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*Collective County Voices*

## **Community Leadership Academy May 1-3 in Morgantown**

### **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**



The 2019 Community Leadership Academy (CLA) will be held May 1-3 at the Waterfront Hotel in Morgantown. This program helps emerging and established leaders develop their leadership skills. The academy provides community leaders with a solid foundation in public organizational and financial management.

Topics emphasize enhancing personal leadership skills and providing an understanding of current, complex issues affecting communities. CLA unites community leaders, elected officials, economic developers, Chambers of Commerce, business owners and civic-minded residents of West Virginia and nearby states.

The CLA was founded by WVU Extension Service Community Resources and Economic Development unit, with the help of Extension partners. The mission of CLA is to provide leadership development opportunities focused on the knowledge, collaboration and connections that empower communities to lead West Virginia into the future. Its vision is to be West Virginia's premiere community leadership development program. To register, please visit their website at <https://extension.wvu.edu/conferences/community-leadership-academy> or contact CLA Director Michael Dougherty, at 304-293-2559.

## **WV Legislature Announces 2019 Interim Meeting Dates**

Approximately once per month during the period between regular sessions the Legislature meets in Charleston (or another location in the state) for three days of committee meetings. The Interim Committees usually are joint committees, with members of both the Senate and House of Delegates working together as single groups. For example, the Joint Standing Committee on Government Organization is made up of members of both the Senate Government Organization Committee and the House of Delegates Government Organization Committee.

The interim committees' primary purpose is to provide a forum for the continuing study of issues relevant to the future of the state. During each interim gathering, members discuss and hear public comment on issues which may be addressed during an upcoming regular session. The joint nature of these interim committees allows members of the Senate and House of Delegates to consider issues and legislation which may affect both bodies in a similar manner.

Interim committees are scheduled to meet on the following dates in 2019: April 29-30; May 20-21; June 17-18; July 22-23; September 23-24; November 18-19; and December 16-17.



## Director's Discussion with Vivian Parsons



I am looking forward to our spring board meeting scheduled for May 19 & 20 in Cabell County. It will be good to visit with the Board of Directors to wrap things up before my departure at the end of May! Prior to that I will be attending the Community Leadership Academy in Monongalia County, May 1-3 and hope to see many of you there. It's a great opportunity to bring county, city, and community leaders together to share ideas and form partnerships. If you've never attended, you are missing a great experience and I encourage you to sign up! I will also be attending my final Council of Southern County Associations (CSCA) meeting, May 5-9, in Charleston, South Carolina. This Association along with the National Council of County Association Executives (NCCAE) and been invaluable to me during my 23 year tenure with CCAWV. NCCAE & CSCA are two wonderful groups of my peers across the nation, where I can seek guidance, experience, solutions and friendship in an effort to bring the best to county commissioners in West Virginia! I hope your "April showers" produce beautiful "May flowers!"

## President's Message with Tim McCormick



Spring has sprung here at CCAWV! We are looking forward to some busy months – starting with our Spring Board Meeting May 19-20. This meeting will include discussions on the 2019 Legislative Session and our FY2020 Budget. We will then turn our focus to the 2019 Annual Meeting! This will feature topics and trainings pertinent to county commissions and staff and allow for interaction with other commissioners and county staff to exchange ideas and experiences. We will also hold our Business Meeting where elections will take place for our CCAWV officers and board members. If you have questions, suggestions or comments, please reach out to our CCAWV staff – they welcome any ideas you may have!

I challenge each of you to attend our Annual Meeting – registration materials and information will be sent out soon. The takeback from these meetings is invaluable and the relationships you build will only enhance the resources CCAWV already provides through your membership to our organization. Thank you for all you do!

