

05/06/2021 EWR Low Income Workgroup Meeting Chat History

[9:05 AM] Martin Kushler (Guest)

Can someone put a link to the ALICE report in the chat?

[9:08 AM] "Julie Cassidy, MLPP, she/her (Guest)"

<https://www.uwmich.org/alice>

[9:09 AM] Martin Kushler (Guest)

Thanks

[9:24 AM] Walker, David (LARA)

Sorry, I missed it. What was the HHSB \$ for family of 4?

[9:24 AM] David Becker (Guest)

Is this unique to Michigan? Wondering how this compares nationally, as far as these labor splits.

Thanks

[9:24 AM] Dan Blair - MECA (Guest)

Can we tell people that have to work multiple part jobs?

[9:26 AM] Voisin, Glenn (DHHS-Contractor)

Does the report show how many households move above ALICE each year? And how many drop below ALICE each year?

[9:31 AM] Nat M. Zorach, AICP, MBA (Guest)

David Becker I'm not sure about the split, but the way I'm looking at it, it comes down to the fact that our economy is stagnant in comparison to other ones that are growing AND have higher indicators of human development

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[9:34 AM] Nat M. Zorach, AICP, MBA (Guest)

Great example is how companies like GM will hire six-figure-range engineers from out of state to work remotely, but won't hire entry-level white collar workforce locally in the 50k range-- there is no trickle-down or economic multiplier from the former

[9:39 AM] Ben Dueweke (Guest)

<https://unitedforalice.org/state-overview/michigan>

[9:39 AM] Sean Reed (Guest)

I have primarily seen a focus on creating new STEM jobs in Michigan as a point of leverage in moving workers out of ALICE. However, not every worker is going to be a STEM worker. In an economy that works for everybody, what do we see as the greatest point of leverage in growing a STEAM workforce in the state that is above ALICE?

[9:40 AM] Sean Reed (Guest)

No, STEAM, which includes arts and humanities.

[9:42 AM] Slaughter, Derrell (Guest)

Can you describe the ways in which different local governments, non-profits, etc. have use the ALICE data to design programs to address poverty?

[9:44 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

Can you then help me understand what the takeaway is for this group on this data? Is there data on ALICE and energy costs or health care costs with EQ issues? Does this play into workforce housing needs? Do we need to rethink where we place low-income EE program thresholds?

[9:45 AM] Banks, Brad (LARA)

Brett, that sounds like its more directed to me than Nancy. Do you want me to ask her?

[9:46 AM] Goldberg, Laura (Guest)

how much of the essential household budget used for ALICE is for energy costs? Are energy costs a part of housing costs?

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[9:46 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

I was late Brad so I may have misunderstood something.

[9:46 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

Up to you if you think we should hold off. I am just trying to connect the dots!

[9:49 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

Laura - I hope I got that right!

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[9:51 AM] Goldberg, Laura (Guest)

you did thanks brett

[9:52 AM] Ben Dueweke (Guest)

Agreed. Thanks - good question Brett / Laura

[9:54 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

Thank you!

[9:57 AM] Sandra Pearson (Guest)

The housing cost average of \$500-600 seems quite low, especially if it includes utilities.

[9:57 AM] Nat M. Zorach, AICP, MBA (Guest)

i gotta run but this was great. thanks everyone :)

[9:58 AM] Goldberg, Laura (Guest)

this is what i found in the methodology: : The housing budget for a single adult is based on HUD's median rent for a one-bedroom apartment (rather than an efficiency apartment used in the Survival Budget) at the FMR of 50th percentile. For one adult with children, the budget is based on a two-bedroom apartment at the median rent. Housing for a family of four is based on the American Community Survey's median monthly owner costs for those with a mortgage (instead of rent for a two-bedroom apartment used in the Survival Budget). Real estate taxes are included in the taxes category (below) for households with a mortgage. Adjustments are made for variation within a metropolitan area through the American Community Survey's 5-year estimates of Median Gross Rent, as discussed in the Household Survival Budget.

[9:59 AM] Goldberg, Laura (Guest)

do people know if HUD's median rent #s include utility costs?

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[9:59 AM] Sandra Pearson (Guest)

HUD calculations assume the household is receiving rent subsidiary which only includes 30% or so of households that qualify. I'll look more into this.

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[10:00 AM] Sandra Pearson (Guest)

HUD's rent subsidy does include a utility schedule to include as a cost of housing.

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[10:08 AM] Sandra Pearson (Guest)

This is a great tool. It does sadden me

[10:09 AM] Sandra Pearson (Guest)

Oops, I hit enter too soon. I'm saddened that the data for housing is based on data from assisted people. It makes sense, but it means there are so many more households even more burdened with their budgets.

