

August 28, 2007

Nebraska Energy Assistance Network
Energy Education Committee Meeting Summary
Loup Power District Office

Attendance: Sue Obermiller, Paula Thompson, Diane Vesely-Rob, Cory Fuehrer, Roger Hunt, Judi Martin, Bill Lucke, Shirley Niemeyer, Sam Reinke, Pete Davis, Steve Walker, Rick Cheloha

Grants:

- Diane reported on award of \$335,000 grant for Lincoln Action Program to continue their REACH Program working with 300 low-income families.
- Shirley reported on award of \$2,412 grant for UNL Extension in cooperation with NEAN to purchase energy kits modified for Hispanic families.
- Cory reported on award of up to \$18,000 grant from NPPD to purchase 1,000 energy kits and develop training for low-income families.

Energy Kits:

- 1,150 energy kits ordered sometime within the next 30 days from Niagara — Rick
- All kits will be the same and include: Two CFLs, LED photocell night light, showerhead, switch/outlet insulators, refrigerator/freezer thermometer, hot water thermometer and a weather-strip item will be added perhaps rope caulk — Rick
- DOE booklets will be purchased separately — Judi
- Booklet and box labels will be printed by OPPD — Judi

Head Start Partnership:

- Sue Obermiller and Paula Thompson of CNCS described Head Start and Early Head Start and interest in partnering with NEAN on energy education And kit dispersion. 4 of 17 Head Start grantees already interested.
- Consensus of Committee was to Partner with all Head Start grantees showing interest.
- An e-mail expressing interest with remaining grantees will be sent by Sue and Committee members will follow-up by September 13 as follows:

Chadron, Gering—Steve, Kearney—Sam, Fairbury—Diane, Humbolt, Niobrara, Dakota City—Roger, Fremont, Plattsmouth—Bill, Papillion, Omaha—Judi

- Goal would be to develop curriculum which could include a DVD to train Head Start Staff during November 8-9 Head Start Annual Conference in Kearney
- A sub-committee to develop curriculum was formed consisting of: Diane (Chair), Sue, Paula, Shirley, Judi and Roger. Their first meeting was set for September 14 at Lincoln Action Program offices.

Building a guide to finding an energy efficient home:

- The new sub-committee will take a look at incorporating this into the curriculum.

Other:

- Some energy efficiency training power points, DVDs and other resources were viewed and discussed.

Next Meeting:

- NEAN as the whole will be September 13 at NPPD in York.
- Energy Education-Curriculum Sub-Committee will be September 14 at Lincoln Action Program.
- Energy Education Committee none was set.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Cheloha