

## Energy Assistance Committee Meeting Notes – July 12, 2007

Members present: Char Reiman, Ronda Jaeschke, Linda Wittrock-Eidem, Judy Martin, Ardi Hoins, Cheryl Holcomb, and Krista Heineman.

- The group discussed the best time to schedule the committee meetings and decided that meeting before the NEAN meeting would be best.
- The group reviewed the strategic plan goals for the committee
- Collection of funding that exists for low-income people needs to be collected for the energy burden study. Need to work with Jerry ??? on acquiring the data.
  1. Community Action Agencies will provide amounts they have for utility assistance
  2. Discussion with United Way on 211 information for energy assistance
  3. Funding through Good Fellows
  4. Funding through Salvation Army designated for utility assistance
- Acquiring Data
  1. Timeline is to have the data before October 1
  2. Information to be collected: dollar amounts allocated, agency name, funding sources, average amount spent per payment
  3. Possibly to be collected for the 2006 program year so all amounts would be concrete and not projected.
- Utility and data gathering  
Reviewed information from Indiana and Iowa on their collection efforts for total residential accounts and low-income accounts based off of households receiving LIHEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program). The reports shared their results from their data collection efforts.

Information on what Nebraska may collect was drafted and will be presented to the NEAN members for discussion and input.

It was stressed that a focus needs to be on the process of this collection instead of putting a deadline on it. A discussion needs to be initiated to determine the correct procedure of collection, as well as what information will be collected. It is anticipated that it will take companies a long time to develop their programs in order to collect the information.

