

## **EWR Low Income Workgroup Chat 10/07/21**

[9:20 AM] Andrew McNeally

Please add Upper Peninsula Power Company to the utility outreach contacts.

[9:20 AM] Jim Van Sickle

On the utility level, does this tie in to the existing EWR plans for cost and energy savings?

[9:22 AM] Jim Van Sickle

Thanks. Yes it does.

[9:23 AM] Ben Dueweke

Seems like this is a good opportunity to at least discuss decarbonization with all clients regardless of whether they express interest in it, thoughts?

[9:24 AM] Ben Dueweke

Excellent, thanks

[9:28 AM] Kamalay, Maddy (DHHS)

What kind of qualifications do the student workers in this program need? Are they a particular major?

[9:29 AM] Ben Dueweke

Great point from Brad about low hanging fruit. Wondering if part of the IAC charge is to do aggregate research as to what energy efficiency opportunities look like in the industrial sector in 2022 and beyond (I think that question was just answered) but then how this info is going to be shared with the broader public.

[9:32 AM] Regiana (I&M) (Guest)

Brad, can you post the contact information for Mr. Berghorn or the prior referenced webpage link so I can pass onto the appropriate person at I&M?

[9:33 AM] Kristen Cetin (Guest)

<https://iac.university/> - see "IAC Database" part way down the page

[9:34 AM] Banks, Brad (LARA)

Berghorn, George [berghorn@msu.edu](mailto:berghorn@msu.edu)

[9:35 AM] Regiana (I&M) (Guest)

Thank you

[9:35 AM] Banks, Brad (LARA)

Kristen Cetin [cetinkri@msu.edu](mailto:cetinkri@msu.edu)

[9:36 AM] Joel Howrani Heeres

Can i offer this as a service to our industrial stakeholders in Detroit?

[9:37 AM] Gronlund

Can you recruit interns from other universities? The UM MPH program requires a summer internship, and this might be good for someone with industrial hygiene or healthy homes interests (need to train more people to do this in homes).

[9:40 AM] Goldberg, Laura

is there room to recruit community members in disadvantaged communities - or does this have to be student work?

[9:40 AM] Kamalay, Maddy (DHHS)  
MPH = Master of Public Health

[9:41 AM] Banks, Brad (LARA)  
Thanks Maddy!  
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[9:43 AM] Sylvia Orduño  
Related to last point would be ideal to create training opps for residents at the community college level. WCCCD has been excellent at partnering in these types of initiatives for low income residents of color, in particular.

[9:44 AM] Goldberg, Laura  
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[9:44 AM] Kristen Cetin (Guest)  
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[9:44 AM] Goldberg, Laura  
and those community colleges may also be a great way to reach out to businesses - plus community orgs. there may also be room to coorindate with the utilities on their low-income EWR program outreach  
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[9:54 AM] Sylvia Orduño  
On a related note, residents need trusted, vetted, referral sources for home repair devices & quotes too. It's difficult for seniors & low income residents to know where to look, who to trust & if the rates/costs are reasonable & work is guaranteed.

[9:55 AM] Banks, Brad (LARA)  
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[10:05 AM] Ben Dueweke

To what extent is this tied into local programs (eg senior home repair programs in Detroit?) or is this more for state level resources?

[10:09 AM] Ben Dueweke

Great answer, thank you.

[10:15 AM] Goldberg, Laura

Detroit roof \$ - <https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2021/10/01/30-million-home-repair-program-low-income-residents/5928405001/>

[10:16 AM] Goldberg, Laura

thanks!!

[10:17 AM] Goldberg, Laura

and those new statewide health and safety \$ -

<https://www.environmentalcouncil.org/michigan-budget-includes-big-wins-for-healthy-homes>  
Michigan budget includes big wins for healthy homes - Michigan Environmental Council

[10:25 AM] Martin Kushler

Can you please describe what might be possible in terms of getting a larger share of LIHEAP funds to be used for weatherization?

[10:27 AM] Aimee Gendusa-English

NCAP's WX Month Toolkit can be accessed at <https://communityactionpartnership.com/energy-month/>.

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[10:31 AM] Martin Kushler

When you say "LIHEAP office", is that federal?

[10:34 AM] Martin Kushler

Thank-you for being willing to work on this issue. We will need a LOT more weatherization work done to have any chance of meeting the Governor's climate goals for GHG reduction.

[10:38 AM] Brittany Turner (she/her) EcoWorks (Guest)

Is there a virtual option for attending Weatherization Day?

[10:40 AM] Martin Kushler

Excellent point about the linkage of weatherization to energy affordability. That subject is being pursued in an Energy Affordability workgroup

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