



Energy Efficiency Subcommittee
 Meeting Minutes
 October 27, 2020
 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Facilitator:	Susan Cervantes		
Meeting Attendees:	Erin Donnelly, James Geisen, John Mitchell, Jonathan Wilson, Kristen Goodman, Maddie Strom, Marc Foerster, Tom Oosterbaan, Wanda Calvon Jones, Susan Cervantes, Erica LaBar, Charles Bazner, Samantha Eahrow, Kristen Goodman, Aaron Estrada, Wende Randall, Emily Madsen, Brianne Robach <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

Introductions	
Review of Minutes	From September 22, 2020
Discussion	
Amendments	None
Data Opportunities and Next Steps	
Discussion	
<p>ENTF is in the process of finalizing a strategic plan for the task force as a whole. Wende encouraged the subcommittee to begin thinking about action areas and how to measure progress towards goals.</p> <p>Wende overviewed previous reports and maps that this group has participated in over the past few years. Up until this year, ENTF has collected annual data from providers on amount and number of assistance payments. Over time, the report also detailed changes in the amount of funding available and processes. There was also a pilot project with Consumers Energy and Calvin’s Center for Social Research that mapped household risk of shut-off and found that around 13-14% of the community is at risk of a shut-off.</p> <p>Wende reviewed the success measures and indicators that this subcommittee identified a few years ago. Comments on the measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Days available – this may be tricky to measure as different programs have different openings, and capacity may be a limiting factor - Subsidies – could include payment plans from utilities in addition to payments from agencies - Weatherization – there are degrees of weatherization, may have to specify this indicator <p><u>Theory of Change</u></p> <p>A theory of change is a tool that could help the subcommittee and partners identify how they will fit into ENTF’s larger strategic plan. This framework articulates how change occurs over time and identifies the different roles and steps that partners play in creating systems change. TOCs have assumptions, conditions, activities and strategies, “so that...” chains, short-term outcomes, and long-term goals. When developing a TOC, groups can lay out activities and roles that partners engage with and identify how these strategies lead to short-term outcomes. Data that organizations currently collect can be used to inform progress towards outcomes and goals. To develop a TOC, ENTF will be looking to understand the different entities in energy efficiency system, the conditions that need to be met for change to be successful, and identify the EE’s subcommittee role in achieving goal.</p> <p><u>Next steps:</u></p>	



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- A small group (Maddie, Susan, staff) will meet to begin to develop TOC and prepare draft for the group.
- As a TOC is flushed out, it will likely make sense for organizations to explore and define their role in the system flow.
- An important step will be gathering consensus on the roles in TOC, followed by determining the goals and success measures as a group.

View the slides from this presentation here:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1YzthfZ_HfW4m7-MUbyxKsSx_acLFCcKrmwt43FN9s/edit?usp=sharing

Tank Monitoring Pilot

Discussion

There are not many large updates around this topic. Next steps include determining outreach messaging, identifying pilot area, and exploring potential funding sources.

Susan encouraged advocacy with the LIHEAP Office around propane funding that is metered. KCCA previously used this funding to braid support for families.

Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm Updates

Discussion

NEUAC reviewed continued need for LIHEAP and advocacy around LIHEAP. They suggested conducting outreach to clients who were current on bill in 2019 and are now seeing delays in payment. As a reminder, LIHEAP eligibility only looks at last 30 days of income. The group also discussed areas of focus for improving energy assistance and access to the home heating credit.

MEAP Updates

Discussion

North Kent Connect – MEAP continuing. Unrestricted funds may be available for households in their service area.

KCCA – awarded funds, but have not started to expend funding as of now

TSA – online application is now available at the state level.

COVID-19 Updates

Discussion

KCCA – received grant funding for water arrearages and matched with SNAP recipients to cover arrearages and assisted 1,110 households. They also have Coronavirus Relief Funds available for water and sewer repairs (internal or external) for households at 200% FPL or less to prevent spread of COVID-19. Susan will share flyer with more information.

Consumers – recently started residential shutoffs for non-payment. Donation dollars to were applied customer accounts who

CARE Plus Program with donation dollars – available for customers who are over income for MEAP program (151%-400% FPL) through TrueNorth, THAW, and United Way of Jackson

Agency Updates

Discussion

Consumers – funds are still available in the Cold Climate Heat Pump Program for community members with wood or propane heat.