

Affordability, Alignment and Assistance Subcommittee

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Meeting Overview

- EAAC update
- Meeting structure/roadmap
- Feedback
- Recap of last meetings
- Review goals list and progress thus far
 - Survey
- Next Steps and updates

*Slides and materials will be shared by email after the meeting



EAAC Update

- Thank you for your participation and all the work accomplished in 2021
- Interim Report submitted and is available on the EAAC Documents page
- Commission is deliberating next steps based on recommendations from the Interim Report and will provide guidance in the coming weeks
- EAAC work is continuing in through the subcommittees in the meantime
- The Data and Regulatory Analysis Subcommittee will start work in late winter or early spring

Goals Structure

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- Choose a goal
- Solicit input on changes members would like to see in said program or goal using the guiding question/subcommittee charge parameters

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- Research the goal
- Have organization who runs that program (utilities/Staff/DHHS) provide background knowledge/limitations of that program

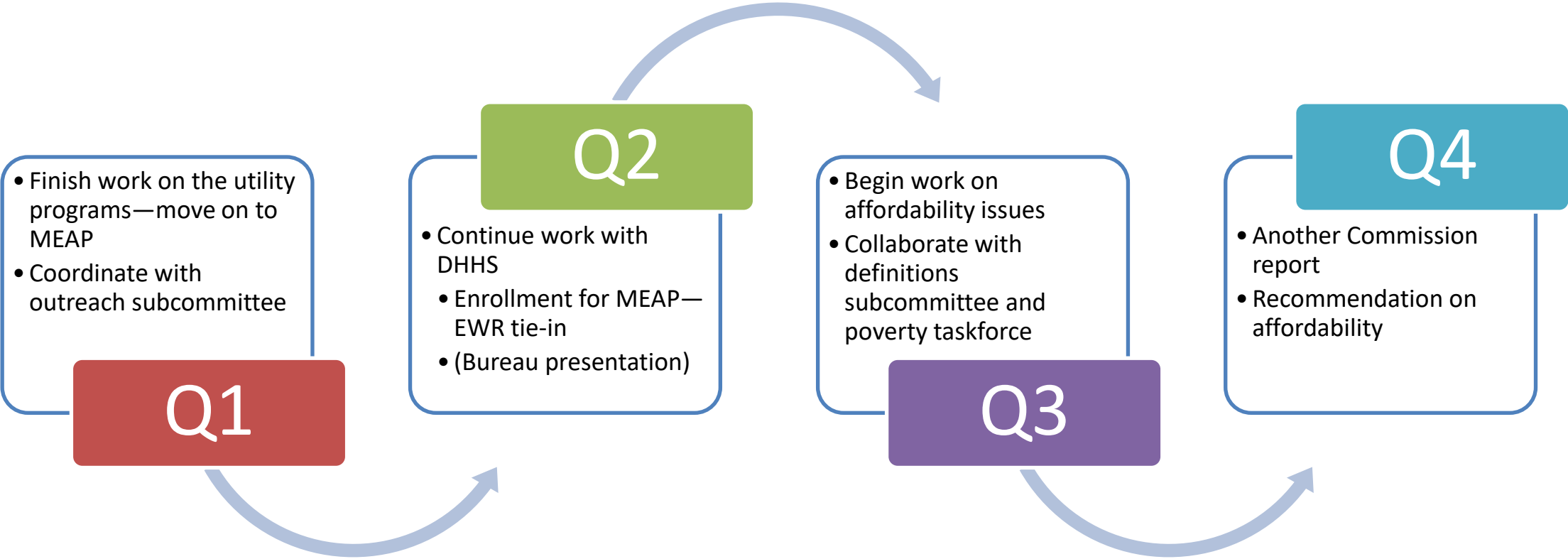
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- Identify solutions
- Bring to EAAC for greater review—October 20 meeting

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- If appropriate, collaborate with the responsible organization
- Propose to the Commission

Potential Timeline for 2022



*This timeline is tentative and subject to change based on the priorities of the AAA members

*If anything changes in the utilities' or DHHS' low-income programs, please come to us to present on it

Member Feedback

- Any general feedback or urgent concerns
- Anything related to the December Report
- Direction of the AAA
- We'll have a progress survey later regarding our goals

From Last Meetings...

- Discussed streamlining the enrollment process with DHHS
 - Many hurdles to auto-enrolling SNAP and Medicaid customers in utility assistance—mainly different household count considerations
- Discovered the majority of enrollment occurs in the MI Bridges portal. MI Bridges connects customers to several applications that take 18 minutes to fill out. They also connect applicants to many other services.

*Goals list is updated with our learnings

Why we started with Enrollment/Education

- The EAAC didn't have a definition of "affordable," so we couldn't start on affordability.
- The outreach subcommittee had to get up and running, so we couldn't start making large decisions without more input.
- Education was the logical first step, since we all must have the same knowledge before making decisions.
- Now we can start making more policy decisions
- I know this process has seemed slow, so thank you for your patience.

Goals Discussion

What have we accomplished?
How is our enrollment journey going?
What do we still need to accomplish?

[Survey](#)



Michigan Public Service Commission

Rate Case/Legislative Updates

- [Michigan Gas Utilities](#)—RIA and LIA
- [Alpena Power Company](#)—RIA in Settlement Agreement/Order
- [CE PIPP](#)—Order coming soon
- [CE Gas](#) rate case was filed
- Legislative [proposal](#) to end asset limits on SNAP
- MI Poverty Taskforce trying to get HHC integrated into SER application on MI Bridges
- [DTE Gas Order](#)—expanding eligibility to 200%
 - Commission does not have authority over this legislative mandate. Pg. 217

*If you know of any developments in the low-income field, let us know

Next Steps

