



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **2017 COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

JAN. 20, 2017	<b>CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS</b>
JAN. 27, 2017	<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. 24, 2017	<b>CORSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, 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**

### **Humphrey elected 2017 CCAO president**

CCAO President Doug Corcoran convened the CCAO Annual Business Meeting on Monday, Dec. 5 at the CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus. The following officers were elected to serve in 2017:

- President - Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Commissioner
- 1st Vice President – Daniel Troy, Lake County Commissioner
- 2nd Vice President – Julie Ehemann, Shelby County Commissioner
- Secretary – Tom Whiston, Morrow County Commissioner
- Treasurer – Deborah Lieberman, Montgomery County Commissioner
- Past President - Doug Corcoran, Ross County Commissioner

The following past presidents have elected to automatically serve on the board: Doug Corcoran, Ross County Commissioner; Mike Halleck, Columbiana County Commissioner; Gary Lee, Union County Commissioner; and Kerry Metzger, Tuscarawas County Commissioner.

Members elected for two-year terms in 2017-18 on the board of directors include: Tim Bubb, Licking County Commissioner; Carl Davis, Monroe County Commissioner; Chris Day, Preble County Commissioner; Pete Gerken, Lucas County Commissioner; Casey Kozlowski, Ashtabula County Commissioner; Gary Merrell, Delaware County Commissioner; and Glenn Miller, Henry County Commissioner.

2017 CCAO President Ed Humphrey will make nine more appointments to the CCAO Board for next year. The next CCAO Board of Directors meeting will be held on Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. in the CCAO Offices in Columbus.



State Senator Joe Uecker (left) administered the oath of office to the 2017 CCAO Officers: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Julie Ehemann (Shelby), Treasurer Deb Lieberman (Montgomery), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Daniel Troy (Lake), President Ed Humphrey (Clermont), Secretary Tom Whiston (Morrow) and Past President Doug Corcoran (Ross).

## **Caldwell retires after 10 terms as county commissioner**

At the end of this term, Commissioner Jim Caldwell will be retiring after serving the residents of Ross County for the past 40 years. When he's not busy as a county commissioner, Jim is a certified public accountant and president of Caldwell, Ott & Co.

Prior to his election as county commissioner in 1977, Jim served on the Chillicothe City Council as the Finance Committee Chair, and as a teacher for Jackson City Schools. A graduate of Ohio University with a Bachelor of Business Administration, Jim has a Master of Arts in Public Service and Doctor of Public Service (Honoris Causa) from the University of Rio Grande. Jim and his wife, Pamela, have been married for 53 years.



Over the years, Jim has been active in many organizations on the local, state and national levels. CCAO appreciates Jim's time and dedication chairing the CCAO Audit Committee and Deferred Compensation Committee for many years.

When reflecting on working with Jim, Doug Corcoran, fellow commissioner and CCAO president, stated, "It has been an honor to serve alongside Jim Caldwell as commissioner here in Ross County. The fact that he has been a commissioner for 40 years is a testament to the type of leader that he is: honest, sincere, humble and dedicated. He is a true public servant, but more importantly a true friend."

*Join Ross County at a reception honoring Jim on Monday, Dec. 19 from 3-6 p.m. at the Ross County Service Center, 475 Western Avenue, in Chillicothe. Special presentations will be made at 5 p.m.*

## **CCAO honors nine staff members for time and service**

CCAO President Doug Corcoran and Executive Director Suzanne Dulaney honored nine staff members for their time and service to the association during the CCAO Annual Business Meeting held during the Winter Conference. Receiving awards were:



