



2017 NACo Legislative Conference

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Friday, February 24, 2017

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Healthy Counties Forum

➤ Maryland Suite A/B

County Leadership: Connecting and Leveraging Opportunities to Improve Health

Counties play an important leadership role in creating and sustaining healthy communities. Recognizing that health goes beyond access to healthcare, this interactive Forum will focus on strategies for addressing social determinants of health—issues such as transportation, social support networks, employment, education, housing and income. County leaders will share how they are addressing health in their communities, experts will examine health improvement tools and attendees will discuss approaches for using social determinants of health to inform policy decisions. Learn how to ensure that policies will make a positive impact in your community and engage in facilitated discussions with experts and thought-leaders about the issues facing your county.

1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

National Association of County Human Services Administrators

➤ Coolidge

3:00 pm to 6:30 pm

CIO Forum and Technology Innovation Summit and Reception

➤ Delaware Suite A/B

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Healthy Counties Forum - Reception

➤ Maryland Suite C

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm **Registration Open**

➤ Hall A

Saturday, February 25, 2017

7:00 am to 5:00 pm **Registration Open**

➤ Exhibit Hall A

8:00 am to 9:00 am **Healthy Counties Advisory Board Meeting**

➤ Roosevelt 1/2/3

8:00 am to 9:00 am **Policy Coordinating Committee Meeting**

➤ Roosevelt Room 5

8:00 am to 9:30 am **First Timers Orientation and Breakfast**

➤ Marriott Ballroom Salon 2

8:00 am to 12:30 pm **NACo CIO Forum**

➤ Maryland Suite ABC

8:30 am to 11:30 am **NACCTFO: Morning Session**

➤ Madison A

9:00 am to 10:00 am **Community, Economic and Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee - Resolutions Meeting**

➤ Delaware

9:00 am to 10:00 am **NACHFa Meeting**

➤ Congressional

9:00 am to 10:00 am **Public Lands Policy Steering Committee - Resolutions**

➤ Marriott Ballroom Salon 1

9:00 am to 10:00 am Transportation Policy Steering Committee - Resolutions

✈ Washington 1/2/3

9:00 am to 10:30 am Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee - Subcommittee Meetings

✈ Thurgood Marshall South/West

9:00 am to 11:00 am Environment, Energy and Land Use Policy Steering Committee - Resolutions Meeting

✈ Lincoln 2/3/4

9:00 am to 12:00 pm Justice and Public Safety Morning Meeting

✈ Thurgood Marshall North/East

9:00 am to 5:00 pm Legislative Information Center

✈ Wilson C

9:15 am to 10:45 am Joint Health and Human Services Meeting on Aging

✈ Lincoln 5/6

9:30 am to 12:00 pm Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Steering Committee - Subcommittee Meeting

✈ Washington 4/5

9:30 am to 12:00 pm Health Policy Steering Committee - Subcommittee Meetings

✈ Roosevelt Room 1/2/3

9:30 am to 12:00 pm Human Services and Education Policy Steering Committee - Subcommittee Meetings

✈ Virginia Suite A/B/C

10:00 am to 12:00 pm Community, Economic and Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee - Subcommittee Meetings

✈ Delaware

- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm **Public Lands Policy Steering Committee - Subcommittee Meetings**
✈ Marriott Ballroom Salon 1
- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm **Transportation Policy Steering Committee - Subcommittee Meetings**
✈ Washington 1/2/3
- 10:30 am to 12:00 pm **Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee - Business Meeting**
✈ Thurgood Marshall South/West
- 10:30 am to 12:00 pm **Audit Committee Meeting**
✈ Roosevelt Room 5
- 11:30 am to 1:00 pm **Resilient Counties**
✈ Marriott Balcony A
- Panel on North Carolina Counties' Response to and Early Recovery from Hurricane Matthew
- Moderator:
- Margaret Larson, EY
- Speakers:
- Mike Sprayberry, NC Director of Emergency Management
- Hon. Ron Wesson, Bertie County, NC Commissioner
- TNC Project Update
- Speakers:
- Nate Woiwode, TNC
- Hon. Grover Robinson, Escambia County Commissioner
- Discussion with EELU Leadership on strategies to align our programming and priorities

