



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

May 22, 2018

**ENTF Energy Efficiency Subcommittee Members Present:**

Susan Cervantes (KCCA), Sherrie Gillespie (KCCA), Marissa Boerman (True North), Ken Ford (FROM), Marlon Darsey (DHHS), Cherie Elahl (NKC), Nicole Rodriguez, (NKC), Wende Randall (ENTF)

Susan Cervantes, presided.

**I. Welcome/Introductions**

Introductions around the room, state your name and organization.

**II. Review notes from last meeting April 24, 2018**

Amendments:

Motion:

Second:

Motion Approved

**III. Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm Update**

a. The final version of the strategic planning is not yet done.

**IV. Agency Updates**

- a. Universal Case Load to roll out in September. Positive results have been reported from clients. Also, folks over 55 or others with a doctor's note qualify for AC unit assistance.
- b. Utility assistance list is open, and clients are usually assisted the next day. KCCA now has a federal lobbyist for LIHEAP funding and advocate for additional funding. Weatherization update, insulation, furnace repair, etc.
- c. North Kent Connect- still has funds to report.
- d. Flat river- Requested and received an extra \$7500
- e. True North-Has plenty of funding for the summer in terms of energy needs. People in summer still needs assistance ex. An asthmatic that needs AC run constantly.
- f. Senior Neighbors- Usually has AC

**V. Success Measure & Indicator Next Steps (Continued from April)**

- a. This idea of alternative energy best practices was brought up last meeting. Detroit Dirt is a project to recapture nutrients in the soil and partnered with Consumers Energy to use their waste and turn it into energy for the county. This could be a potential opportunity to connect with the founder. Holland Board of Public Works has an energy park and facility that uses alternative energy. Ken can contact someone to contact another person. DTE and Calvin are also possibilities. Maybe the weatherization project can combine with alternative energies and broaden the goal. The recycling center in Kent County also has initiatives that should be explored and Meijer with wind energy.

**VI. Advocacy**

- a. A training group for advocacy is also in the works
- b. New bills are anticipated to be in the radar as others are being sunsetted

**VII. Adjournment**