



**Energy Efficiency Subcommittee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
 September 22, 2020  
 1:00pm – 2:30pm

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| Facilitator:       | Wende Randall   |                 |      |
| Meeting Attendees: | Brett Little, Erin Donnelly, James Geisen, John Mitchell, Jonathan Wilson, Kristen Goodman, Laura St. Louis, Maddie Strom, Marc Foerster, Monica Light, Sam Giffel, Sherri Vainavicz, Sherrie Gillespie, Tim Novak, Tom Oosterbaan, Wafa Haddad, Wanda Calvon Jones, Susan Cervantes, Wende Randall, Emily Madsen, Brianne Robach<br><i>(List may not be complete- please contact Brianne if you were on the call but are not listed here.)</i> |                 |      |
| Time Convened:     | 1:03  | Time Adjourned: | 2:35 |

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| <b>Introductions</b>  |                             |
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| <b>Review of Minutes</b>  | <b>From August 25, 2020</b> |
| Discussion  |                             |
| Amendments  | None                        |
| <b>2-1-1 Data Comparison</b>  |                             |
| Discussion  |                             |
| <p>John overviewed comparison data from quarter 3 this year and last year. Over the past couple of weeks, calls have increased anticipate a continued spike as the weather gets cooler. 2-1-1 does not track whether the utility need is due to efficiency issues, instead this is likely discussed once clients are referred. 2-1-1 uses a translation service for callers who speak languages other than English or Spanish. They also provide translation for providers if they do not have access.</p> <p><u>2-1-1 Dashboard</u><br/>         John overviewed the Michigan 2-1-1 dashboard and capabilities. The dashboard allows you to dig into specific call centers, counties, zip codes, and/or dates. In addition, you can sort by specific needs or taxonomy terms. The dashboard breakdowns the location of services, % and reason for unmet needs, It can be found at : <a href="#">MI211 COVID-19 Dashboard</a></p> |                             |
| <b>Potential Funding Sources for Tank Monitoring Pilot</b>  |                             |
| Discussion  |                             |
| <p>Wende and Marc discussed a potential pilot for tank monitoring devices. The process at Crystal Flash to determine who would benefit from a tank monitor is the same as determining which customers may need additional supports. They are considering a geographic area for targeted outreach around the wrap-around supports that may be available. Staff will convene a small group to continue conversations.</p>   |                             |
| <b>Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm Updates</b>  |                             |
| Discussion  |                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continued advocacy at CTKWM to ensure LIHEAP funds are available at the federal level.</li> <li>- Reminder to ensure that folks are applying for the home heating credit prior to Sept. 30.</li> <li>- They are advocating for additional weatherization funding to mitigate safety/home repair services so that weatherization can be performed. Advocacy information will be shared once it becomes available.</li> <li>- Bills in energy committees for energy efficiency housing repairs - <a href="http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(p0a20nfmhx10kpeycmmudcz))/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&amp;objectname=2020-HB-6036&amp;query=on">http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(p0a20nfmhx10kpeycmmudcz))/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&amp;objectname=2020-HB-6036&amp;query=on</a></li> </ul>  |                             |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last year, LIHEAP dollars allowed agencies to address some safety measures. KCCA has a fund that can be used to address safety issues. They “pre-screen” to evaluate houses on the front end</li> <li>- Additional funding sources can be leveraged to address safety issues prior to weatherization.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>MEAP Updates</b>   |  |
| Discussion  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DHHS: no new information around next fiscal year regarding increased caps and removal of one-time limit. They are seeing an increase in energy-related registrations, likely due to end of moratoriums and federal unemployment.</li> <li>- Permanent Policy changes for SER: an interview is no longer required; they are no longer looking at 6 months payment history; removal of non-cash asset limit of \$15,000. DHHS anticipates that this will allow them to process faster with less denials; SER relocation services will now have a cap.</li> <li>- Exception funds are available through DHHS through the end of the week.</li> <li>- KCCA – still have MEAP funds available, applications due by Friday for this fiscal year.</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>Agency Updates</b>   |  |
| Discussion  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Green Homes Institute</b> - Register for Lowering Utility Bill's and Improving your Home Health - Online Event on Sep 22 6:00 PM at: <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1634487116478384144">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1634487116478384144</a>; working with United Bank to pilot Freddie Mac Green Pilot mortgage to take home to zero carbon;</li> <li>- <b>Senior Neighbors:</b> have funds available for those who meet the qualifications</li> <li>- <b>DHHS:</b> lobbies are still by appointment only. September FAP allotment increased to maximum. Self-attestation for shelter expenses is now allowable. Redetermination for FAP were not given an extension. Have been issuing an increased amount in food assistance over the past few months. They are not issuing closures for Medicaid. FIP automatic deferrals have ended. PATH application eligibility is shortened to 10 days; Sparta office still closed, but migrant staff have been conducting outreach since July</li> <li>- <b>Consumers Home Energy Analysis</b> – are now accepting apartments and condos as long as utilities are metered separately; cold climate heat pump program continues</li> <li>- <b>MPSC</b> – reminder that it important to get clients connected in the next few days as additional funds are available this fiscal year. MEAP grantees can assist customers up until the 30<sup>th</sup> if the assistance amount is determined.</li> <li>- <b>MiBridges</b> - updated anticipated on Sept 26 to enhance the assistance process.</li> <li>- <b>KCCA</b> – received water and sewer grant that starts on Thursday with the City of GR. Received grant to distribute hygiene and food kits. Received additional funds for homelessness prevention and utilities and additional ESG funds.</li> </ul> |  |