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Finance Committee Meeting

➤ Roosevelt Room 5

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Lunch Discussion: Addressing Homelessness in Your County

➤ Lincoln 5/6

Stable housing has a critical impact on all aspects of people's lives. This interactive lunch discussion will explore a variety of issues counties are facing related to homelessness, including its causes, the health care needs of homeless individuals, special populations and the overlap with the justice system. National experts will discuss affordable and stable housing options for individuals and families and how to provide the supports and services that are often necessary to maintain such housing. Participants will be asked to share information about their own counties' work on homelessness what questions they have or challenges they are facing.

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Environment, Energy and Land Use Policy Steering Committee - Business Meeting

➤ Lincoln 2/3/4

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

NACo Technology Innovation Summit - Part Two

➤ Maryland Suite A/B/C

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Steering Committee - Business Meeting

➤ Washington 4/5

1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Community, Economic and Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee - Business Meeting

➤ Delaware

1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

NACCTFO: Afternoon Session

➤ Madison A

1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Transportation Policy Steering Committee - Business Meeting

➤ Washington 1/2/3

1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Health Policy Steering Committee - Business Meeting

➤ Roosevelt Room 1/2/3

1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Human Services and Education Policy Steering Committee - Business Meeting

➤ Virginia Suite A/B/C

1:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Justice and Public Safety Afternoon Meeting

➤ Thurgood Marshall North/East

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Public Lands Policy Steering Committee - Business Meetings

➤ Marriott Ballroom Salon 1

2:15 pm to 4:00 pm

Telecommunication and Technology Policy Steering Committee - Business Meeting

➤ Roosevelt Room 5

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

NACA - National Association of County Administrators Executive Board Meeting

➤ Congressional

5:00 pm to 5:45 pm

Policy Coordinating Committee Meeting

➤ Roosevelt 5

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Colorado Caucus

➤ Delaware

Sunday, February 26, 2017

7:00 am to 8:00 am

Non-Denominational Worship Service

➤ Washington 4/5

7:00 am to 4:00 pm

Registration Open

✈ Exhibit Hall A

8:00 am to 9:15 am

Aetna / Healthy Counties Breakfast

✈ Virginia

8:00 am to 9:30 am

Gulf States Counties and Parishes Caucus

✈ Lincoln 5

8:00 am to 9:30 am

Immigration Reform Task Force

✈ Roosevelt Room 1/2/3

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Rural Action Caucus

✈ Thurgood Marshall North/East

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Legislative Information Center

✈ Wilson C

9:30 am to 11:00 am

GIS Subcommittee

✈ Delaware Suite A/B

9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Large Urban County Caucus

✈ Marriott Ballroom Salon 1

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) Business Meeting

✈ Hoover

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

IT Standing Committee Meeting

✈ Washington 4/5

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Membership Committee Meeting

✈ Lincoln 3/4

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

NOBCO/NABCO

✈ Maryland Suite A/B/C

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

North Carolina Association of Black County Officials Business Meeting

✈ McKinley

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Townhall on the Opioid Epidemic: Leading in a Crisis

✈ Marriott Ballroom Salon 1

In countless communities across the nation, abuse of prescription drugs and heroin has reached epidemic levels, leading to unprecedented rates of drug overdoses and related fatalities. As this public health crisis has unfolded, local leaders are taking the lead in formulating effective responses to opioid abuse. Much progress has been made on this front, but much work remains to be done. During this audience-focused townhall, NACo members will discuss local stories, successes and challenges with an expert panel that includes several members of the National City-County Task Force on the Opioid Epidemic. Attendees are encouraged to review the Task Force's report and recommendations, titled A Prescription for Action and available at www.opioidaction.org, prior to the meeting.