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## ***Calendar of Events***



- ◇ **CCAWV 2019 Spring Board Meeting, May 19-20, 2019, Barboursville, Cabell County**
- ◇ **NACo Annual Meeting, July 12-15, Clark County, Nevada**
- ◇ **CCAWV 2019 Annual Meeting, August 3-6, 2019, Canaan Valley, Tucker County**
- ◇ **CCAWV Fall Board Meeting – September 22-23, 2019, Morgantown, Monongalia County**
- ◇ **CCAWV 2019 Legislative Meeting—January 12-14, 2020, Charleston, Kanawha County**

## ***Fighting Drug Addiction in West Virginia—Vivian Parsons***

As most of us know, West Virginia is at the epicenter of a drug epidemic that has wreaked havoc throughout our state, damaging families and derailing our economy. I would dare to say that this scourge has touched every corner of our society — and our state's workforce is no exception.

Substance use disorder has hit our state's workforce hard. As Gov. Jim Justice said during his press conference the day after his State of the State address, many companies find it hard to fill positions in West Virginia because so many people suffer from substance use disorder. This epidemic has robbed so many people of their ability to work. They cannot function in a safe and reliable manner at the workplace.

This is an issue that needs to be addressed if we're going to improve our economy. We have almost all of the ingredients for a sound, diverse economy, but we need a dedicated, fully functional workforce to attract businesses to our state. We not only have to focus on prevention, but we also have to address treatment. We must get those currently suffering from substance use disorder back on their feet and working again.

That is the focus of Gov. Jim Justice's drug treatment strategy. Not only does it address treatment and prevention, but it also concentrates on education and job training. These are essential components to workforce development in this state. Jim's Dream, which received \$20 million during the Legislative session, will also allow for the expungement of misdemeanor drug charges for anyone who completes the treatment and job training aspect of the program.

Educating people around the state about substance use disorder and the negative impact it has on all aspects of our society is an important step in helping to combat this crisis. West Virginia Public Broadcasting is helping to lead the charge in this regard by working to educate people about the epidemic. I, along with several other officials for organizations ranging from the Manufacturers Association to the Independent Oil and Gas Association, filmed PSAs that are airing on WVPB television statewide and also can be found at [wvpublic.org](http://wvpublic.org) and on the station's YouTube channel and other social media platforms. I am very pleased to have been a part of this effort to help fight drug addiction in our state.

## *2019 CCAWV Annual Meeting in Canaan Valley*

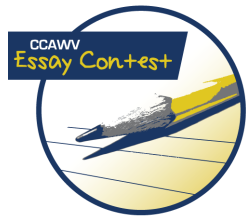
The 2019 CCAWV Annual Meeting will be held August 3-6 at Canaan Valley Resort. This year's theme is Leadership—It Starts With Us and our staff is looking forward a great event! Registration materials will go out in June and we invite everyone to come and be a part of this great meeting!

## *2019 NACo Meeting in Clark County, Nevada*

The NACo Annual Conference & Exposition is the largest meeting of county elected and appointed officials from across the country. Participants from counties of all sizes come together to shape NACo's federal policy agenda, share proven practices and strengthen knowledge networks to help improve residents' lives and the efficiency of county government. **SPECIAL OFFER:** If you register ONLINE for the 2019 Annual Conference and Exposition, your registration fee is \$25 less than the fax or mail-in price. For more information, visit <https://www.naco.org/events/nacos-84th-annual-conference-exposition>.



## *Counties celebrate National County Government Month*



Around the United States this April, county governments are making themselves and their functions known to the public in celebration of National County Government Month. CCAWV has featured a series of informational videos on the roles and responsibilities of county commissioners. We also promote our essay contest, open to 8th graders around the state. Look for our winners in our next newsletter!

## *Associate Member Spotlight on WVCORP*

WVCORP provides coverage to more counties and county-related agencies than any other provider in the state. We know the complexity of the risks facing county commissions. In today's world, those risks become increasingly daunting. Your public employees and elected officials face enormous pressure to meet the demands of running your governments while providing a safe and effective atmosphere to do so. So, we have provided the most comprehensive array of coverages to make sure you are taken care of, no matter the need. For more information, visit them online at [www.wvcorp.org](http://www.wvcorp.org) or 844-986-2705.

