The 2020 Election May Look and Feel Different

Be a Prepared, Participating and Patient Voter

Three P’s of Voting Infographic

Deborah Russell
SDACC President

SDACC Board of Directors List

I am honored and humbled to be your President for the 2020/21 year. Thank you for allowing me this amazing opportunity to help move counties in this great state forward in positive ways...

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Susan Kiepke
SDACO President

I’m so glad we are able to get together for the 2020 Fall Convention and the 1st Annual County Golf Tournament.

First, let’s talk about golf. I believe everybody that played had a great time! We had good participation from both attendees and vendors. There were some great prizes given away due to the generosity of the vendors.

Read more here...

Brian Gustad
SDACHS President

Here we are nearing the end of 2020, my how the time has passed. It was nice to see cohorts of old and meet new officials at the 2020 Annual County Convention in Sioux Falls.

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Debbie Emme
SDACWO President

Wowza, what a year. Can you believe this year’s game of Jumanji is almost done? What a whirlwind of events that have happened in this past year! I am looking forward to the upcoming year and hitting the restart button...

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NACo Legislative Summary of CDC Playbook

On September 16, 2020 the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced its COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan. The plan was developed in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Department of Defense (DoD). In this brief (link below), NACo summarizes the contents of the CDC’s "Playbook" and highlights key considerations for counties as they work with states and other local jurisdictions to prepare their vaccine distribution plans.

NACo Legislative Summary of CDC Playbook
With NACo, Saving Feels Better

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Live Healthy Prescription, Health & Dental Discount Program is a NO-COST program available to all member counties. It provides relief to uninsured and underinsured Americans who face growing health costs offering three ways to save:

- **Prescription Drug Discount Card** - Provides average savings of 30 percent* for residents and their pets, along with instant rebates on 69 common prescriptions
- **Health Discount Program** - Includes a 24/7 telemedicine service and access to discounts on vision care, LASIK & PRK vision procedures, hearing aids & screenings, prepaid lab work, prepaid diagnostic imaging and diabetic supplies*
- **Dental Discount Program** - Discounts on most dental procedures, including check-ups, cleanings, x-rays, fillings, root canals, extractions and dentures*
- **Minute Clinic Savings** - Save 10% (up to $10) at the medical walk-in clinic located in select CVS Pharmacy and Target Stores using the Live Healthy Prescription Discount Card*

Since 2004, nearly 1,300 counties, parishes and boroughs joined, saving residents over $713 million over 51 million prescriptions. The Live Healthy Program is NOT insurance.

For more information...

Trenching Safety in 2020

*It should be an easy choice: Take the time needed to implement safety measures when trenching OR use that time for an emergency rescue or recovery. Unfortunately, workers continue to make the wrong choice. And workers continue to die because of it...*

By: Tracie Everson
Loss Control Consultant
Safety Benefits

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SDML Workers’ Compensation Fund Expands Stryker Grant Program for 2021

For over a decade the SDML Workers’ Compensation Fund has offered three grant programs to its members. The Stryker EMS grant, the Stan Houston ICS® Saw grant and the Trenching and Confined Space Entry Safety Equipment grant, which was created to assist members with the purchase of approved safety equipment such as trench boxes, hydraulic shoring, gas detectors (with and without calibration kits), full body harness, tripods and blowers.

**NEW AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021**, the SDML Workers’ Compensation Fund is expanding the Stryker EMS grant to include the **Lucas®3, v3.1 Chest**
Compression System. This adds one more piece of equipment eligible for the Stryker EMS grant program, which currently includes the Stryker Power-PRO™ ambulance cot, Stryker Stair-PRO® stair chair and the Stryker Power-LOAD™ system.

Read more here...

South Dakota Association of County Commissioners and South Dakota Association of County Officials 2020 Scholarship Recipients

SDACC Scholarship Recipients

Dalton Howe
Spink County
South Dakota State University

Katlyn Walburg
Lake County
University of South Dakota

SDACO Scholarship Recipients

Raymie Keegan
Butte County
Black Hills State University

Brooke Opdahl
Hamlin County
South Dakota State University

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Safe, Even in the Most Trying Times

While we miss the days where trip and falls, police law enforcement chases, employment related decisions, playgrounds, and pools were on the top of the list of risks that Members faced, the COVID-19 Pandemic created a whole new level of loss control and risk management challenges. With the help of the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance our Members were able to navigate through these and many other risk management challenges.

Read more here...

NACo High Performance Leadership Academy - January 2021
This is a 12-week online program with content provided by industry leading executives. The curriculum provides best practices in leadership, organizational development and change management, negotiation and collaboration, effective business communication, and how to deliver increased value from high performance county management.

Course 1: Leadership Mindset & Positive Engagement

This course provides insights from members of the program’s National Leadership Board on the ways leaders shift their mindset from being excellent individual contributors to becoming highly effective leaders. The course also focuses on increasing empowerment and engagement to achieve individual, team and enterprise success. The second half of this course demonstrates how leaders enable “positively deviant” performance and engage a positive culture and communication.

Course 2: Leading Effective Change

The emphasis of this course is to prepare participants to engage in change initiated by others and to drive effective change as an active change agent. This course explores three levels of organizational change, including planning, executing and sustaining successful change. A balance of theoretical and pragmatic insights allows participants to understand the strategic, financial or market-based reasons for change and drive toward breakthrough results.

Course 3: Communication and Collaboration

Participants learn and practice the skills needed to improve the quality of interpersonal communication in a variety of contexts. Participants will learn how to effectively speak the language of business and convey information across diverse stakeholder groups, as well as break down silos between business divisions to drive better decision making. Each participant will understand effective communication as it relates to leading others, managing conflict, providing and receiving feedback, and negotiating with the Mutual Gains Approach.

Course 4: Leading High Performance Teams

This closing course focuses on measures, metrics, and practices used across the enterprise to achieve high performance. Participants learn that business results – values and benefits – may differ from one company to the next and even from department to department within a single company, but the consistent variable is it’s All About People.

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