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Western Interstate Region Board of Directors Meeting

✈ Thurgood Marshall South/West

1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Persuasion: A Workshop in Advanced Communication Skills for County Officials

✈ Virginia ABC

Persuasion is the keystone of diplomacy. Whether you're a newly elected county official or a long-standing one, the more honed your skills are in persuading people, the more effective you will be in your job. This highly interactive session goes beyond theory – it also gives you the opportunity to learn within the context of the specific people you would like to be able to persuade more effectively.

Pre-Registration is closed for this workshop.

Speakers**Brie Barker**

Learning and Development Specialist, 4 Forward

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| 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm | Arts and Culture Commission Meeting
✦ Delaware Suite A/B |
| 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm | National Association of County Civil Attorneys Meeting
✦ Washington 3 |
| 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm | National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) Roundtable Discussion
✦ Hoover |
| 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm | National Association of County LGBT Leaders and Allies Policy Roundtable
✦ Roosevelt Room 1/2/3 |
| 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm | NCCAE Continuing Education Workshop
✦ Coolidge |
| 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm | Programs and Services Committee Meeting
✦ Lincoln 5 |
| 1:45 pm to 3:15 pm | State Association Meeting Planners Meeting
✦ Washington 1 |
| 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm | NACA - National Association of County Administrators Idea Exchange
✦ Washington 2 |
| 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm | State Association Deputy Directors and Staff Meeting
✦ Washington 1 |
| 3:00 pm to 4:45 pm | NACo Board Forum
✦ Thurgood Marshall North/East |

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| 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm | Veterans and Military Services Committee Meeting
➤ Maryland Suite A/B/C |
| 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm | Alabama Caucus and Reception
➤ Marriott Balcony B |
| 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm | Minnesota Caucus
➤ Washington 6 |
| 4:45 pm to 5:45 pm | NextGen Business Meeting
➤ Roosevelt 4 |
| 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm | NACA - National Association of County Administrators Reception
➤ Marriott Balcony A |
| 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm | NACo NextGen and CLI Reception
➤ Roosevelt 5 |

Monday, February 27, 2017

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| 7:30 am to 8:30 am | Central Region Caucus Meeting
➤ Virginia Suite A/B/C |
| 7:30 am to 8:30 am | Northeast Region Caucus Meeting
➤ Lincoln 3/4 |
| 7:30 am to 8:30 am | South Region Caucus Meeting
➤ Delaware Suite A/B |
| 7:30 am to 8:30 am | West Region Caucus Meeting
➤ Maryland Suite A/B/C |

7:30 am to 8:30 am

WON Breakfast

✈ Thurgood Marshall North/East

7:30 am to 9:30 am

NAHCO Business Meeting with Census Presentation by NALEO

✈ Coolidge

7:30 am to 3:30 pm

Registration Open

✈ Exhibit Hall A

9:00 am to 10:30 am

General Session

✈ Marriott Ballroom Salon 1/2/3

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Legislative Information Center

✈ Wilson C

10:30 am to 12:00 pm

NCCAE Business Meeting

✈ Roosevelt 1/2/3

10:45 am to 12:00 pm

Building Leadership: Creating a Collaborative County Government

✈ Virginia Suite A/B/C

Newly elected county officials quickly become members of a close-knit team that is frequently in the public eye. While county officials are not expected to see eye-to-eye, they must be able to work together on behalf of their constituents. This means building a supportive team environment that allows for rational discussion and effective decision-making. This session will introduce elected officials to a variety of tools and strategies for building a strong and effective county government.

