

## EWR Low Income Workgroup Chat – 06/02/22

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

Is that 60 or 80% AMI match?

[10:14 AM] Goldberg, Laura

so just clarify those MF counts were buildings?

[10:14 AM] Goldberg, Laura

not units? are unit counts available?

[10:15 AM] Walker, David (LARA)

Is PUMA essentially aggregating census tracts until there are at least 100,000 people?

[10:19 AM] Goldberg, Laura

what does it mean to be a served household? could it simply be someone getting an assessment? was there any review of what types of measures and EE work was done? could a household be considered served with a few lightbulbs? but that household may still not be served in other ways

[10:20 AM] Julie Cassidy, MLPP, she/her (Guest)

Has there been any analysis of how these maps align with historical redlining maps?

[10:20 AM] Goldberg, Laura

ya sorry bad connection right now would

[10:20 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

To add to Laura's question I would be curious if there a list of items not completed that need to be done.

[10:20 AM] Goldberg, Laura

you mind reading? thanks brad!

[10:23 AM] Maria Ellingson

So to clarify, HHs that just received light bulbs and energy education from a simple audit are not included as "served"?

[10:23 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

You can skip mine Brad, I think I know the answer.

[10:24 AM] Ritter, Lisa (DHHS-Contractor)

Please note that "weatherization" is not the Dept. of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program in this case

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[10:25 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

Good point Lisa, I wonder too if these maps can be aligned with MDHHS weatherization or deferrals.  
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[10:32 AM] Kamalay, Maddy (DHHS)  
DOE actually defines elderly as people who are 60 years or older  
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[10:33 AM] Kamalay, Maddy (DHHS)  
And they let Michigan define "children" which we define as under 19 (so includes 18 year olds)  
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[10:34 AM] Andrea Salazar  
Is the household energy burden only heating energy burden or you're just stating that you included all fuels?

[10:35 AM] Susan Lindson  
how are you defining energy burden?

[10:41 AM] Kamalay, Maddy (DHHS)  
Is it possible for us to get access to these maps and the data behind them?  
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[10:43 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)  
Are there additional incentives with that criteria?  
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[10:46 AM] Gulker, Benjamin (DHHS)  
If this data is intended to leverage state and federal funding and resources, transparency will be critical,  
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[10:46 AM] Gulker, Benjamin (DHHS)  
(piggybacking on Maddy's comment)  
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[10:48 AM] Kamalay, Maddy (DHHS)  
**Gulker, Benjamin (DHHS)**

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This is very true. We would love to work with the utilities to bridge across regulatory barriers to lead to common sense collaboration with our federal funding in Weatherization.

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[10:51 AM] Jeana Swedenburg

Thank you everybody! Please let me know if you have any additional questions about the low income needs assessment. [Jeana.Swedenburg@cadmusgroup.com](mailto:Jeana.Swedenburg@cadmusgroup.com)  
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[10:54 AM] Brett Little GHI (Guest)

I have to go but for those interested in electrification there is a huge home expo focused just on this, in person in Ann Arbor on July 15th from 5 to 9 outside at the farmer market. Join us!  
<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Sustainability-Me/Families-Individuals/Pages/Home-Electrification-Expo.aspx>

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[10:56 AM] Kamalay, Maddy (DHHS)

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**Kamalay, Maddy (DHHS)**

How many of these programs are done in conjunction with DOE's WAP?

This was a question with respect to the Electrification programs map.

[11:01 AM] Goldberg, Laura

have to hop to another call - but looking forward to viewing these slides. great, critical topics today!

[11:20 AM] Nat M. Zorach, AICP, MBA (Guest)

Gotta hop! This is really good stuff, thanks. <3

[11:23 AM] Aileen Gow

Absolutely!

[11:25 AM] Martin Kushler

A modest proposal for those concerned with equity: With the exception of currently electric heated homes, conversion to heat pumps in cold climate states will typically not yield a cost savings for LI homes. If one is concerned that low-income households benefit equitably from state electrification policies and programs, the most economically beneficial approach for low-income homes would not be to try to achieve symbolic electrification of some LI homes, but rather, to take the total budget allocated to building electrification and allocate a desirable proportion of that cost to incremental funds to achieve comprehensive building efficiency improvements (i.e., weatherization) in LI homes. Building efficiency improvements should absolutely be the first priority for LI homes (and frankly, should be a required component to accompany heat pumps in any electrification program in cold climate states).

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[11:32 AM] Yvonne K. Lewis

Great Presentation Andrea - I would love to discuss work we are doing and comparisons and learnings

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[11:33 AM] Andrea Salazar

Yvonne, please feel free to reach out to me at [alsalazar@michaelsenergy.com](mailto:alsalazar@michaelsenergy.com)

[11:49 AM] Martin Kushler

Question for Matt: to what extent does your education approach for heat pumps emphasize the importance of having a highly efficient building shell?

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[11:49 AM] William Gallmeyer

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[11:57 AM] Martin Kushler

I can understand that it adds costs and complexity, but If the state does not prioritize building shell efficiency as a necessary component of heat pump initiatives, the electric grid will not be able to afford large scale electrification.

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[11:57 AM] Matt Candler

We have a cohort coming up in June! come join is or spread the word!!!! <https://mynextelectric.com/mcandler@gmail.com>

[11:58 AM] Matt Candler

our microgrid project if you're curious [https://www.nola.com/news/politics/article\\_050a777e-dbae-11ec-9e20-178a1f307ae4.html](https://www.nola.com/news/politics/article_050a777e-dbae-11ec-9e20-178a1f307ae4.html)

A new model for hurricane response? Nonprofit eyes churches, community centers as recovery hubs  
A LaPlace church that served food and organized volunteers after Hurricane Ida will be outfitted with solar panels in the first phase of a \$40 million project to create dozens