



# Nevada Association of Counties 2016 Annual Conference *Different Backgrounds*

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.75 CPO-Community Development
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## Thursday, November 17

- 7:30a-8:30a **Continental Breakfast** Conference Room B
- 8:30a-10:00a **Concurrent Educational Sessions**
- Nevada's Justice System:** Conference Room A  
**Discuss key topics including Indigent Defense, pre-trial reform & juvenile justice programs.**  
 Counties are responsible for key judicial services including courts, legal defense for the poor and probation. This panel will discuss how justice reform is impacting county programs and budgets and best practices that counties can use to meet these challenges.  
 Jeff Wells, Assistant County Manager, Clark County  
 Anna Vasquez, Director of pre-trial services, Las Vegas Justice Court  
 Tom Metscher, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Nye County Juvenile Probation  
 John Lambrose, Esq. Assistant Federal Public Defender Retired  
 .75 CPO-Leadership & Governance
- Natural Resource Conservation Projects In Counties: Past successes & opportunities for the future.** Poker Room  
 Counties play a key role in wildlife management and are uniquely situated to bridge the gap between local citizens and the State or Federal agencies. This panel highlights past conservation successes in Nevada's counties and discusses ways counties can facilitate conservation opportunities by working with the State, Federal Agencies, and other stakeholders.  
 Sheila Anderson, Policy Analyst, Office of Governor Brian Sandoval  
 Fish and Wildlife Service, Representative  
 David Spicer, Spicer Ranch  
 Robin Boies, Hubbard Vineyard Ranch  
 .75 CPO-Community Development
- 10:15a-11:45a **Legislative Panel** Conference Room A  
 Panelists, including members of the Nevada Senate and Assembly, will provide their insight on the upcoming legislative session including how counties can best engage with state legislators.  
 .75 CPO Misc.
- 11:45a-1:15p **Luncheon** Conference Room B  
 Sponsored by Nevada Rural Housing Authority
- Cyber Security**  
 Antonio A. Rucci, Director, Information Security & Threat Intelligence  
 .5 CPO Public Information & Media Relations

**End of Conference**

## Wednesday, November 16—Cont.

3:15p-4:45p **Concurrent Educational Sessions (cont.)**

**Social Services—Panel on community and mental health service.** Poker Room

Counties are integral to Nevada's community and behavioral health system. This panel of experts will present their experiences in regional, county behavioral health services and community health initiatives.

Stacy Smith, Executive Director, Nye Communities Coalition  
Jessica Flood, Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator at Carson Tahoe Health

Sheila Leslie, Washoe County Behavioral Health Program Coordinator

Adele Solomon, Accreditation Coordinator, Southern Nevada Health District

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6:00p-10:00p **Annual Banquet & Awards Ceremony** Conference Room B  
Sponsored by NV Energy

### **CELEBRATING NEVADA'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT**



#### **Featured Speaker**

Honorable John C. Porter

#### **Honoring Outgoing County Officials**

#### **Presentation of Awards**

**Honor Roll**—Honoring special achievement in & service to county government.

**Participatory Democracy**—Honoring those who recognize the importance of open & honest dialogue & public participation in governance.

*Entertainment provided by Lynn Peterson & the Phatt Kattz*

*The Silent Auction will remain open until 7:00 Wednesday Evening.  
Have fun, bid early & often!*

## Tuesday, November 15, cont.

3:45p-5:15p **Workshop for Newly Elected County Officials** Poker Room  
Presented by NACO's Committee of the Emeritus

All newly elected county commissioners and county officials are welcome. Training materials will be provided. Get advice from former and sitting county commissioners on best practices, how to handle tough situations, and making the most of your time as an elected official.