Speakers**Pam Mood**

Instructor, 4Forward Inc

10:45 am to 12:00 pm

Healthy and Inclusive Neighborhood Development: A 'How to' Discussion for Elected Officials

📌 Lincoln 2

This session will explore federal and local tools for advancing strong housing policies that promote equitable development and are responsive to local community needs. Counties play a key role in promoting regional collaboration in economic mobility, and we have invited county leaders to share successful strategies they have used to promote access to housing, jobs and other essential services. Join current and former elected officials and well as leaders representing public housing authorities and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to discuss the hope and the challenge of creating inclusive neighborhoods that allow all families to reach their full potential. This interactive discussion will be facilitated by the Ford Foundation.

10:45 am to 12:00 pm

Managing Your County Manager: How to Retain Management Talent

📌 Lincoln 5

County boards in more than 1,300 counties appoint county administrators/managers to help with the increasing complexity of county operations. Most often, county administrators implement the board's policy, run the daily operations of the county and prepare the annual budget. In partnership with the National Association of County Administrators (NACA), this session will discuss the factors behind the retention of county administrators/managers and strategies for county boards to work together with their appointed personnel toward long and stable relationships in serving the community.

Speakers**Patricia Hamilton, CAE**

Executive Director, West Virginia Association of Counties

Ian Coyle

County Administrator, Livingston County, NY

The Hon. Keith Carson

Supervisor, Alameda County, CA

10:45 am to 12:00 pm

More than Manners: Counties Advancing Civility at the Local Level

➤ Maryland Suite A/B/C

County innovations would be all but impossible without a fundamental value that enables us to govern well: civility. Polarization and the lack of civility at the national level has crept into the governing process at the local level, and counties play a vital role in addressing these national conditions in our communities. Join us for an examination of civility today and learn how county leaders can foster civil discourse and respect for others, especially when we disagree.

Speakers

The Hon. Bryan Desloge

NACo President; Commissioner, Leon County, Fla.

Christie Lassen

Director of Public Relations, Howard County Library System

Liz Joyner

Executive Director, Village Square

10:45 am to 12:00 pm

NACo International Economic Development Task Force Meeting

➤ Lincoln 3/4

In an increasingly globalized world, foreign direct investment and exports are a major part of the U.S. economy. From employment in U.S. subsidiaries of foreign businesses, to jobs in U.S. companies exporting abroad, international trade brings many jobs to county economies. Counties play an essential role in creating the business-friendly environment for these activities, which includes investing in necessary infrastructure, economic and workforce development and zoning.

Similar to last year's IED Task Force meeting, the Task Force will hold a special speed-networking event with representatives of six industry groups from three different countries: Canada, Chile and South Africa. These representatives will talk with county officials about the investment interests of foreign businesses in the United States, what export opportunities exist and what counties can do to foster the international side of their economy. The meeting will be structured in 15 minute sessions that allow county officials to network directly and in small groups with the industry representatives, foster connections and learn how they can encourage economic growth through international investment. This session is open to all conference participants. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive meeting!

10:45 am to 12:00 pm

Outlook for Federal Legislative and Policy Issues Impacting Counties

➤ Lincoln 6

10:45 am to 12:00 pm

Reinvesting Justice Dollars to Reduce Mental Illness in Jails

➤ Delaware Suite A/B

More than 300 counties have passed resolutions to join the national Stepping Up Initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in their jails. These and many other counties across the country are looking for innovative ways to fund their efforts. Some counties are leveraging state and local justice reinvestment initiatives to bring much-needed dollars into their county to start or enhance programs and policies to impact this population. In this workshop, hear from peers who have been able to make justice reinvestment work for their county's efforts to reduce mental illness in their jails.

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Attendee Luncheon

➤ Marriott Ballroom

Join your colleagues at this fun luncheon and enjoy a performance by the Capitol Steps. The Capitol Steps began as a group of Senate staffers who set out to satirize the very people and places that employed them. Although not all of the current members of the Steps are former Capitol Hill staffers; taken together the performers have worked in a total of eighteen Congressional offices and represent 62 years of collective House and Senate staff experience.