**Ginny Shrimplin**



**Brad Cole**



**Cheryl Subler**



**Amanda Jones**



**Debi Burnette**



**Wendy Dillingham**



**Jim Hale**



**Jeff Knapp**



**Katie Lininger**

- **Ginny Shrimplin**, CORSA Marketing Manager - Retirement
- **Brad Cole**, CCAO Managing Director of Research – 30 years
- **Cheryl Subler**, CCAO Managing Director of Policy - 20 years
- **Amanda Jones**, CORSA Claims Representative – 15 years
- **Debi Burnette**, CEBCO Enrollment & Billing Specialist - 10 years
- **Wendy Dillingham**, CEBCO Sr. Benefit Specialist – 10 years
- **Jim Hale**, CORSA Risk Control Consultant – 10 years
- **Jeff Knapp**, CORSA Claims Supervisor – 10 years
- **Katie Lininger**, CORSA Sr. Claims Supervisor – 10 years

Congratulations to Ginny, Brad, Cheryl, Amanda, Debi, Wendy, Jim, Jeff and Katie for their service to the CCAO!

## **CCAO welcomes new accountant**

CCAO is pleased to announce that Brandy L. Allen joined the staff as our new accountant on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Brandy works with Finance Manager Thisbe Butcher on accounting and financial operations and preparing invoices and tracking receipts. Brandy is filling the position formerly held by Alison Redmond, who is now the CORSA Membership Services Manager.

A native of Miami County, Brandy has an Associate Degree in Accounting from Edison Community College. She has 16 years of experience in corporate accounting.

Brandy can be reached at (614) 220-0640 or [ballen@ccao.org](mailto:ballen@ccao.org). Please join the staff in welcoming Brandy as the newest member of the CCAO family.



## STATE ACTIVITIES

### Governor cautions Ohio on the verge of recession

Governor Kasich addressed the House on Tuesday and stated that Ohio is "on the verge of recession." State tax collections are \$259 million (2.8%) short of projections for the first five months of the state fiscal year (July through November). Governor Kasich also cautioned that there would not be a lot of growth in any state programs as the administration prepared the two year budget.

### Stepping Up Initiative

By now you may have heard of [Stepping Up](#), a national and state program to assist counties in ways to break the cycle of incarceration for persons with mental illness and addiction. Ohio is now one of three model states.



The project director is Retired Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, and the chief funder is the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation. However, the effort is supported by a wide group of state leaders, both agencies and organizations – including CCAO. Thirty-one counties have now signed up and have begun receiving assistance. Once signed up, counties receive a personal visit from Retired Justice Stratton and Thom Craig, medical director of the Foundation, plus a quick Readiness Assessment to help the program know where to help your county. [Read more...](#)

### Naloxone price freeze for one year in Ohio

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced that Adapt Pharma will freeze the public interest price for its naloxone nasal spray for Ohio over the next year. Ohio is currently the only state in the country that has secured a price freeze with the company.

When given to a person overdosing on opioids such as heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, or a prescription opioid, naloxone can limit or stop the overdose by reversing the effects of the opioid on the brain.

The public interest price will apply for one year to qualified purchasers who purchase two 4 mg doses of the nasal spray for \$75, when obtained directly from Adapt Pharma in quantities greater than 48 units. That cost is a 40 percent discount from Adapt Pharma's Wholesale Acquisition Cost of \$125.

Ohio is also currently in an agreement with Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. for \$6 rebates for every Amphastar naloxone syringe purchased until March 2017. During the first year of the rebate agreement, 82 Ohio agencies were reimbursed a total of more than \$209,000 to offset the cost of naloxone purchases. [Read more...](#)

## Ohio Proud launches new website

Ohio Proud, a marketing program which helps consumers identify food and agricultural products produced in the state, launched a newly revamped website - [www.ohioproud.org](http://www.ohioproud.org). The new, user-friendly, mobile site offers quick and easy access to more than 500 Ohio Proud partners located across the state. The website also features an interactive map that allows consumers to more easily locate Ohio Proud businesses in their area. [Read more...](#)

## FEDERAL NEWS

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act would impact counties

Yesterday, following last week's 392-26 vote in the House, the Senate passed [H.R. 34 - The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act](#), which includes provisions related to criminal justice, mental health and addiction—key NACo priorities. With a 94-5 vote, the Senate sends the bill to the president's desk this weekend for his signature, and he has already indicated his support. Some of the provisions will help counties by:

