### Agenda Low Income Energy Advisory Board

### Wednesday, January 4, 2011 1:30p.m.-3:00 p.m.

### CRT Hartford, CT

I.	Welcome	1:30 p.m.
II.	Approve Minutes of the December 7, 2011 Meeting	1:40 p.m.
III.	FFY 2012 LIHEAP Update	1:45 p.m.
IV.	Update on the PURA Consumer Service Unit	2:15 p.m.
IV.	Weatherization Program 2013 Plan Update	2:25 p.m.
V.	Utility Matching Payment Program Updates a) United Illuminating b) CL&P/Yankee Gas c) Connecticut Natural Gas/Southern Connecticut Gas	2:30 p.m.
V.	Operation Fuel Update	2:45 p.m.
VI.	Next Steps	2:50 p.m.

### Low-Income Energy Advisory Board Meeting

### Wednesday, December 7, 2011 1:30 p.m. Community Renewal Team

**Members:** Anne Foley-Chair, Laura Gonzalez, Shirley Bergert, Joanne Balaschak and Edith Karsky for Jim Gatling, Kate Quigley, Kristen Formanek, Eddie Swift, Lindsay Parke, Lance Johnson, Patricia Wrice and Taren O'Connor.

**Others:** Tom O'Brien, Carlene Taylor, Rhonda Evans, Brenda Watson Michael Coyle, Raymond Wilson, Lynn Vasquez, Joy Hollister, Veronica Gomez and Pam Trotman.

Agenda Item	Action
Welcome	The meeting was convened at 1:35 p.m.
Approve Minutes of the November 2, 2011 Meeting	Joanne Balaschak moved approval of the November 2, 2011 meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Taren O'Connor. The motion was approved on a voice vote with one amendment to revise Michael Coyle's board affiliation from PURA to DEEP.
Discounted Rate Program-DEEP	Michael Coyle and Raymond Wilson from DEEP gave an update on the Discounted Rate Program for low-income residents. P.A. 11-80 requires DEEP to conduct a proceeding regarding the program. The Department is in the process of gathering information to complete a rate study that is due by February 1. Members of the board may be contacted for additional information or feedback on the study. The final study will be forwarded to board.
Weatherization Program Update a) Weatherization Transfer to DEEP b) Weatherization Plan 2013 c) AARA Weatherization Program	DSS and DEEP provided an update on the Weatherization Program:  • April 2012 is the anticipated date of the transfer of the non-ARRA Weatherization Program from DSS to DEEP.  • DEEP and DSS are working on the 2013 Weatherization Plan. As the

Policy Advisory Council for the Weatherization Program, LIEAB will review and provide comments on the draft plan in January. DEEP and DSS will provide an update at the January 4 meeting.

DSS provided an update on the AARA Weatherization Program:

- As of November 18, Connecticut expended \$48,668,380 or 75.69% of its total grant award of \$64,301,502.
- The following is a status of ARRA Weatherization Program Funding projections through March 2012:
  - Administration budget is \$6,431,050. Estimated expenditures \$6,224,991, leaving a balance of \$206,058.
  - o Training and Technical
    Assistance budget is
    \$6,800,000. Estimated
    expenditure \$4,323,631,
    leaving a balance of
    \$2,476,368. The balance will
    be transferred to Standard
    Program Operations
    component of the program.
  - o Community Action Agencies' budget is \$51,079,452.
    Estimated expenditures \$61,610,523, leaving a balance of \$2,699,978.

The following is an update on the status of the ARRA Weatherization Program by program components as of December 5. All information is statewide.