1:45 pm to 3:00 pm

Achieving Health and Wealth: New Solutions for Counties

➤ Lincoln 2

Counties have traditionally attracted and retained top employee talent by offering top benefit packages, but taking care of employee benefits has become more challenging. Fulfilling the promise of providing a comfortable retirement with continued access to excellent health insurance may be one of the toughest challenges faced by counties. Through valuable NACo partnerships with Nationwide and Optum, new solutions for a new era will be discussed and explored in this session.

1:45 pm to 3:00 pm

How to Create Stories to Move Lawmakers' Hearts, Minds and VOTES

➤ Maryland Suite A/B/C

People have trouble remembering facts, but they never forget a good story. Effective advocacy appeals to the heart, as well as the head and political health, of the legislator. Learn how to organize and present your story through the tactics used by actors. This presentation includes the seven key elements of public policy advocacy storytelling, and walks participants through an exercise to develop their own personal story to move the hearts, minds and VOTES of lawmakers.

1:45 pm to 3:00 pm

Navigating a New Era of Crisis Communications: How to Manage Non-traditional Events

➤ Roosevelt 1/2/3

The world is increasingly complex. An incident in one county can rapidly become a national crisis, fueled by 24 hour news media coverage, and the proliferation of mass media.

Governments are faced with an unrelenting expansion of communications media. Planning ahead and protecting citizens from risk is becoming ever more demanding. Pandemics, popular uprisings, and the disruption of essential services are but some of the unpredictable events that have left governments looking vulnerable and unprepared.

This workshop will explore crisis management and the way in which communication can be used as a crisis management tool. The aim is to ensure that participants will be better able to work with colleagues to develop and deliver straightforward, practical communication strategies for managing crises.

1:45 pm to 3:00 pm

Overcoming Barriers to Integrate and Share Justice and Health Data

➤ Lincoln 5

Using data and analysis to reduce incarceration is a cornerstone of two national NACo initiatives, Stepping Up and Data-Driven Justice. The value of data integration and analysis is taking on increasing importance in county efforts to connect justice-involved individuals with the appropriate community-based treatment and support services to break the cycle of incarceration. In this workshop, explore how to overcome challenges surrounding the sharing of justice, health and behavioral health information as well as different approaches to data integration, system sharing and analysis that can improve decision making across county systems.

Speakers**Maury Thompson**

Assistant County Manager, Johnson County, Kan.

Lynn Overmann

Vice President of Data-Driven Justice, The Laura and John Arnold Foundation

Wanda Hunter

Assistant County Administrator for Citizen Services, Leon County, Fla.

1:45 pm to 3:00 pm

Revenue Caps, Mandates and More: Lessons Learned and County Revenue Solutions

✈ Delaware Suite A/B

Counties are increasingly caught between more state and federal unfunded mandates and state limits on their ability to raise revenue. Years after the Great Recession, revenues have not recovered in many counties, while costs of mandated services are rising faster than inflation. This session explores trends in county fiscal conditions, together with a look at state caps on county revenue authority, state and federal mandates, fiscal challenges on the horizon and the revenue solutions counties are implementing around the country. This workshop also provides a toolkit with talking points and evidence on these issues and includes a panel of county elected and appointed officials to provide different perspectives from around the country.

Speakers**Debbi Roberts-McGinnis**

Collector of Revenue, Polk County, MO; President, NACCTFO

Tim Hemstreet

County Administrator, Loudoun County, VA

1:45 pm to 3:00 pm

Understanding the Role of Mega-Regions in Economic Development and Transportation

✈ Lincoln 6

This session will give counties an understanding of mega-regions (i.e. large networks of metropolitan regions that are combined because they may have similar economic, cultural, environmental and infrastructure systems) and how they can help counties to grow their economies by improving their transportation connectivity and mobility. It will explore strategies for multijurisdictional cooperation, stakeholder involvement, freight movement and transportation infrastructure investments. The panel will discuss national and international trends and highlight case studies of mega-region planning and investment by counties.

