

EAN- DATA COMMITTEE REPORT AUGUST 2006:

Meeting: 7/15/06- Gretna/ Sam & Louie's: Attending: Judi Martin, Mike Kelly & Jan Davis

I. Old Business: Reviewed data/reports that were distributed at the July meeting

II. New Business:

Discussed compiling data, targeting individuals for various energy assistance programs and how to get the data compiled into a report. Mike thought we would be able to use their data base to target attendees for energy education forums. Judi asked Committee for approval to submit an application for funding through a research grant for the report on the energy needs and burdens in the state. A similar request would be made for assistance with the energy forums. Committee approved. On August 2nd, Judi met with UNO to discuss. The funding request for the education forums will be 1st priority. Judi will meet with Energy Education Committee to discuss this application process. The results from the energy forums will be included into the state-wide energy burden report.

III. Follow-up items from July meeting:

Talking Points: Members at July EAN meeting liked the idea of consistent message. Committee will prepare these once data reported is completed.

CAA- Mike made contact with CAA leaders and invited a few individuals to our next meeting. Pete Davis provided information on a REACH project between HSS and a Lincoln Community Action agency that I forwarded to the UNO researchers.

Meg Power: Economic Opportunity Studies- DC: Phone conversation with her by Judi. Our conversation covered data collection on energy education and areas that need further research and review.

- She said there are not a lot of good models on using simple weatherization type kits. She referred me to an article from Home Energy Magazine, but she had problem with their results.
- Education forums and simple weatherization programs can be effective if costs are kept low. She suggested survey how well the customers know their homes and segment the markets, not many programs on mobile home parks. She suggested we add follow-up piece to program.
- The Extension Service has great model to reach urban and rural customers.
- She has surveyed impact of quality and condition of housing and found more correlation between that and ability to pay utility bills than on income levels and ability to pay.
- Consumption studies could be expanded
- Suggested that as we review studies and best practices, make sure evaluations were completed and not just descriptions of what took place

Submitted by Judi Martin