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**Energy Accessibility and Affordability Collaborative
Outreach and Education Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022**

1. Introductions and Icebreaker

Attendees shared name, organization, and title. Icebreaker question: What are you looking forward to doing in our subcommittee this year? What makes you happy?

2. Review of Group Agreements

- *Be accountable and active listening to others*
- *Use "I" Statements when speaking*
- *We are here for a bigger purpose -*
- *Celebrate each other's sharing/ideas.*
- *Agree to disagree.*
- *Contribute to a space of care, keep each other safe.*
- *Practice making space for others when you have talked a lot and speak up when you can. Call in others.*
- *Lead with impact over intentions, ask for clarification from a place of curiosity when in doubt. Let us be mindful of our actions.*
- *Umoja principle - if you want to go fast go alone if you want to go far go together*
- *Take the time to address issues in the moment, reflect on issues in real-time, take responsibility to honor our commitments*

3. Announcements

- EAAC 2022 kick off meeting Wed. Feb. 16.
- EWR Low-income workgroup, March 3 meeting on Energy Equity, and Environmental Justice
- MPSC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiative will be introduced at an upcoming combined meeting

4. Review Goal and Teams

- Community listening sessions
 - Potential for collaboration with MI Power Grid town halls
 - Could include a survey to identify barriers
 - Have resources available at the town halls and deal with immediate barriers
 - Everyone can educate one
- Immediate assistance resources and education for listening sessions

5. Level setting & discussion regarding how can we best work together

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- Listening sessions are important for communities to feel heard
- Listening sessions require all hands-on deck
- Overcoming small obstacles – identifying barriers and ensuring access
- Is there an opportunity to broaden access to provide more input? Perhaps there is a way to solicit the input of people's stories and experiences orally through a virtual recording mechanism. Would need to work out how that could be created and managed but this could provide increased access to share experiences and concerns

6. Next Steps