1:45 pm to 4:00 pm

NACo Board of Directors Meeting

✈ Thurgood Marshall South/West

1:45 pm to 5:00 pm

Master Class: Transforming Public Leadership Through Integrity and Civility

➤ Virginia Suite A/B/C

Building upon this past fall's Leadership Development Series, Understanding Integrity and Civility led by Stuart Brody, NACo is offering this deeper dive into the skills of decision-making at it relates to civility. In an intimate setting, and through interactive exercises, participants will personally develop principles by which solutions to complex problems are found and the rules by which discourse is conducted. Participants will develop a deeper understanding of the meaning of "integrity" and "civility" as practice skills and learn how to apply them consistently.

Please note: This class is full

Speakers**Stuart Brody**

Founder, Integrity Intensive

3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

Aligning Strategy, Culture and Customer Experience in Government

➤ Lincoln 3/4

Change leaders like you have high expectations, a vision of the possible and urgency to engage others. Join top-rated speaker Robin Lawton for this stimulating and entertaining session and experience a pragmatic approach that will strengthen your ability to achieve strategic outcomes taxpayers will notice and employees will enthusiastically deploy.

3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

Building a Culture of Health through Cross-Sector Collaboration

➤ Lincoln 6

Transportation, social support networks, employment, education, housing and income contribute to up to 40 percent of a person's overall health, and county policies can significantly impact these social determinants. Many counties have fostered collaboration across the numerous sectors that affect social determinants in order to build healthier communities. These counties will share how they expanded the definition of health in their counties to create a county-wide culture of health.

3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

County Economies 2016

➤ Lincoln 2

This session will explore the latest economic data for counties for 2016 and explain how to use NACo's County Economies toolkit. We will discuss the findings of the analysis of the recovery across the 3,069 county economies in 2016 and explain the county maps, data and profiles available through NACo's County Explorer interactive map. Come and learn how NACo members can use the County Economies maps and profiles for advocacy, benchmarking and communication purposes. Bring your laptop or tablet!

Speakers**Emilia Istrate**

Research Director

3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

Enhancing the Security of your County in 2017

➤ Roosevelt 1/2/3

Security demands continue to grow in the public sector, both in law enforcement and cyber security challenges. This interactive session will explore new solutions to provide enhanced security to your county and citizens in 2017.

3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

How to Create a Local Event that will Attract a Member of Congress and Staff

➤ Lincoln 5

CMF research shows that members of Congress use visits to local facilities as one of the most valuable ways to collect constituent views and opinions – more than any other source of information! And yet, how do these events happen? How do groups entice a member of Congress to attend a local event or meet with key stakeholders? This webinar will show you how. A former congressional staffer will walk participants through the steps from inviting legislators to learn about your issues and have a powerful personal experience about the value of your organization in their district or state. Participants will receive a specific checklist for the creation of a successful event.

3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

Is Your County Solar Ready? Strategies for Removing Local Barriers to Solar Energy

✈ Delaware Suite A/B

Despite rapid growth in solar energy markets across the country, solar development is still often limited by local barriers in zoning, permitting and financing. Local soft costs and red tape ultimately raise the price of solar energy systems, which is passed on to residents and businesses. In an effort to become more solar-friendly, many counties are seeking to improve and streamline their local solar policies and processes. Join us for this interactive workshop to dive into best practice examples of strategies and solutions currently being implemented in counties across the country. Participants will also learn more about the SolSmart program as an available resource for counties to gain no-cost technical assistance and receive high-profile national recognition.

3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

Social Security — The Choice of a Lifetime

✈ Maryland Suite A/B/C

The decision regarding how and when to file for Social Security benefits is one of the most important choices you will ever make. It's the choice of a lifetime. This informative session will provide you with updates on the Social Security filing rules that have recently changed. Attendees will also have the opportunity to complete an assessment and get results emailed to them after the conference.

