



ECC JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



REGIONAL UPDATES



ECC's CITY-COUNTY MANAGERS / MAYORS MEETING FOCUSED ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

– We had a great regional City-County Managers and Mayors Meeting on Dec. 12th in the ECC Conference Room.

We thank the managers and mayors who attended and also, our informative presenters: Hillary Sherman, US EDA, NC representative; Aaron Gaskins, Area Director, USDA Rural Development; Sam Schumate, Southeast Regional Director from US Senator Ted Budd's office; William Moore, Deputy District

Director from Congressman Greg Murphy's office; and Chris Hardee, Regional Director from Congressman Don Davis's office!

GROUNDBREAKING FOR PACE CENTER TO SERVE SENIORS IN 6 OF THE REGION'S COUNTIES – ECC staff attended the Dec. 12th groundbreaking for EveryAge Foundation / Carolina SeniorCare's new PACE (Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) facility on Neuse Blvd. in New Bern. PACE is a managed care program that helps Seniors avoid nursing homes and instead, receive the care and services necessary to help them be safe, comfortable, and healthy while living in their own home.

Future expansion of PACE Centers by Carolina SeniorCare will take place during the next several years in Lenoir, Craven, Jones, Onslow, Pamlico, and Carteret Counties. We look forward to seeing this facility built and serving Seniors in our region! For more information about PACE, visit <https://www.ncpace.org/>.



ECC IS RECRUITING A HUMAN SERVICES MANAGER – ECC seeks a Human Services Manager to oversee human services, which includes staff for AAA programs and Planning. For more information about this position, please visit <https://eccog.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Human-Services-Manager-job-advertisement-23.12.13-pdf.pdf>.

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Director, Heather O'Connor, is transitioning to Deputy Finance Director and will remain as the AAA Director until the position is filled. Congratulations to Heather in her new role!

NCARCOG SEEKS FULL-TIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – The North Carolina Association of Regional Councils of Government (NCARCOG) is seeking proposals from qualified individuals and firms to serve FT as NCARCOG's Executive Director. NCARCOG is interested in confirming a contract with an individual or firm that is experienced in organizational leadership and management, public policy, governmental service delivery, and partnership building.

The Executive Director will serve as NCARCOG's Chief Executive Officer and will be responsible for: directing the day-to-day management of the organization; leading the organization's strategic planning efforts; assisting the Executive Committee with the management of the organization's financial resources; participating actively in the organization's legislative advocacy efforts; developing and maintaining strategic relationships with key stakeholders; and representing the organization's interactions with local, state, and federal partners. Visit <https://www.wpcog.org/local-govt-partner-jobs> for more information on the position.

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REGISTER FOR UNC, SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT'S "PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING 101" CLASS HELD ON JAN. 9-10. As part of an existing partnership between the NC Association of Regional Councils of Government (NCARCOG) and the ncIMPACT Initiative at the UNC, School of Government, please come join us for a 2-day program (2-hour classes) on Purchasing / Contracting on January 9th and 10th from 9:00-11:00 AM. This online program fee is \$55.

This 4-hour program will cover the laws that local governments need to know when procuring and contracting utilizing local, state, and federal funds. Topics include: legal requirements for public contracts; competitive bidding requirements and exceptions; construction contracting; and hiring architects and engineers. This program is ideal for department heads and departmental employees, managers, attorneys, elected officials, and others who want/need to know the basic requirements for local government purchasing and contracting. This training will take place [online via Zoom](#).

Register at the UNC, SOG link, [https://reg.learningstream.com/view/cal4a.aspx?ek=&ref=&aa=&sid1=&sid2=&as=46&wp=393&tz=&ms=&nav=&cc=&cat1=1689&cat2=&cat3=&aid=UNCSOG&rf=.](https://reg.learningstream.com/view/cal4a.aspx?ek=&ref=&aa=&sid1=&sid2=&as=46&wp=393&tz=&ms=&nav=&cc=&cat1=1689&cat2=&cat3=&aid=UNCSOG&rf=)

Registration will close on Jan. 5, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

UNC, SOG and NCLM OFFER "ESSENTIALS OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT" COURSES IN JAN.-FEB. 2024: The UNC, SOG and NC League of Municipalities (NCLM) are partnering to offer the courses, "Essentials of Municipal Government," in 5 locations during January and February. In the past

these courses were referred to as the “School for Newly Elected Officials,” but the name was changed. Veteran elected officials provided feedback that the courses were more meaningful to them as experienced elected government officials. Suggestion: Take the courses together as members of an entire council, which will provide opportunities to share information and time together.

