



Kent County Essential Needs Task Force * Energy Efficiency Subcommittee Meeting
Kent County Health and Human Services Building * 121 Franklin SE * Grand Rapids, MI 49507
Suite 110 * Multipurpose Room C-D

August 28, 2018

ENTF Energy Efficiency Subcommittee Members Present:

James Geisen, John Mitchell, Kendrick Heinlein, Sherrie Gillespie, Tom Oosterbaan, Nicole Rodriguez, Joanna Bascom, Neil Carlson

Staff: Wende Randall, Kyle Johnson

Susan Cervantes, presided.

1. Welcome Introductions
2. Review Minutes from Last Meeting – July 24, 2018
 - a. Change NEWAC to NEUAC
3. Calvin Social Research Presentation- Consumers Energy Data
 - a. Center for Social Research looked at Consumer Energy data to look at shutoffs. The data was taken by zip codes plus either two or four digits to make it hyper-localized. Another value to add to this data could be temperature, precipitation, and subsidies data.
4. Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm
 - a. Last conference call was focused on LIHEAP Action Week. There was a social media campaign to contribute. There was not a lot of new information other than the impact LIHEAP does for local communities. There will be a legislative day later in the year that interested agencies are welcome to attend. The LIHEAP bill was increased at the federal level.
5. MEAP 2019
 - a. Discussed the changes in processing applications that will go into effect October 1, 2018. Applicants will need to complete an SER application; these may be completed at the location of their preferred service provider. Frequency of eligibility determination should only be annual; if they have already been a client, there should not be a need to complete eligibility determination until they hit the one-year point from the last determination.
6. Expanding Committee Membership
 - a. Wende spoke about new connections in the community and establishing relationship and support expectations. What sectors do we want to see in the conversations? How do we anticipate supporting them and what support might we request from them? New ideas of community organizations or businesses to invite should be sent to Wende.
7. Agency Updates