

NACO E-Line



April 23, 2021



The American Rescue Plan Act

On April 15, 2021, The US Department of the Treasury announced the creation of a new office dedicated to the distribution of federal COVID-19 relief to state and local governments. The Treasury also launched a new website with resources on COVID-19 relief programs, including the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

[COVID-19 Economic Relief, US Department of the Treasury](#)

The US Department of the Treasury also released its guidance on pre-award requirements that outline immediate steps counties need to take in order to receive Recovery Funds.

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Your County, Through the Lens

Every E-Line will feature a photograph submitted by one of our readers of their county.

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Sioux County, submitted by Josh Skavdahl



2021 Outstanding County Board Member of the Year

Let us know who you think deserves to be recognized for the work they're doing for their community.

The Outstanding County Board Member Award is open to county board members who have been in office for at least four terms. Applications are due April 30, 2021.

Pictured: Joe Hewgley of Lincoln County, recipient of the 2019 Outstanding County Board Member of the Year Award

[Click Here to Submit a Nomination](#)

CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS

A FREE WEBINAR PRESENTED BY ZELLE HR SOLUTIONS

It is critical that every employee in your organization knows where they stand.

Providing accolades is easy to do, however giving employees feedback on how they can improve their performance can be a challenge. Naturally as people we tend to avoid conflict.

In this session, we will discuss the importance of performance reviews and providing honest feedback. Participants will walk away with strategies to implement when they are involved in difficult conversations with their employees.



WEDNESDAY, 4.28.2021

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WEBINAR OR VIEW THE RECORDING,
REGISTER BY 4.27 AT [NAONE.ORG/REGISTRATION/](https://nacone.org/registration/)



Other Upcoming Events

- Budget Workshop:** May 13, 2021, North Platte
- Budget Workshop:** May 14, 2021, Columbus
- County Treasurer Workshop:** June 8-10, 2021, Ord
- Board of Equalization Workshop:** June 9, 2021, Kearney
- County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner Workshop:** June 9-10, 2021, York
- County Highway Superintendents/Surveyors/Engineers Workshop:** June 9-10, 2021, Valentine
- County Board Workshop:** June 10-11, 2021, Kearney
- County Assessor Workshop:** August 22-26, 2021, Grand Island

[Click Here to Register for an Event](#)

Counties affect the lives of residents every day. When our frontline staff are empowered as leaders, we deliver services more effectively. **The NACo High Performance Leadership Academy is a resource that connects your staff with practical leadership training.** HPLA uses an innovative, interactive online learning platform that combines real-time webinars, recorded sessions and small group discussions to deliver effective training without traveling away from the county – saving money and maximizing time.

THE ACADEMY FOCUSES ON FIVE ESSENTIAL SKILLS:



LEAD:

Engage teams and stakeholders to foster positive climates and exceed common expectations



ORGANIZE:

Plan, lead and execute organizational change more effectively and consistently



COLLABORATE:

Establish alignment and strong partnerships through building stronger relationships



DELIVER:

Measure projects and processes to deliver results aligned with county and community priorities



COMMUNICATE:

Create clarity, confidence and community

Congratulations to the Nebraska County Officials that completed the Spring 2021 Academy:

Judy Mignery, Adams County Planning/Zoning
Lynn Martin, Buffalo County County Board Administrator
Jim Pavelka, Clay County Supervisor
Amy Nelson, Fillmore County Clerk
Dawn Hill, Gage County Clerk
Brenda Kehler, Greeley County Deputy Treasurer
William Tielke, Holt County Supervisor
Joann Fischer, Knox County Clerk
Don Henery, Knox County Sheriff
Jennifer Myers, Merrick County Assessor
Duanitta Buoy, Rock County Clerk
Lori Pasold, Seward Chief Deputy County Attorney
Jordan Rishel, Washington County Supervisor

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2020 US Census Redistricting Program Update Webinar

The U.S. Census Bureau Redistricting Program's mission is to provide states an opportunity to identify the geographic areas for which specific population tabulations are needed for legislative redistricting and to deliver high quality data

for those areas in a timely manner. This webinar will provide an overview of the program and will include:

- Background of Public Law 94-171
- Five Phases of the Redistricting Data Program
- Delivery Timeline of Geographic Products and Data
- Recent Releases and FAQs of the Redistricting Office
- Brief demonstration of where the data will be loaded

The webinar will be held Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 11am CT, 10am MT

[Click Here to Register for the Webinar](#)

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska is There for You

Much has changed in our state over the years, but Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska's (BCBSNE) commitment to providing affordable health care coverage – and being there when Nebraskans need it most -- hasn't.

BCBSNE is proud to have served NACO members since 1980. With a statewide provider network that includes 99% of Nebraska's non-governmental acute care hospitals and 96% of the state's doctors, as well as over 1.7 million providers nationwide, BCBSNE works hard to provide members with access to quality care, when and where they need it.

Plus, by partnering with health care providers who focus on improved outcomes and preventive care, BCBSNE can maintain competitive premiums.

Additional services, such as a cost estimator tool, round out the benefits – giving members access to resources that help them take charge of their health and health care expenses.

BCBSNE offers:

- Eight medical plan options, including traditional preferred provider organization (PPO) and high-deductible health plans
- Two competitive dental plan options

To learn more about your coverage options, call BCBSNE's Member Services department at 844-201-0763 or visit

nacone.org/webpages/services/health_insurance.html

[To learn more about how BCBSNE is there for members, click here](#)

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