

NEAN Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2007

- I. Introductions
- II. Approved minutes
- III. Committee reports
 - A. Executive
 - 1. Data Collection – \$19 million in arrears and more than 200,000 households in arrears based on information provided by seven providers.
 - 2. Energy Burden Study – Gather information on poverty levels. Utility assistance available to households. Survey will be provided by UNO.
 - 3. Membership – \$2,700 collected in dues/fees.
 - 4. Energy Education – later in minutes. Omaha is planning an energy awareness program in early 2008.
 - B. Membership – chair is still open
 - C. Energy Education – a meeting was held after the regular NEAN meeting to discuss funding for this fall’s energy forums. There are plans for 25 forums to serve 1,000 households. Kits will again be provided and the early estimate for cost is \$14 per kit. Seeking to have forums for low-income or crisis families. Need to determine how to deliver kits and receive feedback.
 - D. Energy Assistance
 - 1. Gathering information about available energy assistance funds – will work through CAAs. Shutoff information that was provided by Iowa and Indiana.
 - 2. How does NEAN want to gather shutoff information? Who will collect and compile this information?
 - E. Resource Clearinghouse – Members page button. When you post information do so by dates (2007-07-11/Year = four digits, Month = two digits and Day = two digits).
 - F. Development/Programs – Shirley talked about the Winnebago program and that housing related providers were themselves low income households.
 - G. Administration/Communications – Jan is still working on the by-laws.
- IV. Lunch – provided by Northwestern. A big thank you.
- V. Information about energy affordability would pack more punch if this information could be provided by legislative districts. I believe it was Indiana that did this. Roger Colton’s information shared with Jerry D.
- VI. Next meeting in Columbus on August 9 at Loup City Power.
- VII. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

I apologize for minutes not being as detailed as when Sheila does the minutes.