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ERYN HURLEY: NATIONAL UPDATES: ARPA, INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

Deputy Director of Government Affairs / National Association of Counties

Eryn serves as the Deputy Director for NACo's Government Affairs Department. In this capacity she assists in Legislative and Executive Brand outreach and advocacy of the association's legislative priorities and policy development. Eryn also staffs NACo's Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Steering Committee. In this capacity, she works with county officials across the nation to set NACo's policies on matters pertaining to the financial resources of counties, fiscal management, federal assistance, municipal borrowing, county revenues, federal budget, federal tax reform, elections and Native American issues.



JORDAN GRUMMERT RASMUSSEN & CHARLOTTE NARJES: 4 D'S, STRATEGIC PLANNING, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Extension Educators / Rural Prosperity, University of Nebraska

Jordan Grummert Rasmussen works alongside current and prospective leaders, residents and youth, listening to what they envision and seek to define for the future of their community. She helps communities achieve these goals by assisting them in developing action plans and outcomes based programs, resource identification and community coaching. Her efforts focus upon local leadership development, resident attraction and building welcoming and inclusive communities.



Charlotte Narjes is a Community Vitality Educator focused on cooperatives. She has been connected with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Department of Ag Economics for over 20 years and is aligned with Extension's Community Vitality Initiative. Charlotte has facilitated and developed educational programs, visioning and networking opportunities for rural communities including working with businesses through the Gallup EAS project.



STEPH VANOUS: CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS

Vice President of Consulting / Zelle

Steph Vanous has more than 15 years of experience in the HR industry – and each day offers something new. As Vice President of Consulting, Steph oversees the consulting division of Zelle. She is constantly establishing new and innovative ways to provide solutions to organizations of all sizes. Working alongside her clients, she works in their organizations to establish consistent and effective results that align with their goals. Her ability to make organizations see things outside their comfort zone is unique, and it's what propels them to move forward. Her keen eye, intuitive spirit, and brilliant industry knowledge are refreshing traits to the HR world.



CARLIN DAHARSH: ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY ON FACEBOOK

US Politics & Government Outreach, Local / Facebook

Carlin Daharsh recently joined Facebook's US Politics and Government Outreach Team and manages local outreach across the Southwest. Carlin has dedicated her professional career to working in the state and local government space, most recently, at the National League of Cities where she managed public-private partnerships for municipalities. Carlin is currently located in Washington, DC. Carlin aids local government officials in learning some of the latest tools, tips, and best practices that can help foster community through conversation, curation, and creating seamless experiences online.



MARK DEDIANA: GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR SLFRF (ARPA FUNDS)

Accounting Manager / Lutz

Mark DeDiana is an Accounting Manager at Lutz with over six years of relevant experience. He is responsible for providing assurance services to clients with a focus in the nonprofit industry. In addition, he assists with individual and business income tax returns. NACO has partnered with Lutz & Company to provide assistance to counties in the administration of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as part of the American Rescue Plan Act.



FRANK DALEY: ETHICS

Executive Director / Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Frank Daley is the Executive Director of the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. From 1987 to 1999 he served as the Commission's General Counsel. Prior to his service with the Commission, Daley engaged in the private practice of law in Hebron, Nebraska and served as a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Omaha. He received a BA in Government from Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey and a law degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Daley is a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association and the Lincoln Bar Association. He has served as Chairman of the NSBA's Government Practice Section. Daley served on the governing board of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws and on the Board of Directors of COGEL International Fund of Sainte–Foy, Quebec, Canada. He is the past president of the Lincoln Bar Association and has served as an editorial board member for Public Integrity; a Journal of the American Society for Public Administration.