 State Financed Housing Authority Properties:

o # of units

4,035

o # pending

160

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	o # audited	826
	o # in process	734
	o # completed/go backs	233
	o # completed	2,052
	HUD and Large Multi-Family	
	Properties:	
	o # of units	2,575
	o # pending	692
	o # audited	637
	o # in process	353
	o # completed	893
	Shelter and Transitional Living	
	Properties:	
	o # of units	752
	o # pending	64
	o # audited	103
	o # in process	180
	o # completed	405
FFY 2012 LIHEAP Update	DSS reported on the administration of	the
a) CEAP Update	CEAP through December 5:	
b) Communication: Community	52,463 applications taken	
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- b) Communication: Community Action Agencies/Volunteer In-take Sites
- 35,267 eligible applicants
- 8,722 denied applications
- 8,474 applications pending certification
- 17,935 crisis assistance

DSS reviewed the Caseload/Eligible
Caseload Comparison charts thru December
5. The caseload comparison chart showed a
-27.3% change in the caseload from FFY
2010 to FFY 2011. Eligible Caseload
Comparison chart showed a -36% change
from FFY 2010 to FFY 2011. This year's
program started one month later than last
year, which attributes to the percent change
in caseloads.

DSS provided an update on the CEAP/CHAP funding and estimated expenditures through

### December 5:

Available funds \$61,619,482

• Obligated funds \$49,410,008

Estimated Balance \$12,209,474

Available funds are based on the LIHEAP funding level as estimated and approved by the state legislators.

DSS distributed a written response to the board's request to provide statewide estimates on the number of cases denied due to assets exceeding the eligibility limit. Based on the data available from seven community action agencies, a total of 701 income eligible households were denied benefits based on liquid assets ranging from over \$25,000 to \$150,000. A smaller number of these household liquid assets were over \$150,000.

CLASS conducted an informal survey with 35 volunteer in-take sites to document their concerns regarding the current CEAP. The results included:

- Low energy assistance benefits.
- Lack response from the CAA regarding concerns.
- Benefit award letters distributed to clients documenting the amount of energy assistance caused confusion and an increase in calls to the volunteer intake sites.
- Extended time to approve applications.
- Inconsistent training for volunteer intake sites.
- Some sites lack access to computers.
- Some sites do not have a designated contact person at their CAA.
- Client calls do not go through or are not returned by their CAA.
- Inconsistent message from CAA's on required paperwork.

	Volunteer intake sites should be included on DSS mailing list.  CAFCA and CLASS will meet to discuss strategies to address the concerns of the volunteer intake sites as delineated in the informal survey conducted by CLASS.  CAFCA and CLASS will update the board on the recommended strategies.
Utility Matching Payment Program Updates	Utility Matching Payment Program Updates, as of November 30:  United Illuminating  1,655 auto enrolled customers 62 new enrolled customers CL&P/Yankee Gas 26,113 auto enrolled customers 263 new enrolled customers 1,002 customers in the below budget payment plan
	<ul> <li>SCG</li> <li>12,333auto enrolled customers</li> <li>1,080 new enrolled customers</li> <li>82 customers in the below budget payment plan</li> <li>CNG</li> <li>10,676 auto enrolled customers</li> <li>2,401 new enrolled customers</li> <li>64 customers in the below budget payment plan</li> </ul>
Operation Fuel	Operation Fuel received \$1million from the state, NU has committed a donation of \$1 million and anticipated \$1 million through funding raising efforts by Operation Fuel.  Grant awards are up to \$500 for eligible applicants. As of December 7, the program served 80 households.
Next Steps	The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4 at CRT.



### STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

December 23, 2011

Senator Toni Harp, Co-Chair Representative Toni Walker, Co-Chair Appropriations Committee

Senator John Fonfara, Co-Chair Representative Vickie Nardello, Co-Chair Energy and Technology Committee

Senator Anthony Musto, Co-Chair Representative Peter Tercyak, Co-Chair Human Services Committee

Dear Co-Chairs of the Legislative Committees of Cognizance,

As you may know, the recent omnibus appropriations bill includes increased funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Based on the projections provided by the Congressional Research Service, it is expected that Connecticut will receive a total of \$79.5 million in LIHEAP funding, which is \$17.9 million more than was originally assumed in the allocation plan approved by the legislature.

As a result of this additional funding, we are proposing: (1) a \$140 supplemental payment to utility heated households; (2) an additional safety net benefit of \$400 to CEAP eligible deliverable fuel heated households; and (3) extending the end date for intake from March 15 to May 1 (May 15 for utility heated customers with disconnect notices), consistent with prior years. To ensure that any additional benefits are targeted to those most in need and also meaningful, we are not recommending any changes to the benefits already approved for households served under the Contingency Heating Assistance Program.

