **Protect the county/state sales tax base**
- **Enhance the delivery of public safety services**
- **Address growing pressures caused by the opiate epidemic**
- **Modernize infrastructure funding**

The guide also recommends partnership opportunities between the state and counties, notes recent successes and shares information on county revenue sources and the many important functions that counties perform.

Candidates received the guide this week and county commissioners, executives and councilmembers should receive their copies early next week. You can view the document online [here](#).

As a member of CCAO, you are our most powerful advocate. We hope this will provide a valuable tool that supports your advocacy efforts with current and future state lawmakers over the coming months.

## CCAO to host webinar on helping veterans – Nov. 9

CCAO is pleased to offer a 2nd Wednesday webinar on "Helping Veterans Achieve Success in Ohio" on Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m. The webinar will focus on achieving success through education and employment opportunities that are available in Ohio.

- The first part of the webinar will provide an overview of the state approving agency followed by on the job training and apprenticeship outreach to veterans.



- In the second part of the webinar, the speaker will discuss Ohio Means Veterans Jobs, veteran demographics and current initiatives to connect veterans to employment in your county.

Our speakers from the Ohio Department of Veterans Services will be Robert Breeckner, Deputy Director of Educational Programs, and Jonathon Field, Workforce Manager.

[Click here](#) to register. If you experience difficulty in registering, please contact [Curt Pratt](#), CCAO Administrative Assistant, and provide him with your name, title, employer and email address. For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact [Brad Cole](#), CCAO Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981 or (888) 757-1904. [Read more...](#)

## All members welcome to attend CCAO Board of Directors meeting – Oct. 21

Just a reminder that all county commissioners, county executives and county council members are welcome and invited to attend the CCAO Board of Directors meetings. The next CCAO Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. at the CCAO Offices, 209 E. State Street, in Columbus.

The Oct. Board meeting will be devoted to the development of the 2017-18 Legislative Platform and Priorities document for the 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly. The Board will then address our Legislative Priorities during the Nov. 18 Board meeting. The full CCAO membership will consider the proposal during the CCAO Annual Meeting to be held on Dec. 4 at the upcoming Annual Conference.

To ensure that we have adequate meeting space and an accurate lunch count, please RSVP your attendance to [Kathy Dillon](#), CCAO office manager and boards' liaison, on or before Monday, Oct. 17. Also, please feel free to contact Kathy should you have any questions.

## CCAO staff news: wedding bells for Kara DiDonato

Congratulations and best wishes to CEBCO Wellness Coordinator Kara DiDonato and Jonathan Engle who were married on Saturday, Oct. 1 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Akron. Kara, who is a native of Stark County (Hartville), has been on the CCAO staff since 2015. Jon is a financial analyst at L Brands and grew up in Franklin County (Westerville). Kara and Jon are looking to buy their first home in the Columbus area.



Mr. and Mrs. Jon Engle

Please join CCAO in wishing Kara and Jon well as they begin married life together! Congratulatory notes can be sent to the Engle's at the CCAO office, 209 E. State Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

## STATE ACTIVITIES

### How do we solve Ohio's DD housing crisis?

The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council has published a brochure to illustrate on “How Do We Solve Ohio’s DD Housing Crisis?” This brochure documents how one of the DD Council's grantees implemented a program to assist county boards of developmental disabilities with securing funds outside of the traditional sources for housing. Twelve county boards around Ohio participated in the program and have seen a remarkable improvement in finding funding and securing vouchers for the individuals they serve. Three case studies from Hamilton, Licking and Miami counties were mentioned in the brochure. [Click here](#) to download a copy or call (614) 466-5205 or (800) 766-7426 to obtain a copy.

### Grant to help small businesses market internationally

Ohio Development Services Agency Export Assistance Office is accepting applications for the [Ohio International Market Access Grant for Exporters \(IMAGE\)](#) program, which helps Ohio small businesses sell their goods and services overseas. The IMAGE program is funded by a \$750,000 award from the U.S. Small Business Administration State Trade Expansion Program to help increase Ohio exports and create jobs. Ohio businesses can apply to the IMAGE program, which is a 50 percent reimbursement program designed to offset the high costs associated with international marketing initiatives, including trade shows and missions, marketing materials, website translation and export education programs. The program runs through Sept. 29, 2017. [Read more...](#)

### Nominations sought for great Ohioan award

The Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board and Capitol Square Foundation are seeking nominations for the 2017 class of “Great Ohioans.” The award celebrates Ohioans who have played a significant role in an event, or series of events, of lasting significance in world, American or Ohio history. Additional criteria include being born in Ohio or lived in Ohio for a minimum of five years. At least 25 years must have passed since the commemorated event, in which the nominee participated. This award is an opportunity to recognize Ohioans who have made an impact in a number of important areas. [Click here](#) for an explanation of the nomination process and nomination forms. Nomination deadline: Dec. 12.

## FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

### Toledo area awarded urban waters grant

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is awarding \$1.3 million in [Urban Waters Small Grants](#) to 22 organizations in 18 states to help protect and restore urban waters and to support community revitalization and other local priorities.

The University of Toledo will receive a \$59,988 grant to incorporate “Green Stormwater Management at Low Income, Multi-Family Housing Sites in Toledo.” The University of Toledo, in

collaboration with North Toledo community members, Vistula Management, United North and the Toledo-Lucas County Sustainability Commission, will develop a plan to incorporate green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) at low income, multi-family housing sites in Toledo. The project aims to educate and engage community members and regional stakeholders on green urban stormwater management practices and benefits.

