



Kent County Essential Needs Task Force * Energy Efficiency Subcommittee Meeting
Kent County Health and Human Services Building * 121 Franklin SE * Grand Rapids, MI 49505
ACSET Suite 110 * Conference Rooms C and D

May 24, 2016 Minutes

ENTf Energy Efficiency Subcommittee Members and Guests Present: Tracie Coffman (Kent County ENTf), Darcy Cunningham (The Salvation Army), Jamie Curtis (The Salvation Army), James Geisen (DHHS), Danny Geurink (Habitat for Humanity), Sherrie Gillespie (ACSET), Nick Grinwis (the Salvation Army), John Mitchell (Heart of West Michigan United Way), Emily Schichtel (United Way), Barb DeVries (ACSET).

Guests: Laura Luchies (Calvin College /CSR), Brianna Marshall (Calvin College /CSR), Allison Rudi (Calvin College /CSR)

Darcy Cunningham, Co-Chair presided.

1. Welcome/Introductions
Introductions around the room.
2. Review notes from last meeting.
Minutes provided from last ENTf EE Subcommittee Meeting, held on April 24, 2016.
Motion to approve: Emily Schichtel
Second: Jamie Curtis
Motion Passed
3. Discussion Follow up: Utility Boost/Consumers Energy
Utility Boost is looking for private funds for the Kent County pilot program, which will be competitive. A discussion concerning the 150% FPL is introduced by Jamie Curtis. Ms. Curtis continued to explain the great need in the community for incomes under the 150% FPL, compared to the projected target of over 150% FPL.
4. Calvin Center for Social Research –Laura Luchies
Ms. Luchies led a discussion on progression of Calvin College’s research in three areas.

The first item discussed was the KCONNECT Data Dashboard located at: <http://www.cridata.org/kconnect/>. The objective of the interactive dashboard is to track how communities are performing with the success measures that help to determine the overall community prosperity. There are five categories shown on the dashboard: Home & Family Stability, Early Childhood, K-12 Academic Success, Post Secondary Completion, and Career Success. Located under each category are several “success measures”. The definition of a “success measure” is an overall goal. Ms. Luchies proceeded to example one of the measures in further detail by opening the “Graduation Rate”. The success measure is then broken down into many data collections specific to the measure, which are called “Indicators”. The definition of an “indicator” is a lever affecting the outcome of the success measure. One indicator example shown is a graph displaying the percent of students graduating in 4 years collected from 2011-2015. Ms.

Luchies explained that ENTF would be located under the category Home & Family Stability. The KCONNECT dashboard is incomplete due to ongoing research, but the overall goal will be to have all agencies reporting data.

The second item Ms. Luchies explained was a proposed coding system on the KCONNECT dashboard. Ms. Luchies used an example of “E” for a category. The success measure would be represented by a number, the example given was “E-1”. The indicator would be represented by a sequence, an example given was “E-1.1”. Ms. Luchies further explained this coding system would be beneficial promoting effective communication between all work groups.

The third item Ms. Luchies presented was web tool for Work Groups located at Trello.com. After creating an account, users can view documents from meetings, compose checklists, deliver useful feedback, propose suggestions, or ask questions. This web tool will open up the communication between work groups and Calvin Center for Social Research, which is crucial as research is still in progression.

Ms. Luchies concluded her presentation with questions. Several discussions were produced including: definitions of words such as “uninterrupted service”, a proposed data calculator that would collect customer counts/rates in Kent County zip codes with different ethnicities, short and long term indicators, and contacts at utility providers.

5. Annual Data Report
Discussion was tabled to our next meeting.

6. Next Meeting

Date/Time: June 28, 2016 10:30 AM

Location: ACSET Suite 110, Conference Rooms C & D at 121 Franklin SE.

7. Adjournment 11:45 AM

Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of every month, at 10:30 AM.

Meeting Location:

ACSET, 121 Franklin SE, Suite 110, Conference Rooms C/D

2016 Meeting Date Schedule:

April 26, 2016

May 24, 2016

June 28, 2016

July 26, 2016

August 23, 2016

September 27, 2016

October 25, 2016

November 22, 2016

December 27, 2016