Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Annual Renewal Meetings — to be held via teleconference on May 21st

The annual renewal meeting for clerks, county board members, and business managers will be held on May 21st at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. CDT, via teleconference. Meeting sites are located in Lincoln at NET; Scottsbluff at Panhandle Research and Extension Center; North Platte at ESU16; Grand Island at Grand Island Public Library; Columbus at Columbus Public Library; and O’Neill at Avera St. Anthony’s Hospital.

The meetings will offer information on renewal calculations, plan design updates, BluesEnroll, COBRA updates, Flex Plan (Section 125), and administrative updates and changes. This is not a benefits meeting for employees.

If you have questions, please contact the Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebraska office at 800.562.6394 and speak to Helen Bley, Kent Trelford-Thompson or your regional representative.

Save the Date: Free Webinar, Leading in Tough Times

This 75-minute Webinar, Leading in Tough Times: County Budget Strategies During Recession, will be held Thursday, May 7, at 1 p.m. (CDT).

Across the nation our counties are facing shrinking revenue sources, fewer staff and higher demands. This session will focus on maximizing revenue sources, getting the most out of short term budget cuts and making decisions with tight margins to invest in your county’s long term economic recovery and fiscal health. To register, click on the following link:

https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/777059361

For more information contact Carrie Clingan at 202.942.4246 or cclingan@naco.org

NACo Methamphetamine Prevention Webinar

Thursday May 14th, 2009

NACo is offering a free webinar on methamphetamine prevention titled Addressing Methamphetamine in our Nation’s Counties, held on Thursday, May 14th from 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm EST. This webinar will explore the unique ways in which methamphetamine affects counties, including social and economic costs. Attendees will also receive additional information regarding national and local meth prevention programs. To register for the webinar, please click here. For questions, please contact Kati Guerra at kguerra@naco.org / 202.942.4279.
Courthouse Award Nominations due May 8th

Established in 2001, the County Courthouse awards are sponsored by Siemens and recognize elected county officials from NACo member counties who demonstrate innovative and effective leadership to improve the quality of life of residents. Applications and information about the 2009 NACo County Courthouse Awards are available on the NACo Web site at www.naco.org under the Awards section. **Applications must be received by May 8** to be considered. If you have questions, please contact NACo Associate Legislative Directors Dalen Harris or Erik Johnston at 202.393.6226 or by e-mail at dharris@naco.org or ejohnston@naco.org.

Online registration and housing is now open for the 74th Annual NACo Conference and Exposition, July 24-28, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Davidson County (Nashville), Tennessee. For more information and to register, please visit www.naco.org.

There is still time to register for County Board of Equalization Workshop

Visit the NACo website for [agenda](http://www.naco.org) and [registration](http://www.naco.org) information for the 2009 County Board of Equalization Workshop to be held Thursday, May 14 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Kearney. County Board members, clerks, assessors and county attorneys can all benefit from this biennial workshop that will provide an overall review of the county board of equalization's responsibilities in the equalization process. Speakers include Ruth Sorenson, Property Tax Administrator and William Warnes, TERC Chairperson, and Barry Couch, CAE, as well as representatives from various county offices.

Thank you to all the new and renewed NACO sustaining and associate members. A complete membership listing can be found on the NACO website by clicking [here](http://www.nacone.org).

If you are aware of any news that may be of interest, please let us know.

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