Through a community-based planning process, the University will host quarterly design meetings to resolve conflicts and map solutions on GSI planning and design, as well as develop educational materials and demonstrations for residents. The University of Toledo believes that GSI presents an increasingly attractive, affordable and effective stormwater management option for Toledo that will include other benefits such as drinking water protection, flood mitigation and green space for community activities, which is often lacking in urban areas. [Read more...](#)

## **Four Ohio counties join Data-Driven Justice Initiative**

Cuyahoga, Franklin, Lucas and Shelby counties are part of the more than 100 city, county and state jurisdictions to join onto the President's Data-Driven Justice (DDJ) initiative to collect, study and share data and best practices for using data to better address mental illness in jails across the nation. The initiative was launched to break the cycle of incarceration among Americans suffering with mental illness. As part of signing onto DDJ, the jurisdictions have committed to three things:

1. Combining data across system silos to identify individuals who are at high-risk and finding ways to provide effective, community-based services to help break the cycle of incarceration.
2. Developing tools and trainings to help first responders effectively de-escalate crisis situations and safely divert people to the appropriate service providers instead of arresting them.
3. Using evidence-based, objective, risk based assessment tools in pre-trial assessments. This will allow individuals who are considered low risk defendants to be safely released from jails.

Nationwide, local governments spend more than \$20 billion yearly on jails, and 64% of the incarcerated suffer from mental illness. Almost 70% have a substance abuse disorder, and 44% suffer from other chronic health problems. Treatment options are very limited in most jails, and there are challenges in sharing health information about inmates among law enforcement, courts and jails. [Read more...](#)

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### **Franklin County and Cleveland to participate in healthy challenge**

Franklin County and the City of Cleveland were selected to participate in the Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge, a partnership between NACo, the American Public Health Association (APHA) and The Aetna Foundation, in



collaboration with CEOs for Cities. Twenty-seven counties were among the 50 local governments and agencies selected.

The Challenge is a \$1.5 million prize competition. Each Healthy Community50 finalist will receive a \$10,000 community seed award to implement programs. Click on the links below for a summary of Ohio's two projects.

- Franklin County – [Health Works Franklin County](#)
- City of Cleveland – [Breathe Free CLE](#)

Participants will compete over the course of several years to develop practical, evidence-based strategies to improve measurable health outcomes and promote health and wellness, equity and social interaction. [Read more...](#)

## Achievement Award Program – brilliant ideas that work!

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is accepting submissions for the [2017 Achievement Awards](#) program. For 47 years, NACo has recognized innovation in county government through the Achievement Awards Program. The awards provide an excellent opportunity for counties to promote their successes to a larger audience, as well as share best practices with partners and peers across the nation.



As a non-competitive awards program, each application is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received. Awards will be presented in 18 categories during the [2017 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition](#) to be held in Franklin County (Columbus), O-H-I-O. All steps in the application process must be completed and application fees must be paid in full by the Mar. 27 deadline. [Click here](#) for more information or email [awards@naco.org](mailto:awards@naco.org) if you have any questions.

As part of the 2016-2017 Presidential Initiative of NACo President Bryan Desloge, the association is launching [Counties Matter Challenge: Brilliant Ideas that Work](#), a friendly competition to identify and share 100 examples of visionary county leadership that highlights county innovation at its best. Your entry in the Achievement Award program will be in the running for the Challenge.

## EDUCATION

### Effective and creative grants management webinar – Oct. 25

Join NACo on Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. for a webinar on “Doing More with Less: Effective and Creative Grants Management” that will cover techniques to maximize and effectively manage grants. Entitlement communities are facing decreased Federal funding and stringent contractual requirements, making it challenging to continue funded projects and programs as well as plan for future undertakings while effectively managing the grants they have obtained. If contractual requirements are not met, the funding agency can impose administrative sanctions such as

disallowed costs or rescission of the grant agreement. In addition to careful grant management, communities also must figure out how to best utilize available funding. Stretching grant money can be accomplished in a number of ways, including utilizing revolving loan funds to fill gaps in funding and retrofitting/applying utility savings strategies in capital projects to ensure future fiscal resiliency. [Register here...](#)

## Construction Claims Seminar – Nov. 17

Join the law firm of Bricker & Eckler LLP for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual [Top Gun Construction Claims Seminar](#) on Thursday, Nov. 17 at The Conference Center at OCLC, 6600 Kilgour Place, in Dublin. Topics focus on Transgender Issues for Construction, Beginning a Project – Decision Points, Strategies for Minimizing Claims, Specific Claims, Financing Corrective Work Prior to Recovery and Dispute Resolution.

Tuition: \$199 by Nov. 4 and CCAO members or \$239 after Nov. 4. CCAO is a seminar co-sponsor. Approval of 7.5 CLE and AIA credits is pending. [More information...](#)

## Public records/sunshine law training – Dec. 6

The Sunshine Laws Certification Training, provided by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, is a three-hour certification training session provided to all elected officials, and/or their appropriate designees, as well as members of the general public.

ORC Section 109.43(B) states:

The attorney general shall develop, provide, and certify training programs and seminars for all elected officials or their appropriate designees in order to enhance the officials' knowledge of the duty to provide access to public records as required by section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The training shall be three hours for every term of office for which the elected official was appointed or elected to the public office involved.

Each session includes an in-depth analysis of Ohio's Public Records Act, with a brief discussion of Ohio's Open Meetings Act.

CCAO/CEAO have scheduled a session during the Winter Conference on **Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 12 noon to 3:15 p.m.** You do not need to register for the conference if you are **ONLY** attending the public records training. There is no charge to attend this training. **Approval of Continuing Legal Education for 3.00 total hours of instruction is pending.**

[Register here](#) on the Ohio Attorney General's website to reserve your place for this special training. By registering for the public records training, you are not automatically registered for the conference.

## CLASSIFIEDS

CCAO publishes classified ads on our [website](#) free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will be published until the application deadline. 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.