

**ENERGY ALLIANCE OF NEBRASKA
DATA COMMITTEE REPORT FOR JULY 2006**

Members: Judi Martin, Mike Kelly

I. Meeting: At the June 8 meeting, the committee distributed the following reports/information:

- Draft strategy plan for Data Committee
- Census Data-with LIHEAP data for selected counties
- 2005 National Energy Assistance Survey Report- Key Findings
- Resources for Statistical Information(list of sources)
- 2004 American Community Survey
- 2005 LIHEAP Assistance Report

II. Activities since last meeting:

1) Mike and Judi discussed compiling a report on the energy needs/burdens in Nebraska. Several reports will be distributed at next EAN meeting (see list below) and others will be put on EAN web site. Adequate data should exist in preparing a report on Nebraska. Will bring sample reports to next EAN meeting. Committee would like to get input from committee if we move forward. Judi is exploring using UNO to assist with compiling the data.

2) Is there a need for a “Talking Points” tool for all of us to use so we report consistent data? A lot of data out there, what is significant and what does it mean? A type of Press Kit?

3) Mike looking into making contacts with some the Community Action Agencies that may be interested in joining EAN.

4) Judi and Mike attended the Joint Low Income Energy Conference in Washington DC in June. Both attended the National Low Income Energy Conference (NLIEC) and Judi attended the National Fuel Funds Network (NFFN) and Mike attended the National Energy Assistance Directors’ Association (NEADA). Highlights of the conference will be distributed at next EAN meeting.

5) Data/Reports to distribute at July meeting:

- 2005 National Energy Assistance Survey Report — key findings
- On the Brink — The Home Affordability Gap April 2006
- States Report the Highest Level of Households Receiving Energy Assistance in 13 years. Additional \$1 Billion appropriate for LIHEAP provides essential support state-by-state — survey results
- LIHEAP in Nebraska

6) Judi is following up with Meg Power Ex. Director of the Economic Opportunity Studies. Met her in DC and we discussed EAN and she indicated interest in helping us. I pulled this from their website:

Our mission is to provide support for Community Action Agencies, community-based organizations, and the private and government organizations that are their partners. EOS supports their initiatives that change communities and improve the well-being of low- and moderate-income families and individuals; we offer research and analysis that helps them identify, develop and manage new opportunities to mobilize and focus resources.

We also develop and support strategies to measure and disseminate the results of our partners' work.

III. Next EAN Data Committee: Sam & Louie's in Gretna for lunch and meeting: July 25 at 1 p.m. EAN members invited!!

IV. Resources to Share:

Websites:

Details on the operations of LIHEAP state programs can be found at several sites. See especially www.liheap.ncat.org the federally funded LIHEAP Clearinghouse and www.neada.org. Reports on current legislative developments in LIHEAP can also be found at www.ncaf.org, the National Community Action Foundation, which represents CAA's before Congress and www.liheap.org which has a "LIHEAP data book" available along with current media coverage related to energy needs.

www.nationalfuelfunds.org

www.liheap.org Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

www.neada.org National Energy Assistance Directors Association

www.appanet.org American Public Power Association

www.nreca.org National Rural Electric Association

www.aga.org American Gas Association

www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap Administration For Children and Families

www.ncat.org/liheap Low income news

www.whitehouse.gov White House information

www.senate.gov US Senate web site

www.house.gov Us House web site

www.resourceactionprograms.org A vendor that provides weatherization kits

www.opportunitystudies.org- Meg Power works with Community action Agencies and others in developing programs, research and data

www.dollarenergy.org The third largest fuel fund in Pennsylvania

www.ncaf.org National Community Action Foundation

www.nclc.org National Consumer Law Center