4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

California Caucus

✈ Washington 5

4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

North Carolina Caucus Meeting

✈ Thurgood Marshall East

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

National Conference of Republican County Officials (NCRCO) - Business Meeting

✈ Lincoln 3

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Wisconsin Counties Association Reception

✈ Marriott Balcony A

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

New Mexico Association of Counties Reception

✈ Marriott Balcony B

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm **National Conference of Republican County Officials (NCRCO) - Reception**

📍 Lincoln 4

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm **NCACC Sponsored Reception**

📍 Thurgood Marshall North

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm **LUCC/RAC Reception**

📍 Off-Site

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

7:30 am to 1:00 pm **Registration Open**

📍 Exhibit Hall A

8:00 am to 9:15 am **Getting Started with County-based Cross-sector Partnerships**

📍 Lincoln 2

This workshop is designed for county leaders interested in tackling public problems in collaboration with partners from the business and non-profit sectors in their communities. This workshop will open with a brief presentation from The Intersector Project and be moderated by panel of county leaders who have successfully launched and led cross-sector partnerships. You will learn about the resources available to county leaders seeking to work in partnership, as well as collaborative tactics that are key for the early stages of partnership. The panel will illuminate the different ways in which counties have worked in partnership with business and non-profit partners, and focus on key strategies for mitigating partnership risks and for overcoming challenges.

8:00 am to 9:15 am

Increasing Equity in Your County's Criminal Justice System

➤ Delaware Suite A/B

The criminal justice system disparately impacts low-income individuals and individuals of color in many ways, including through the use of fines and fees and disproportionate rates of arrest, sentencing and detention. Learn from experts and counties that are working to increase equity in local justice systems by improving community engagement, reducing the use of fines and fees and offering opportunities to resolve outstanding warrants or suspended driver's licenses.

Speakers

The Hon. Sally Heyman
Commissioner, Miami-Dade County, Fla.

8:00 am to 9:15 am

Newly Elected, Now What? Tips and Tricks to Making the most of NACo Programs and Services

➤ Maryland Suite A/B/C

Gain insight into issues at the federal level that impact counties and what you can do to stay abreast of important issues. Learn about programs available to counties that are NACo members that help you save money for your county and residents, discover programs that can be implemented that will help address important issues such as opioid abuse, criminal justice reform and health and wellness. As a newly elected official there is so much to learn – our goal is to make it easy and to answer questions as well as direct you to valuable resources.

Speakers

Linda Langston
Director of Strategic Relations

8:00 am to 9:15 am

Supreme Court Local Outlook

➤ Lincoln 5

8:00 am to 9:15 am

Top Things You Wanted to Know About Public Finance but were Afraid to Ask

➤ Lincoln 6

This is the next installment in a series of sessions intended to enhance the financial leadership of elected officials that began at the 2016 NACo Annual conference. Join this session for a high-level overview of debt issuance and the role it can play in your county's capital planning or economic development, as well as learn how a new Congress and Administration can impact public finance. [Click here to view the Annual Conference workshop recording \(first installment\).](#)

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Legislative Information Center

➤ Wilson C

9:30 am to 11:45 am

General Session

➤ Marriott Ballroom

Featuring Michael Beschloss - Award-winning historian, best-selling author of nine books, New York Times columnist and Emmy-winning contributor to NBC News and the PBS NewsHour. With the largest Twitter following of any historian on earth his site appears on TIME magazine's list of the world's top Twitter feeds. For The New York Times, Beschloss writes a monthly business history column on Sundays and a weekly sports history column on Saturdays. His 2007 book Presidential Courage—which covers nine Presidents from George Washington to Ronald Reagan—was a No. 1 Washington Post best seller, and a three-month New York Times best seller.