I have attached our proposed FFY 2012 LIHEAP Projections/Benefits for your review and consideration as was requested by the committees in September. Because we want to proceed to implementation as quickly as possible to ensure that Connecticut's most vulnerable residents have access to needed fuel as this winter progresses, please advise me at your earliest convenience regarding the results of your review and consideration of the revised plan.

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Benjamin Barnes

Secretary

c: Roderick Bremby, Commissioner, Department of Social Services
Senator Robert Kane, Ranking Member, Appropriations Committee
Representative Craig Miner, Ranking Member, Appropriations Committee
Senator Kevin Witkos, Ranking Member, Energy and Technology Committee
Representative Laura Hoydick, Ranking Member, Energy and Technology Comm.
Senator Joseph Markley, Ranking Member, Human Services Committee
Representative Lile Gibbons, Ranking Member, Human Services Committee

RENTAL ASSI	STANCE BENEEL	18	
		Alloca	ation Plan
Level	Households	Benefit	Total Cost
		<u>Options</u>	
1	1,633	\$20	\$32,656
2	503	15	7,550
3	397	10	3,973
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		Total	··\$44,179

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Level	Households	Benefit	Total Cost
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1	29,520	\$255	\$7,527,702
2	10,859	220	2,388,901
3	12,082	195	2,355,928
4	9,727	175	1,702,246
·	62,188		\$13,974,776
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1	14,188		\$3,121,290
2	4,720	195	920,306
3	5,663	175	990,990
	24,570		\$5,032,586
CHAP	32,836	\$100	\$3,283,592
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	119,594	Total	\$29,474,805
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2	3,894	475	1,849,650
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4	3,488	375	-1,308,000
	22,301		\$10,609,755
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Non-Vulnerable:		÷	
1	5,088	<b>\$</b> 495	\$2,518,560
2	1,692	450	761,400
3	2,031	400	812,400
3	8,811		\$4,092,360
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CHAP	15,598	\$300	\$4,679,376
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	46,710	Total	\$19,187,676
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	Households	Benefit	Total Cost
1st Benefit	23,334	\$400	\$9,333,600
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3rd Benefit	13,381	400	5,352,240
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Fi	unds Committed and	і ехрепаеа	93%
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\$22,338,079

Total

į	4.0%	Increase in Caseload Levels
ſ	\$79,530,774	Block Grant
ļ	0	Carry Forward
1	0	Contingency Dollars
I	\$79,530,774	Funds Available

\$44,179	Rental Assistance	
29,474,805	Basic Benefits	
19,187,676	Crisis Assistance	
22,338,079	Safety Net Assistance	
100,000	SNAP Benefit	
500,000	Assurance 16	
7,953,077	Administration	
\$79,597,817	Total	
79,530,774	Funds Available	
(\$67,043)	Difference	

Total Househol	ds
62,188	Vulnerable [72%]
24,570	Non-Vulnerable [28%]
86,758	Subtotal
32,836	CHAP [27%]
119,594	Subtotal CEAP plus CHAP Households
2,533	Subtotal Rental Assistance Households
122,127	Total Households

Level	FPL
1	Up to 100%
2	101% - 125%
3	126% - 150%
4	151% - 200% (elderly/disabled)
CHAP	151% FPL - 60% SMI (non-elderly/disabled)

Caseload Gro	owth - FFY 11	
3.1%	ABCD (Bridgeport)	
2.4%	BCO (Bristol)	
7.1%	CACD (Danbury)	
6.2%	CRT (Hartford/Middletown)	
0.0%	TEAM (Derby)	
6.6%	HRA of NB (New Britain)	
-1.0%	CAANH (New Haven)	
7.0%	NEON (Norwalk)	
1.0%	TVCCA (Norwich)	
3.1%	CTE (Stamford)	
5.4%	NO (Waterbury/Meriden)	
3.6%	ACCESS (Willimantic)	
4.0%		

Safety Net - 1st benefit - vulnerable and non-vulnerable CEAP households Safety Net -2nd benefit - vulnerable and non-vulnerable CEAP households Safety Net - 3rd benefit - vulnerable CEAP households

