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Agenda

Low-Income Energy Advisory Board

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Community Renewal Team Inc.
555 Windsor Street,
Hartford, CT 06120**

- I. Welcome

- II. Approve Minutes of the March Meeting

- III. CEAP Update

- IV. Matching Payment Program Update

- V. Operation Fuel Update

- VI. 2011- 2012 CEAP Recommendations

Next meeting - May 4, 2011 at NU –Berlin, CT

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 Low-Income Energy Advisory Board Meeting
 Wednesday, March 2, 2011
 1:30 p.m.
 Community Renewal Team

Members: Ray Wilson, Pamela Giannini, Tom O'Brien, Laura Gonzalez, Kathy Calo, Joy Hollister, Joanne Balaschak, Shirley Bergert, Deb Polun, Brenda Watson, Edith Karsky, Riddhi Patel, Taren O'Connor, Lindsay Parke, and Lance Johnson .

Others: Caty Patton-OPM

Agenda Item	Action
Welcome	Chair Ray Wilson convened the meeting at 1:40 p.m.
Approval of January 2011 Minutes	Deb Polun moved approval of the January 2011 meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Pam Giannini. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.
LIHEAP/CEAP Update	<p>LIHEAP/CEAP block grant is estimated at \$95,903,197; contingency funds at \$6.7 million and carry forward funds projected at slightly over \$10 million; for a total of approximately \$112 million, as of February, 2011. Current estimated unobligated balance is close to \$8.6 million.</p> <p>DSS reported on application data for CEAP, SAFA, and CHAP through February 28, 2011: 112,723 applications taken, 92,099 eligible applicants; 16,252 denied and 4,272 applications pending certification. A total of 34,711 received Crisis Assistance and 11,050 received safety net services.</p> <p>DSS reviewed the Caseload/Eligible Caseload Comparison charts thru February 28, 2011. The caseload comparison chart showed a 1.6% change in the caseload from FFY 2010 to FFY 2011. The Eligible Caseload Comparison chart showed a 2.3% change from FFY 2010 to FFY 2011 which is consistent with the agency's projections.</p>

	<p>DSS distributed a chart depicting CEAP allocation and eligible caseload for FFY2007 – FFY 2011. The federal government proposed reverting back to FFY 2008 block grant funding level,- \$421,754,126 for Connecticut. The 2010-2011 CEAP Program Utility Expenditures through February 28, 2011 was also discussed.</p> <p>For the period of November 2009 to February 2011, the ARRA WAP exceeded its goal of 2,624, by servicing 4,148 units. The program is spending less than the projected \$6,500 per unit, as a result the program must increase the number of units served.</p>
<p>Utility Company Reports</p>	<p>SCG: To date, 11,568 customers -auto enrolled, 5,515 -new enrollments for a total enrollment of 17,083 and 119 customers on the below budget plan.</p> <p>CNG: To date, 10,472 customers- auto enrolled in the program, 7,913 -new enrollments for a total enrollment of 18,385 with 338 customers on a below budget plan.</p> <p>YG: To date, 13,268 customers- auto enrolled in the program, 3,369 - new enrollments for a total enrollment of 16,637 with 1,332 customers on a below budget plan.</p> <p>CL&P: To date, 13,428 customers -auto enrolled in the program, 2,738 - new enrollments for a total enrollment of 16,166 with 2,803 customers on a below budget plan.</p> <p>UI: To date, 375 customers -auto enrolled in the program, 682 - new enrollments for a total enrollment of 1,057.</p> <p>Connect with Us Day replaces Utility Day - Utility companies are conducting outreach</p>

	<p>activities through mailings to encourage and customers to contact them before receiving a shut off notice.</p> <p>Shirley Bergert’s motion to submit recommendations encouraging DSS to restrain from using ARRA funds to test equipment for Fitch fuel catalysts was seconded by Lance Johnson. The motion was approved on a voice vote with one abstention from DSS.</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>Operation Fuel reported on the Winter Program. For the period of December 1, 2010 to February 18, 2011 a total of 2,514 households were served with grant funding at \$877,171. These are preliminary figures and Operation Fuel anticipates final expenditures to be about \$900,000. As of February 18, the program is no longer taking applications due to the lack of funds.</p> <p>Members discussed and agreed to set up and implement an electronic system to respond immediately to upcoming legislative energy bills.</p> <p>The Chairperson reported on the reorganization of several state energy entities that will merge to form the new Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). OPM’s energy division will transfer to the new agency.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6.</p>

Low Income Energy Advisory Council Meeting Schedule

2011

January 5, 2011*
February 2, 2011
March 2, 2011
April 6, 2011*
May 4, 2011
June 1, 2011
September 7, 2011
October 5, 2011*
November 2, 2011
December 7, 2011

*Meeting may be cancelled or rescheduled at the discretion of the Chair. The May 4th meeting will be held at NU in Berlin, CT.

All meetings will begin at 1:30 PM.