[10:13 AM] Banks, Brad (LARA)

Nancy Lindman nlindman@uwmich.org

[10:30 AM] Lisa Ritter (Guest)

Did Ms. M only receive a furnace and roof? Any insulation or duct sealing?

[10:32 AM] Yvonne K. Lewis (Guest)

and new stair way not just rail (smile)

[10:36 AM] Ben Dueweke (Guest)

Was the all-electric home all-electric prior to the intervention? Or was this a fuel-switching job?

[10:37 AM] Yvonne K. Lewis (Guest)

yes all electric no fuel switching

[10:37 AM] Ben Dueweke (Guest)

Thank you.

[10:44 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

Only 9 homes with ventilation needs? That is very surprising as many of the homes we go in have are severely underventilated. Also what about gas stoves? We see many that are failing their testing.

[10:46 AM] Tina Reynolds (MEC) (Guest)

Wondering if DTE & Consumers are working lawmakers on the Health and Safety Fund Approps line item in this years budget too? You both had very meaningfull and successful pilots on this and have

great connections to help gain lawmaker support. Looks like House has only a \$100 placeholder and no funding Senate version at all for the Health and Safety Fund.

[10:47 AM] Lisa Ritter (Guest)

If you're not able to address the ventilation, please refer to the Weatherization Program

[10:48 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

Good point Lisa! I see the COVID relief bill in DEC released millions to address these deferral issues and ventilation. Does anyone know if this is working practice and not just theory in MI? Where?

[10:49 AM] Yvonne K. Lewis (Guest)

Agree with David on the funding.

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[10:50 AM] Alexis Blizman (Guest)

This is a statewide need. There is no money beyond DTE and Consumers territory.

[10:50 AM] Aileen Gow (Guest)

Looking forward to partnering with you Yvonne!

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[10:50 AM] Scott Alan Davis (Guest)

This is very helpful and exciting. Thanks David and Yvonne!!!

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[10:51 AM] Ben Dueweke (Guest)

Implementing on large scale has large workforce development and jobs implications as well as we put people to work repairing homes, remediating asbestos, weatherizing, etc

[10:52 AM] Ben Dueweke (Guest)

The state is interested in jobs and workforce and seems like there is a lot of money flowing around in this space. Worth being intentional about tying the programs to jobs when communicating with legislators.

[10:52 AM] Sandra Pearson (Guest)

David, Yvonne, I would be happy to meet with your government relations people to help support the effort. Is it in the realm of possibilities to have Jessica/Yvonne/Thom/David present to each caucus? The more lawmakers who see the presentation, the better.

[10:53 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

It's true even the action agencies are concerned they cannot find people to do the work. At least here kent co.

[10:54 AM] Scott Alan Davis (Guest)

I agree with Ben!

[10:56 AM] Lisa Ritter (Guest)

I would be happy to send you the complete list of CAAs for reaching out and connecting with Weatherization wherever you are located.

[10:58 AM] Lisa Ritter (Guest)

[Agency Locator Map - Michigan Community Action \(micommunityaction.org\)](http://micommunityaction.org)

[10:58 AM] Sandra Pearson (Guest)

Nice presentation, Jess!

[10:58 AM] Jessica Halstead (Guest)

that would be wonderful Lisa. My email is jhalstead@habitatmichigan.org. Thank you!

[10:59 AM] Tina Reynolds (MEC) (Guest)

Tina Reynolds (MEC) tina@environmentalcouncil.org

[10:59 AM] Alexis Blizman (Guest)

Alexis Blizman, Ecology Center - email: alexis@ecocenter.org

[11:10 AM] Martin Kushler (Guest)

What is an average or typical cost of the solar component? & what size?

[11:12 AM] Andrew McNeally (Guest)

Marty, the typical size has been 1.375 to 1.75kW systems

[11:15 AM] Lisa Ritter (Guest)

Do you partner with the DOE Weatherization Programs already established in those areas in the U.P?

[11:15 AM] Tonya Swenor (Guest)

Just the Home Energy Score program at this time.

[11:19 AM] Lisa Ritter (Guest)

If there is only \$500 of weatherization measures performed on the home, please refer the client to the DOE WAP.

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[11:21 AM] Lisa Ritter (Guest)

It does not make sense for these wonderful programs to provide only a portion of what the home needs for energy efficiency. Referrals to other sources should be utilized every time a home is left with issues that cannot be handled with existing funding.

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[11:22 AM] Tonya Swenor (SWP) (Guest)

We refer them to their local Community Action Agency which has WAP funds. We asked the local Marquette office if we could provide our HES report to the local office and they said no because they do their own assessments. We are happy to collaborate!

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[11:26 AM] Lisa Ritter (Guest)

Each home would require an Energy Audit to follow DOE guidelines for the WAP, so there is no need for the extra reports provided.

[11:32 AM] Ben Dueweke (Guest)

Great meeting Brad, thanks all.