To register and for more information on the hotel room block for each location, please click on the following link: <https://www.sog.unc.edu/courses/essentials-municipal-government>. The dates and locations are: Jan. 11–12: The Grandover Hotel, High Point; Jan. 18–19: UNC Wilmington; Jan. 25–26: Rocky Mount Event Center; Feb. 15–16: Hilton Asheville Biltmore Park; and Feb. 22–23: Chapel Hill, School of Government ([Hybrid](#)).

ETHICS TRAINING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS – WED. FEB. 21st, 6:00-9:00 PM. ECC is partnering again with Attorney, David Baxter of Sumrell Sugg, to provide the required ethics training for newly elected and re-elected local government officials. NC General Statute 160A-87 allows qualified individuals to conduct the training. Each jurisdiction that participates should pass a resolution to certify that it deems Attorney Baxter to be qualified, if it has not already done this in previous years. The training and a light dinner will be held on Wed., Feb. 21st from 6:00-9:00PM at the ECC Offices. To register for the event, visit <https://events.r2o.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ek33u70f5cof38f9&oseq=&c=&ch=>.

GRANT WRITING SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH ECC – We provide grant writing services to member communities and are accepting grant writing projects on a case-by-case basis, according to availability and other considerations. If you are interested in ECC helping your community with grant writing, please contact Planning Director, Larry Faison at Lfaison@eccog.org or (252) 638-3185.

AGING UPDATES

During December, ECCAAA staff provided Dementia Live, understanding dementia, behaviors, caregiver crisis, elder abuse, and community resources training throughout the region to First Responders. ECCAAA staff also provided training to Wayne County EMT staff, Onslow County law enforcement, and Craven County law enforcement.

ECCAAA staff, Lauren Latshaw and Amanda Young, recently participated in Dementia Live Facilitator certification training.



ECC-AAA providers across the region celebrated the holidays session with clients by providing holiday luncheons and events. Clients engaged in games, music, entertainment, social interactions, meals, and much more.



The North Carolina Association on Aging will hold its Annual State Aging Training Conference March 13-14, 2024, at the Riverfront Convention Center in New Bern, NC. Each spring, NCAOA hosts the North Carolina State Aging Conference for aging service providers, students, and seniors. The conference is an opportunity for attendees to learn and sharpen skills, meet experts and influencers face to face, mix, and mingle, and form new relationships and strengthen existing ones. For further information visit, <https://www.ncaoaging.org/conference-trainings>.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS / EVENTS

SOG / COG "Purchasing and Contracting 101" Class, online:

- Jan. 9, Tues. from 9:00- 11:00 AM.
- Jan. 10, Wed. from 9:00 - 11:00 AM.

UNC, SOG - NCLM Essentials of Municipal Government Courses, January - February 2024.

Below are listed the dates and locations for the Essentials of Municipal Government courses:

- Jan. 11–12, Thurs.-Fri. – The Grandover Hotel, High Point.
- Jan. 18–19, Thurs.-Fri. – UNC Wilmington.
- Jan. 25–26, Thurs.-Fri. – Rocky Mount Event Center.
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ECC General Membership Meeting, ECC Offices, Jan. 11, Dinner - 6:00 PM, Meeting - 6:30 PM.

ECRPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings, La Grange Community Center, Jan. 18, 9:30 AM.

DERPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting, ECC Conference Room/ Virtual, Jan. 23, 10:00 AM.

DERPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting, ECC Conference Room/ Virtual, Jan. 30, 10:00 AM.

Regional Aging Advisory Committee Meeting - ECCAAA will be hosting the regional Aging Advisory Committee on January 8, 2024, at 10:00 AM at ECC.

Regional Senior Tar Heel Legislative Meeting - ECCAAA will be hosting the Senior Tar Heel

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