

EWR LI Workgroup Chat – 03/02/23

[9:09 AM] Brett Little, He/Him, GHI (Guest)

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[9:09 AM] Martin Kushler

Question for later if you don't have it in your presentation: Do you have any data on energy savings resulting from your home retrofits? (e.g., pre/post energy usage data)

[9:19 AM] Brett Little, He/Him, GHI (Guest)

Yes

[9:19 AM] Andy Kosick

Yes

[9:24 AM] Will (Green Projects Group) (Guest)

That is such a creative idea!

[9:28 AM] Brett Little, He/Him, GHI (Guest)

We need to make sure homes are added to the Green Building Registry

<https://www.appraisalinstitute.org/assets/1/7/ResidentialGreenandEnergyEfficientAddendum.pdf>

[9:28 AM] Brett Little, He/Him, GHI (Guest)

And getting green appraisals

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[9:28 AM] Brett Little, He/Him, GHI (Guest)

Correction: <https://us.greenbuildingregistry.com/>

[9:37 AM] Brett Little, He/Him, GHI (Guest)

<https://weatherization.ornl.gov/obtain/>

HOW TO OBTAIN THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANT – Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs Support

[9:43 AM] Tonya Swenor (SWP) (Guest)

We use DOE Home Energy Score for low-income households but the CAA's don't accept our reports for referrals. We are funded with MEAP funds so can only offer about \$600 in weatherization services. The Home Energy Score seems a lot like NEAT which I wasn't familiar with.

[9:43 AM] Steve Christensen - Catalyst Partners (Guest)

On the NEAT discussion. Unfortunately since Wx spends taxpayer dollars modeling the positive SIR is important to appeasing those who question the value of the program. Hopefully with more education on the health benefits of WX, priority lists may become more viable.

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[9:46 AM] Brett Little, He/Him, GHI (Guest)

Yes, we have experience with action agencies not accepting our Home Energy Score reports despite it being an approved tool by DOE that generates and ROI.

[9:47 AM] Tim Skrotzki

I'd love to learn what Mark sees as the biggest need in homes after weatherization? Insulation, mechanical, electrical needs? How can braided funding from other sources fill those gaps? Is anyone documenting the other needs?

[9:48 AM] Yvonne K. Lewis

Mark - the Helping Neighbors program is not set up to be the fix all. We are providing leveraged funds to non profits for the work that they do. I would like to discuss comment on Piece Meal Fixes like 1

[9:49 AM] Steve Christensen - Catalyst Partners (Guest)

With DOE Wx increased emphasis on the role of the Quality Control Inspector, I think the program should consider allowing the Wx contractors do the energy audit. like 1

[9:49 AM] Brett Little, He/Him, GHI (Guest)

+ 1 Tim - We are tracking in GR and hope to have a big report out soon after we crunch the data. Maybe we share in person in GR this fall. like 1

[9:52 AM] Martin Kushler

Follow-up to my question above. Having the energy savings data would help verify the importance of the higher-quality installations that you obviously utilize.

[9:55 AM] Steve Christensen - Catalyst Partners (Guest)

Weatherization is most effective as the final measure in retrofitting homes.

[9:55 AM] Banks, Brad (LARA)

Brett-- that's a good idea. Don't let me forget.

[9:57 AM] Tim Skrotzki

Thank you Mark great comments!
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[10:02 AM] Brett Little, He/Him, GHI (Guest)

I think some of the frustration building is the clear lack of funds available to pay for the work that needs to be done on these homes. One attempt at a solution is a managed braided funding approach. Green and Healthy Homes in partnership with the city of Detroit seem to be on to something. In West MI we put together an open source resource you can take and use to determine all low income EE and health funds available that we keep up to date and add more as they come in. Here it is, do you see anything missing? <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17cENH78azC5neJFyyzuoitvthzb5GIES/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=110973420184655929168&rtprof=true&sd=true>
Energy Savings Incentives In West MI .xlsx

Programs Who,% Below Federal Poverty Level,Area Median Income (AMI),Area,Availability Cycle?, Amount , Type , Occupant ,Website,Notes ,Column9,Column10,Column11,Column12 IRA 25C Homes Tax Credit...

[10:03 AM] Yvonne K. Lewis

The HPwES is a totally different side of the EWR IQ business

[10:04 AM] Alexis Blizman

Sorry, my internet dropped for a couple minutes

[10:07 AM] Freeman, Dale (DHHS)

You're air quality monitor must be a vegetarian

[10:14 AM] Brett Little, He/Him, GHI (Guest)

I am proud to be coming to you live from a Pearl Platinum Certified Home! :)
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[10:15 AM] Tonya Swenor (SWP) (Guest)

Brett Little, He/Him, GHI (Guest)

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We use Pearl to QC our Home Energy scores and train our energy technicians.

[10:16 AM] Brett Little, He/Him, GHI (Guest)

+ 1 Mark, I got a 3% bump on my home appraisal due to Pearl + Solar. It gave me the funds to borrow to do the project too.

[10:16 AM] Brett Little, He/Him, GHI (Guest)

Tonya - Are you in MI? We local HES QC here if needed.

[10:18 AM] Tonya Swenor (SWP) (Guest)

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We are in Marquette MI. We serve all 15 UP counties.

[10:18 AM] Yvonne K. Lewis

Currently there are many work force development programs available through the state and utility programs

[10:22 AM] Brett Little, He/Him, GHI (Guest)

Thus why you want to use the energy models :)

[10:28 AM] Brittany Turner, EcoWorks (Guest)

Thank you Mark. This was very helpful. Keep doing this great work! The contractors experience and feedback is extremely valuable.

[10:30 AM] Kasey Grieco (SWP) (Guest)

Thank you, Mark. This has been very insightful and informative.

[10:34 AM] Wilkins, Mary (LARA)

[Low-Income Energy Policy Board \(michigan.gov\)](#)

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[10:34 AM] Wilkins, Mary (LARA)

[220174 EEP Report 8302022.pdf \(energyequityproject.com\)](#)

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[10:35 AM] Synia Jordan

I can't see the links

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[10:35 AM] Wilkins, Mary (LARA)

[Upcoming Events \(michigan.gov\)](#)

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[10:39 AM] Alexis Blizman

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