APPLICATION DATA - January 3, 2012

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,	ABCD	BCO	CACD	CRT	TEAM	HRA	CAA	NEON	TVCCA	CTE	ON	ACCESS	Total
Applications Taken	5,830	1,672	2,891	15,454	2,726	2,610	6,345	1,190	6,169	1,416	16,990	6,205	69,498
Applications Approved													
CEAP Eligible	2,334	766	1,112	7,093	814	1,189	2,874	491	2.544	610	8.931	2.793	.37.551
SAFA Eligible	391	149	296	1,233	217	134	339	107	909	76	1,593	572	5.713
CHAP Eligible	1,175	426	733	3,312	428	413	902	255	1,446	289	3,625	1,541	14.545
Total Eligible	3,900	1,341	2,141	11,638	1,459	1,736	4,115	853	4,596	975	14,149	4,906	51,809
Applications Denled													
Over-Income/Assets	258	76	148	449	100	90	. 163	46	229		. 391	182	2.153
Rent Less Than 30%	10	τ-	.ღ	37	n	<del>-</del>	27	ŧ	4	<u> </u>	36		148
Incomplete (Non-Income)	35	7		50	12	6	10	*	. 74	,	33	3, 45	202
Incomplete (Income)	1,051	241	486	1,736	752	391	1,345	15	820	46	855	272	8.010
Total Denied	1,354	325	637	2,272	867	471	1,545	65	1,055	110	1,321	491	10,513
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Applications Pending Certification	576	φ.	113	1,544	400	403	685	272	518	331	1.520	. 808	7.176
Crisls Assistance		-	,				,						
CEAP	1,182	645	662	3,721	662	371	1,758	275	1,547	133	4,044	1,965	16,965
SAFA	257	118	168	712	163	28	255	99	379	33	879	386	3,474
CHAP	691	318	389	1,949	328	182	657	123	1,003	62	1,844	1,114	8,660
Total Crisis Assistance	2,130	1,081	1,219	6,382	1,153	611	2,670	464	2,929	228	797,9	3,465	29,099
Safety Net Assistance						,							
CEAP Hslds.	199	26	47	360	28	38	186	4	95	19	603	105	1.750
SAFA Hslds.	51	4	18	57	18	19	29	4	35	89	156	34	424
Total Safety Net	250	30	65	417	76	48	215	18	130	. 27	759	139	2,174

### CASELOAD COMPARISON

	2011/2012	2010/2011	% Change	2010/2011
	Jan. 3, 2012	Jan. 3, 2011	(FFY 2012 vs. FFY 2011)	Final
ABCD (Bridgeport)	5,830	8,497	-31.4%	13.661
BCO (Bristol)	1,672	2,686	-37.8%	4 739
CACD (Danbury)	2,891	3,567	-19.0%	5.334
CRT (Hartford/Middletown)	15,454	21,014	-26.5%	33,720
TEAM (Derby)	2,726	3,560	-23.4%	5.002
HRAofNB (New Britain)	2,610	3,348	-22.0%	5,426
CAAofNH (New Haven)	6,345	7,914	-19.8%	15,073
NEON (Norwalk)	1,190	2.004	40.6%	2 938
TVCCA (Norwich)	6,169	7.227	-14.6%	10 118
CTE (Stamford)	1,416	1,840	-23.0%	3 190
NO (Waterbury/Meriden)	16,990	18,881	-10.0%	26.627
ACCESS (Willimantic)	6,205	7,409	-16.3%	9,386
Statewide	69,498	87.947	.21 0%	43A 71A
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### ELIGIBLE CASELOAD COMPARISON

	2011/2012	2010/2011	% Change	2010/2011
The state of the s	Jan. 3, 2012	Jan. 3, 2011	(FFY 2012 vs. FFY 2011)	Final
ABCD (Bridgeport)	3,900	6,327	-38.4%	12.000
BCO (Bristol)	1,341	1,834	-26.9%	3,449
CACD (Danbury)	2,141	2,789	-23.2%	4.667
CRT (Hartford/Middletown)	11,638	17,780	-34.5%	29,503
TEAM (Derby)	1,459	2,398	-39.2%	4.103
HRAofNB (New Britain)	1,736	1,827	-5.0%	4.309
CAAofNH (New Haven)	4,115	5,416	-24.0%	12.922
NEON (Norwalk)	853	1,672	-49.0%	2.598
TVCCA (Norwich)	4,596	5,383	-14.6%	8,806
CTE (Stamford)	975	1,370	-28.8%	2.686
NO (Waterbury/Meriden)	14,149	16,650	-15.0%	24.357
ACCESS (Willimantic)	4,906	6,084	-19.4%	8,476
Statewide	51,809	69,530	-25.5%	117.876