Speakers

Michael Beschloss

Award-winning historian, best-selling author of nine books, New York Times columnist and Emmy-winning contributor to NBC News and the PBS NewsHour

12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Hill Visits

➤ Capitol Hill

1:00 pm to 2:15 pm

Clearing the Way for Big Taxpayer Savings: Considering the Role of Cooperative Purchasing in Procurement

➤ Delaware Suite A/B

Public procurement is a complex, challenging area that combines an ever-changing legislative landscape with budget tightening and the need for maximum transparency. Leading counties seeking to save taxpayer money, to save time, and to access the highest value products, services and cutting-edge technologies have used cooperative purchasing through U.S. Communities to achieve a balanced, successful approach to procurement. In this session, participants will discuss integrating cooperative purchasing in county procurement programs to save money and time, while fully respecting buy-local initiatives, unquestioned transparency and achieving the best value for taxpayers.

1:00 pm to 2:15 pm

Investing in County Priorities: Strategies for Effective Property Tax Administration

✈ Virginia Suite A/B/C

Property tax is the main general revenue source for majority of counties around the country. In partnership with the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO), this session will discuss strategies for effective property tax administration, basic terminology, and best practices in valuation methods. Principles of a high-quality, cost-effective property tax system will be covered with emphasis on the critical nature of accurate data. It will also highlight effective online information and research tools for taxpayers to assist in the public's understanding of calculating property taxes and dealing with appeals.

Speakers

The Hon. Randy Ripperger, CAE

President, International Association of Assessing Officers

1:00 pm to 2:15 pm

NACo's County Leadership Institute: Gaining a Deeper Perspective

✈ Maryland Suite A/B/C

The County Leadership Institute (CLI) is in its fourteenth year of developing leaders at the county level. The workshop will provide you with the opportunity to learn about how CLI was developed and why its such a main-stay with county leaders. Discover the principles of the Adaptive Leadership Model, understand how the application process works and learn from members that have been through the program. We hope you will want to take advantage of this outstanding leadership program!

Speakers

Akera Gamble

Leadership Development Manager

Linda Langston

Director of Strategic Relations

1:00 pm to 2:15 pm

Understanding and Shaping the Federal Regulatory Process

✈ Lincoln 2

Due to an increase in the number of federal regulations that impact counties, and the unfunded mandates that accompany these regulations, the federal rulemaking process has become a very complex and daunting experience. Join this session to learn how county officials and employees can navigate and participate in the federal rulemaking process—ensuring that the county voice is heard.

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Economic Shock: Lessons Learned from Coal and Timber Counties

➤ Lincoln 5

Many smaller and rural communities across the country have been historically reliant upon one dominant industry or employer for generations. But what happens when the industry faces severe declines or the employer leaves? How can rural places reinvent and diversify local economies to become more resilient to economic shock and create lasting economic development? This session will explore these questions, using lessons learned from transitioning coal and timber communities as case examples.

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Using Data to Create Effective Health Policies

➤ Lincoln 6

Transportation, social support networks, employment, education, housing and income contribute to up to 40 percent of a person's overall health, and county policies can significantly impact these social determinants. Many counties have fostered collaboration across the numerous sectors that affect social determinants in order to build healthier communities. These counties will share how they expanded the definition of health in their counties to create a county-wide culture of health.

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Hill Briefing on Counties and the Future of Transportation Technology (tentative)

➤ TBD

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Former County Official Members of Congress Reception

➤ TBD

6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

NACo President's Reception

➤ Marriott Ballroom

Get ready to dance the night away to our conference favorites - No Bad Ju Ju! You'll enjoy some special D.C. only VIPs: Washington Nationals Racing Presidents, Teddy, Abe, Jefferson, Taft and George Washington, while enjoying food and drinks with old and new friends.

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Hill Visits

➤ Capitol Hill

8:15 am to 11:30 am

NACo Open House

📍 660 N. Capitol Street