- **Reducing the number of people with mental illness in jails:** By reauthorizing the [Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act \(MIOTCRA\)](#), the bill will support local efforts to decrease mental illness in jails through a broad range of activities, including jail diversion programs, mental health courts, in-jail treatments and transitional services and crisis intervention training.
- **Providing community-based behavioral health services:** By reauthorizing the [Community Mental Health Services \(CMHS\) and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment \(SAPT\)](#) block grants, the bill will continue to allow counties, through 750 behavioral health authorities and community providers, to deliver direct behavioral health services to those with mental health conditions and substance abuse disorders.
- **Combating the opioid epidemic:** By authorizing \$1 billion over two years for state grants to supplement opioid abuse prevention and treatment activities, lawmakers have taken a significant step in efforts to end the opioid epidemic. While this is a positive first step, until Congress appropriates funds for these bills, local opioid programs will not receive additional federal support. The appropriation of significant funding for local opioid programs was one of the recommendations made to federal leaders in a [report recently released by NACo's Task Force on the Opioid Epidemic](#), jointly launched this year with the National League of Cities.

NACo has serious concerns with how Congress plans to pay for the \$6.3 billion legislation. We must continue to work with Congress to ensure that provisions within this bill are fully appropriated. [Read more...](#)

### Council to strengthen federal-local coordination

President Obama has signed an [executive order](#) establishing the Community Solutions Council in an effort to modernize the way the federal government works with cities, counties and communities across the nation. The council aims for federal agencies to strengthen partnerships

with communities and enhance coordination across the federal government to more effectively deliver assistance. The Community Solutions Council includes leadership from agencies, departments and offices across the federal government and the White House that will work to develop and implement policy that puts local priorities first, highlights successful solutions based on best practices and streamlines federal support for communities. [Read more...](#)

## **Auglaize, Henry and contiguous counties designated primary natural disaster areas**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has designated Auglaize and Henry counties as primary natural disaster areas due to losses and damages caused by drought that occurred on May 10, 2016, and continues. Farmers in the following contiguous counties also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous. Those counties are: Allen, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Logan, Lucas, Mercer, Putnam, Shelby, Van Wert, Williams and Wood. [Read more...](#)

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### **NACo Legislative Conference: registration is open**

New administration + new Congress = new opportunities. The [NACo Legislative Conference](#) will be held Feb. 25 to Mar. 1 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road NW, in Washington, D.C. Over 2,000 elected and appointed county officials will gather to focus on federal policy issues that impact counties and our residents. With the new Trump administration, and newly elected members of Congress, the 2017 Legislative Conference is a great opportunity to advocate for counties at the national level.



Attendees will participate in educational sessions, interact with federal officials and also descend on Capitol Hill, delivering the message that federal policies matter to counties and counties matter to America! [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Opioid epidemic task force report webinar - Dec. 15**

The task force jointly launched by NACo and the National League of Cities to assess solutions that address the opioid epidemic released a [final report](#) with recommendations for local, state and federal leaders. Doug Corcoran, Ross County Commissioner, serves on the National City County Task Force on the Opioid Epidemic.

Join a NACo webinar on Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. to review these recommendations. Comments and questions from local officials from across the country who are working to address the opioid crisis in their communities are encouraged. [Register here...](#)

## **Improving resilience of water infrastructure investments - Dec. 19**

Join NACo on Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. for an interactive webinar to learn how counties are innovating to improve the resilience of their county infrastructure, both by building new and retrofitting old. County officials and professional staff will discuss the strategies and tools they are using to prepare their counties for future disasters and every day wear and tear. The discussion will give county elected officials and staff members an idea of next steps they can take to make their county's infrastructure more resilient to changing physical and environmental conditions.

[Register here...](#)

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

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