

EWR Low Income Workgroup Chat – 09/02/2021

[9:03 AM] Policastro, Kirstin

I am hearing some interference with audio -- its sounds like a fax machine ? Any way to mute it?
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[9:04 AM] Yvonne K. Lewis

I am hearing the ringing sound to

[9:05 AM] Policastro, Kirstin

No

[9:05 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

a lot of feedback

[9:05 AM] Denise E Allard

bad connection

[9:12 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

Do you mean those help stop **deferrals? That is, plumbing and minor home repair?**

[9:13 AM] Aileen Gow

plumbing repairs are critical. high water and sewage bills are impacting residents.

[9:14 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

Does the plumbing consider water conservation and lower flow rates?

[9:16 AM] Annika Brindel

Good news: efficient WaterSense fixtures do not cost more up-front than standard (inefficient) fixtures.

[9:17 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

Thanks!

[9:18 AM] Zorach, Nathaniel:(PHI)

Really would love to see most of that LIHEAP money to be used for weatherization and retrofits

[9:19 AM] Martin Kushler

Only \$5 million out of \$240 million?

[9:19 AM] Ben Dueweke

Just to clarify - is that to say of \$240M only \$5M will go to Wx?

[9:20 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

Is there anyway to look at carbon savings instead of Savings to investment ratio? Has anyone asked?

[9:21 AM] Ben Dueweke

Totally understand the boom bust capacity issue associated with one-time resources, but it does seem likely that there will be sustained investment in Energy Efficiency in the future and I think this could be a huge potential catalyst to be proactive in growing the industry.

[9:22 AM] Martin Kushler

Seems like that admin issue is something the state needs to address promptly. A shame to not use more of those \$ for Wx.

[9:22 AM] Ben Dueweke

Can could more LIHEAP be leveraged for Wx if (sustainable) workforce / career development programs were paired with them (maybe using other ARP dollars?)

[9:23 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

I 2nd Ben. Right now we have a contractor shortage too so we need more training there.

[9:25 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

Sounds like we need to contact our legislators. Too bad this was not in infrastructure. Should have been in there.

[9:25 AM] Martin Kushler

Anybody been watching the news lately? We have a climate crisis going on. This is not a time for 'business as usual'. Hopefully someone will take on this mission.

[9:27 AM] Martin Kushler

Hopefully DOE would have interest in being flexible on requirements.

[9:30 AM] Goldberg, Laura

thanks for all the context maddy. maybe for a future discussion we can better understand what onboarding/capacity requirements have some flexibility at the state level and which need to change federally. and yes to Ben's comment - seems like some modifications to workforce training and onboarding will be needed in the future.

[9:31 AM] Goldberg, Laura

it all seems like a good reminder that these one time increases are problematic for implementation - and longer-term increases will be more beneficial in the current structure.

[9:46 AM] Ben Dueweke

This is an extremely helpful breakdown. Thank you MAddy

[9:49 AM] Aileen Gow

Could this be coordinated with existing utility programs?
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[9:50 AM] Kamalay, Maddy (DHHS)

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[10:05 AM] Yvonne K. Lewis

Guillermo Diaz - this would be a good group to follow and see the results and glean concepts from
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[10:09 AM] Kamalay, Maddy (DHHS)
I'd be happy to discuss this!

[10:09 AM] Ernest Cawvey (Guest)
Have these slides been sent out? Thanks,

[10:17 AM] Ernest Cawvey (Guest)
Can we get a copy of the SDOH slides, Ninah?

[10:23 AM] Ernest Cawvey (Guest)
How can we partner with MDHHS to support system interoperability and connect health and social service data?

[10:38 AM] Nat M. Zorach (Guest)
thanks everyone

[10:38 AM] Aileen Gow
good meeting...thanks!