



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

June 26, 2018

ENTF Energy Efficiency Subcommittee Members Present:

Donata Kidd (DHHS), James Geisen (DHHS), John Mitchell (HWMUW), Kendrick Heinlein (AAAWM), Marissa Boerman (True North Empower), Sherri Vainavicz (HWMUW), Susan Cervantes (KCCA), Wende Randall (ENTF), Nicole Rodriguez (NKC), Kyle Johnson (ENTF)

Susan Cervantes, presided.

- 1. Welcome/Introductions**
- 2. Review notes from last meeting, May 22 2018**
- 3. The Rapid: Changes to Ticketing System**
 - a. Michael presented this upcoming system. The Wave card is an account-based card, so the value lies in the account and not the physical card. Cards can be purchased online, at the station, and in the future many retail outlets. Businesses or organizations will be able to handle their own accounts they can manage. Instead of buying a ride, with the new card you are buying time. A client will have 105 minutes to use as many transfers within that period. To be more equitable, once the daily, weekly, monthly caps are met the client is riding at no extra cost. The card-based system will eventually phase out, depending on how popular the Wave is.
 - b. Look into putting wave card machines in places that are not commercial like the Health Building, Human services, and other places where there is a large volume of people that uses public transit
- 4. Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm Update**
 - a. Folks have not heard anything
- 5. Agency Updates**
 - a. Universal Case Load (UCL) new schedule is now February 2019. This allows for technical fixes and more time for staff to adjust.
 - b. True North- Still funding for power program
 - c. NKC- funding still available for MEAP
 - d. Community navigators- \$40,000 for homelessness prevention services
- 6. Changes to MEAP**
 - a. The PowerPoint will be distributed to the full committee. DHHS will be doing all the screening and determination. More information will be distributed when available.
- 7. Advocacy- LIHEAP**
 - a. The bills are being rewritten on the state-level. Should the committee advocate or should advocacy be done on the personal/agency level? Kyle will disseminate any information to send out regarding these bills. 85% of the funds go to CRE.

- b. Wende brought up that if the ENTF would like to send out an all-party letter that is something that would like to happen. However, certain parties must be careful with advocacy.

8. Adjournment