Joni Eastley, Former Nye County Commissioner  
Doug Johnson, Douglas County Commissioner  
Rebecca Bruch, Attorney-Erickson, Thorp & Swainston, LTD  
CPO—P.O.W.E.R. Module 1

6:00p-8:00p **President's Reception** Spring Mountain Motor Resort  
Honoring 2016 NACO President Laurie Carson  
Mix, mingle and reconnect with your colleagues from around the state.  
*Bus transportation will leave the main Casino/Hotel entrance at 5:30 and 6:00 and return at 7:30 and 8:00.*

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## Wednesday, November 16

7:30a-8:30a **Continental Breakfast** Conference Room B

8:00a-5:00p **Registration**

8:00a-9:15a **NACO Board and Membership Meeting** Valley Electric

8:00a-9:15a **Live Healthy U.S. Counties and U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance Workshop** Poker Room

Presented by the National Association of Counties (NACo)

This workshop will provide information on how counties can use the NACo Prescription - Health - Dental Discount Program (at no cost to counties) to provide relief to uninsured and underinsured county residents who face high prescription, health and dental costs. Attendees will also learn how counties can save money by participating in the U.S. Communities Purchasing Alliance. The Alliance provides access to a broad line of competitively solicited contracts with national suppliers that have committed to providing their lowest overall public agency pricing.

Brian Namey, Director of Public Affairs, National Association of Counties (NACo)

Shirley Trummell, Director, Nye County Human Services  
.5 CPO-Community Development

9:30a-11:30a **Opening General Session** Conference Room A

**Invocation** Pastor Ron Fairbairn

Central Valley Baptist Church

**Presentation of Colors** Nye County Sheriff's Office

**Choir** Pahrump Valley High School Select Choir

**Welcoming Remarks**

Honorable Laurie Carson, NACO President

Honorable Frank Carbone, Nye County Commission Chair

**Keynote Address**

Bill Butterworth

Mr. Butterworth's extraordinary ability to blend humor, story-telling, wisdom, and practicality has made him one of the most sought after speakers in venues throughout North America. Many consider him the #1 humorist/expert on life and work issues. Bill taught at the college level for thirteen years and was a counselor for six years prior to his current passion for motivating men and women in the workplace. Bill has been awarded the Hal Holbrook Award by the International Platform Association who's members include Mark Twain, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Elizabeth Dole and Bob Hope. As a highly regarded author, Bill has written over a dozen books, both under his own name and as a ghostwriter.

.5 CPO-Leadership/Misc.

## Wednesday, November 16—Cont.

9:45a-2:00p **Sander's Family & Pahrump Valley Winery**

**Guest Tour**

Bus transportation will leave the main Casino/Hotel Entrance at 9:45.

11:45a-1:15p **Luncheon** Conference Room B

Sponsored by LP Insurance Services

**Certified Public Official Awards**

Featured Speakers

Sheila Leslie, Washoe County Behavioral Health Program Coordinator

Jaewon Lim, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy and Leadership, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

1:30p-3:00p **Concurrent Educational Sessions**

**Legislative Testimony, 101** Conference Room A

**Learn the protocol for a Legislative hearing.**

Come to this mock legislative hearing and learn the do's and don't of testifying in Carson City and communicating with Legislators. Panelists will include former and sitting Legislators.

.75 CPO-Leadership & Governance

**Affordable Housing in Nevada:** Poker Room

**The benefits of increasing access to affordable housing in your community and how to pay for it.**

Experts will discuss the economic impacts of affordable and workforce housing, federal and state funding for affordable housing, and where counties fit in.

Mike Pawlak, Social Services Director, Clark County  
Sarah Adler, State Director, USDA Rural Development

Tamara Gray, Director, Las Vegas Field Office, HUD  
CJ Manthe, Administrator, Nevada Housing Division

.5 CPO Community Development & .25 CPO Public Finance

3:15p-4:45p **Concurrent Educational Sessions**

**Meeting Tools for County Commissioners & Staff:** Conference Room A

**Commissioners & Staff:**

Join experts from UNLV and UNR's Cooperative Extension program for this workshop on civility and deliberation with a focus on handling critical conversations in public meetings.

Dr. Benoy Jacob, Associate Professor, Program Coordinator,  
Urban Leadership Institute UNLV

Dr. Marlene Rebori, Community Development Specialist  
UNR Cooperative Extension

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