# UTILITY MATCHING PAYMENT PROGRAM DATA - Monthly Enrollments

(to be completed and submitted monthly)

12/31/2011			Total				Total
	CL&P	5	Electric	CNG	SCG	YGS	Natural Gas
# of customers "auto enrolled"		1869	1869				0
# of customers "new"		09	09				0
TOTAL ENROLLED	0	1929	1929	0	0		0
# of customers "below budget"		91	91				0

# UTILITY MATCHING PAYMENT PROGRAM DATA - Monthly Enrollments

(to be completed and submitted monthly)

			Total		1 - 1		Total
	CL&P	II	Electric	CNG	SCG	YGS	Natural Gas
# of customers "auto enrolled"			0	10,676	12,333		23,009
# of customers "new"			0	3,920	1,775		5,695
TOTAL ENROLLED	0	0	0	14,596	14,108		28,704
# of customers "below budget"			0	150	420	APLIANCY .	
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PHASE 2			Total				Total
	CL&P	15	Electric	CNG	SCG	YGS	Natural Gas
# of customers "auto enrolled"			0	0	0		C
# of customers "new"			0	0	0		ò
TOTAL ENROLLED	0	0	0	0	0		
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# of customers "below budget"			0	0	0		
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Operation Fuel Fuel Bank Name	2011-2012 Winter Program Number of Applications Grant	
Avon- Gifts of Love	6	3,000
Bloomfield Social & Youth Services	6	3,000
Bridgeport - First Baptist Fuel Bank	25	12,200
Cheshire Youth & Social Services Fuel Bank	1	500
Christian Community Action of New Haven	6	3,000
Colchester Fuel Bank	6	3,000
CTE - Stamford	4	2,000
Danbury - Community Action Committee of Danbury	1	500
Danielson Methodist Church Fuel Fund	14	7,000
Derby - TEAM, inc.	10	5,000
East Hampton Volunteer Food & Fuel Bank	1	500
East Hartford Fuel Bank	5	2,500
Ellington Fuel Bank	4	2,000
Enfield Neighborhood Services	8	4,000
Granby Emergency Fuel Bank	1	500
Greenwich Fuel Bank	2	775
Groton Human Services	2	350
Guilford Social Services	1	500
Hartford - Community Renewal Team	7	3,500
Hartford - Salvation Army	13	6,500
Hebron - Russell Mercier Senior Center	1	500
Manchester Area Conference of Churches	11	5,500
Meriden - New Opportunities of Greater Meriden	8	4,000
Middlebury Operation Fuel	2	1,000
Middletown - St. Vincent Depaul	17	8,500
New Britain - Mary Knowles Memorial Fuel Bank	2	1,000
New Haven Community Fuel Bank	21	10,500
New London - TVCCA	1	500
New Milford Community Fuel Bank	13	6,380
Newtown Fuel Bank	1	500
North Branford Fuel Bank	2	1,000
Norwich Catholic Charities	2	1,000
Norwich Human Services	7	3,500
Plymouth Fuel Bank	2	1,000
Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group	2	1,000
Three Angels Adventist Fuel Bank	4	2,000
Wallingford Fuel Bank	1	500
Waterbury - New Opportunities, Inc.	11 *1	5,500
Wast Hartford Pent of Human Sarvices		150
West Hartford Dept. of Human Services	2	1,000
Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM)	1 0	500 3.616
Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM)	8	3,616
Windsor Fuel Bank Windsor Looks Social Sorvings	3	1,500
Windsor Locks Social Services		500
Total	247	\$121,471

<sup>\*</sup>utility payment to avoid shutoff
\*\* 6 grant requests were made for utility assistance