

EWR Low Income Workgroup Chat – 04/04/24

[9:19 AM] Kamalay, Maddy (DHHS)

For any Weatherization Subgrantees on the call, Julie is an amazing collaborator. Please consider how what she is describing could fit with your current programs or what questions you have about how your program would fit with the HER. Please send me any specific questions you have by 4/9 so that we can get these questions to Julie.

[9:20 AM] Marty Kushler (Guest)

To what extent will participants be required to pay for some of the measures installed using their own funds?

[9:21 AM] Ashley Zuverink

Is the home assessment already designed? Will there be a general health and safety, whole home component?

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[9:21 AM] Marty Kushler (Guest)

& to the extent participants are required to pay some, do you anticipate collaboration with financiers like MI Save?

[9:22 AM] Yvonne K. Lewis

Will this program be in collaboration with the current utility programs?

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[9:23 AM] Lisa Pucelik

Can you please put a link to the listening sessions in the chat?

[9:24 AM] David Becker

Is there a specific budget set aside to address Health and Safety issues in the home? If so, can you provide that number?

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[9:24 AM] Theresa K. Schmidt

Marty Kushler (Unverified)

To what extent will participants be required to pay for some of the measures installed using their own funds?

Is the response of a target of \$zero the same for non-low income participants?

[9:26 AM] Marty Kushler (Guest)

Will there be an opportunity for public comment on the implementation plans that your contractors are assembling?

[9:27 AM] Andrew McNeally

With respect to the Energy Law Changes, energy savings from electrification are not counted toward EWR goals. Do you expect that will that impact utility participation?

[9:28 AM] Tonya Swenor (SWP)

The UP Clean Energy Coalition applied for CPRG funding to address the health and safety issue as we recognized the need to fix homes before they are ready for weatherization electrification. Fingers crossed!

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[9:34 AM] Grace Michienzi | EIBC (Guest)

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This is only true for the electric IOUs, not electric muni/coops or the gas IOUs

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[9:35 AM] Marty Kushler (Guest)

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[9:38 AM] Andrew McNeally

Marty Kushler (Unverified)

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Can you email me to setup time to discuss further?

[9:40 AM] Marty Kushler (Guest)

Sure. Will do.

[9:40 AM] Tanya Paslawski - Elevated Engagement

Are there listervs or other ways to stay apprised of developments in the HERS and workforce programs?

[9:41 AM] Lisa Pape - Lowell Light & Power

As a municipal utility, we hope to partner with this program. Under the new EWR laws, we are required to spend 25% of our budget on low income. We aren't a large enough utility to offer energy audits, will you share the audit information if it's done on someone in our service territory to possibly use our EWR funds for custom rebates? And will we be able to claim savings for EWR from upgrades completed through the program?

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[9:45 AM] Patrick Leahy

What safeguards are in place to ensure homes that are electrified see a reduction in energy costs?

[9:50 AM] Lynne Mccollum

Lynne McCollum, Regulatory Manager, lynne.mccollum@cmsenergy.com

[9:51 AM] Marty Kushler (Guest)

Thanks, Julie. Good luck with all this!

[9:52 AM] Zwiebach, Evy

Lisa Pucelik (External)

Can you please put a link to the listening sessions in the chat?
Echoing this request. Thanks!

[9:52 AM] Marty Kushler (Guest)
Brad, will you circulate Julie's slides?

[9:53 AM] Walker, David (LARA)

Lisa Pape - Lowell Light & Power (Guest)

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I am not a lawyer, but this seems relevant to your question.

(3) An electric provider whose rates are regulated by the commission shall not include electrification measures in the calculation of its energy waste reduction savings for purposes of meeting the energy waste reduction standard or for determining eligibility for incentives under section 75. If an electric provider whose rates are not regulated by the commission implements an efficient electrification measures plan as authorized by section 72, any reduction in energy consumption at a customer premises from the conversion of fossil fuel use to electric equipment qualifies as incremental energy savings for the purposes of subsections (1) and (2). The reduction in energy consumption shall be calculated as provided in section 72(2).

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[9:54 AM] Michael Allard

Zwiebach, Evy (Unverified)

Echoing this request. Thanks!

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[9:54 AM] Lisa Pape - Lowell Light & Power

Upcoming Home Energy Rebate Listening Sessions

- April 4, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., [Grand Rapids HER Listening Session](#)
- April 9, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., [Detroit HER Listening Session](#)
- April 11, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., [Flint HER Listening Session](#)
- April 16, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., [Marquette HER Listening Session](#)
- April 22, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., [Roscommon HER Listening Session](#)
- April 24, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., [Virtual Closing Listening Session](#)

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[9:57 AM] Gould, Karen (LARA)

For those who took a break and missed this, the second speaker cancelled and Brad will reschedule him for next month.

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