Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Annual Renewal Meetings — to be held via teleconference 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: Securing the Safety Net and Responding to Social Service Needs, will be held Thursday, June 11, at 1 p.m. CDT.

Unemployment, housing, healthcare and human service demands are rising on many of our counties. Local governments are straining to meet the demands on social services while balancing staff cutbacks and frozen budgets. Please join us in discussing what resources may be available to counties through strategic partnerships, innovation and funding. To register, click on the following link:

https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/810325227 For more information contact Carrie Clingan at 202.942.4246 or cclingan@naco.org

County Board of Equalization Workshop Well Attended

One-hundred and eighty participants—including board members, clerks, assessors, and staff representing 63 counties were in Kearney yesterday to attend this year’s County Board of Equalization Workshop.

Speakers included Property Tax Administrator Ruth Sorensen, Douglas County Deputy Assessor Barry Couch, Washington County Deputy Attorney Ed Talbot, TERC Chairperson William Warnes, as well as county board members, clerks and assessors, who discussed their roles and responsibilities in the County Board of Equalization process.
Online registration and housing is 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](http://www.naco.org).

**Walk For Your Life Challenge 2009**

Information about this year’s Walk For Your Life challenge was sent to county clerks last week. The challenge will begin on June 1 and end September 27. Like last year, each county will comprise one team, and may include county officials, employees, spouses, children, and others. A minimum of ½ mile must be walked at a time in order to be counted. Unlike last year, each team member’s miles will be included for the duration of the challenge, regardless of whether or not that person walked during the reporting period.

The county will designate a team leader, who will be responsible for gathering data and reporting it back to NACO. If your county plans on participating in this year’s challenge and you have not already done so, please submit your county contact’s name and e-mail address to Wendy Kelly at [wendy.kelly@nacone.org](mailto:wendy.kelly@nacone.org).

**Directory Updates…**

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**2009 Annual Conference Lodging Reservations**

The 2009 Conference Reservations Lodging Form will become available on NACO’s website at 10:00 a.m. CDT on Friday, August 14th, 2009. The reservation process will be the same as last year. Reservations for the conference will not be taken via telephone. The lodging form must be printed, competed and faxed back to the number listed on the form. Reservations will be filled on a first come, first served basis. If you have questions regarding this procedure, please contact Lisa Wefer at (402) 434-5660.