

**Low Income Energy Advisory Board Meeting**  
Thursday September 14, 2023, 11:32AM-11:53AM

**Minutes (Approved)**

**Members in attendance:** Claire E. Coleman (Chair), Nora Duncan (Vice Chair), , Frank M. Augieri Jr. (designee for Marissa Gillet), Jessica Gouveia (designee for Claire E. Coleman), Mike Turaj (designee for Op Fuel), Cindy Guerreri and Katie Wilt, Ruth Swift, April Salazar, Bonnie Roswig, Becca Trietch (designee for Katie Dykes), Cassandra Norfleet-Johnson (designee for Andrea Barton Reeves) , Zani Imetovski, Yessenia Santiago-Bejarano

**Absent:** Lisa Rosso, Jaime Soto, Theresa Washington, Joanne Whistnant, Kathleen Wasilnak Nicole Lawton, Christian Herb, Rich Hanratty Greg Kirschner, Alicia Dolce, Angel Battle

*Chair Woman Claire E. Coleman:* We don't have an official quorum however, we can proceed so long as DEEP is comfortable while official business conduct cannot be conducted, barring any objections, we can move on to the agenda item which is DEEP's presentation on Weatherization Assistance Program which is review of the programs Request for Proposal. *The meeting was held via Zoom at 11:32AM.*

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1. Roll call/Approve minutes	Y. Santiago-Bejarano, roll call	
2. Public comments	No members of the public presented comments.	
3. Weatherization Assistance Program	Becca Trietch, from DEEP, presented on <a href="#">Weatherization Program</a> which is a federally funded program that assists in providing energy efficiency of dwellings and safety barrier remediation to allow for energy efficiency upgrades. The dwellings served are single family units that are annually funded through the Department of Energy. Single family is defined as a single-family home up to 4 units. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) allows for multi-family dwellings which are 5 or more units to receive WAP benefits. The single family is split into two service providers with an estimated total of \$3.2 million funding. The two service providers can service an average of 130 single family units. We are hoping the multi-family units will have up to a five-year funding under the BIL which is up to \$7.4 million. The service provider would be able to service up to 884 units	

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	<p>statewide with a service contract for up to 3 years versus a one year. Through the WAP Request for Proposal. The two service providers selected are Community Renewal Team (CRT) and Center for EcoTechnology (CET) to provide services for single family units. The multi-family service provider is the International Center for Appropriate &amp; Sustainable Technology (ICast). While contracts have not been signed we are working under good faith. Contracts are expected to be finalized by early November with a service term of three years to allow for continuity of services. CRT and NOI were the prior service providers for the WAP single family home and they are working together in this transition to help minimize any layoffs during this transitional period.</p> <p>The Technical Consultant Request for Proposal is providing state monitoring for quality assurance/control as well as a variety of technical task. ( refer to Pg 7 Slide deck). The deadline for proposals to DEEP is October 3, 2023 with a goal to have the technical consultant start as early as 2024.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>Q: Chairwoman Coleman: How does this align with the new remediation and health and safety barriers?</p> <p>A: Becca Trietch- Referrals are taken from the WAP program for the RREPS program, upon completion of remediation barriers they are referred back to the WAP Program for completion of services. Weatherization Readiness Funds, which are delivered by DOE through the WAP funding process are also being allocated to support barrier remediation through</p>	

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	the RREPS program in addition to the LIHEAP funding that DSS has provided for RREPS. A large thank you to DSS for continuing to support the RREPS program as the need for health and safety remediation is very large in Connecticut.	
4. Announcements	Chairwoman Coleman noted next meeting is on October 4 <sup>th</sup> . There was a LIEAB survey with questions regarding meeting format and preferences of the meetings, this Survey may also be completed anonymously and was sent out earlier in the week. The survey deadline is the end of this week so the feedback may be reviewed and discussed for the upcoming agenda meeting items.	Complete LIEAB Survey by 9/15/23.
4. Adjournment	11:53AM	Motion by Nora Duncan and second by Ruth Swift.

**Next meeting: October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**