

Energy Assistance Meeting

March 13, 2008

Attendees:

Pat Davis
Pam Browning
Jerry Deichert (presenter from UNO)
Linda Eidem
Rich Hemphill
Ardi Hoins
Cheryl Holcomb
Judi Martin
Sheila Nelson
Shirley Niemeyer

I. Energy Assistance Committee

- a. Need to verify committee members.
- b. Data Collection – waiting for data (only M.U.D. and OPPD have submitted).
- c. Mike Kelly could have used the data now if it had been ready.

II. Weatherization

- a. Lead paint is a problem with windows and door replacement as a result of lead residuals.
- b. As of July 1, 2009 – Windows or door work has to have a “wipe test” in homes with children 6 and under.
- c. Houses pre-1979
- d. Weatherized homes under the Energy Office assistance program
 - A. 30% of homes occupied by elderly
 - B. 30% of homes occupied by disabled
- e. In future, Energy Office may do furnace replacement for energy efficiency reasons and possibly refrigerator replacement.

III. Reviewed Strategic Planning List

IV. Heartland Walk for Warmth

- a. Raised approximately \$34,000
- b. \$10,000 will go to each of the three energy assistance programs
- c. 699 registered walkers
- d. Next year – consider promoting in other cities across Nebraska? Discussion follows:
 - A. Comment from Ardi Hoins: First part of February just come off Christmas promotions.
 - B. Another program that has worked is “Eat for Heat” – select restaurants give a portion of profits.
 - C. Many people who are in need of assistance are propane users.
 1. Statewide – 15% are propane users
 - D. Suggest Ardi and Cheryl give propane contact names to Linda for recruitment to NEAN.
 - E. National Propane Gas Association – Linda can contact for NEAN membership.

V. Possible Energy Assistance Project(s) while waiting for data.

- a. Promotion of low-income energy assistance weatherization programs.
 - A. Determine what can be done as far as weatherization.
 - B. Determine where agencies are as far as waiting lists.
 1. 1,200-1,400 people on list with Energy Office.

C. Will it interfere with Energy Education Committee?

VI. Other Grant Items

- a. Develop measures of burden
 - A. Underway – finalizing estimates to include other categories.
 - B. Energy savings workshop replicated survey.
 - C. Starting within next two weeks.
 - D. Statewide survey by mid-summer.

VII. What is available as far as funding/sources?

- a. LiHeap numbers
- b. Weatherization
- c. Energy agencies
- d. Community action agencies

VIII. Symposium (November) –

- a. Other agencies that may be sponsoring an event that we could piggy-back?
 - A. NCIP
 - B. Housing (July/Aug)
 - C. Association of County Officials
- b. What do we want to accomplish as far as symposium?
 - A. Profile NEAN?
 - B. Present data?
 - C. Who is target audience?
 - D. Present burden study
 - E. Show needs/gap
 - F. Specific programs and state programs
 - 1. NEAN
 - 2. What can or should we do?
 - 3. Popular piece of certain issues.
 - G. Symposium Committee must discuss
 - 1. Audience?
 - 2. Content?
 - 3. Facilitator?
- c. Link information from UNO pdf files to NEAN when available.
- d. NEAN recruitment tool
- e. Facilitator from UNO to plan symposium.