

NEAN Board Teleconference – June 28, 2010

In attendance – Judi Martin, Jeremy Coffey, Cory Fuehrer, Rick Cheloha, Shirley Niemeyer, Jan Davis and Mike Kelly.

Agenda Items

Mike will bring donuts to the July 8 meeting. He and Roger have touched bases with each other.

1. July 8 meeting agenda discussed. Tina from Red Cross will attend the meeting in Lincoln to accept an award from NEAN for all the Red Cross has done to help NEAN over the last several years. We will make this the first part of the meeting so Tina will not have to stay for the entire meeting.
2. Laura Demmann is trying to find a speaker from the Nebraska Energy Office for the July 8 meeting to present a quick program on weatherization and ARRA funds. Judi has not heard from Laura to know if someone from NEO will be there.
3. Judi has several issues to discuss from the NEUAC conference in San Antonio. The first is about a Washington group who organized a statewide forum to introduce people to energy assistance, rate setting and outside agencies that can help. It was a different type of forum from what NEAN has done. Does NEAN want to try this? The second issue was on a Heat Response Plan. Is anyone aware of areas in Nebraska that have a Heat Response Plan?
4. Rick has two people who may be interested in speaking to NEAN or attending meetings to learn more about NEAN. One person is Shirley Higgins, a lobbyist for Nebraska Public Power District, and the other is William Nunez who works with UNL and could speak about Innovative Technology. Any utility that works with a lobbyist would benefit from them attending a NEAN meeting.
5. There was talk at the last Energy Assistance Committee meeting about developing a mini grant process to use NEAN funds to buy energy kits for agencies (no better term to use) that were interested in doing a training session based on NEAN's Head Start training program. We could develop a grant program to buy up to 60 kits. The agency would have to use NEAN's education program. We could do a maximum of \$3,000 to buy kits as a recruiting tool for NEAN. The agency would have to demonstrate a need for this training. The cost of a kit is approximately \$20 when purchased in bulk. Would NEAN require a matching cost of kits purchased by the agency, buying the training material from NEAN, or becoming a member of NEAN? This issue will be returned to the Energy Assistance Committee to put some more meat on this proposal and present to members July 8.

NEAN's Financial Outlook

Cory has to finish the 501C3 final projection sheet for 2010 and 2011. We are 95% through the process. We now have checks that only require one signature. There is no problem with the one signature, however there are three people who can sign off on a check – Cory, Rick and Mike. There was no objection to Cory buying some stamps with NEAN funds to use, creating letterhead paper and envelopes for NEAN use.

Data Reporting

The request for utility companies to submit second quarter of shutoff and arrearage information was to be mailed today (June 28). Scott has not sent any information to Jan, Laura or myself for the first quarter and has not returned any phone calls to Jan or Laura.

Webinars

Roger will make a presentation on the webinars scheduled to start July 22 (Shirley will not attend the meeting). There will be a dry run for the webinars and presenters July 12 and practice can be done from individual computers. The webinars will be held July 22; July 29; August 5 and August 12 from 10-11 a.m. We have the ability to record the webinars that could then be played on NEAN or UNL website. There will be capability to play portions of the DVD during the webinars. There will be a Q&A textbox on the webinar site for questions. Paula will do the introduction. The modules are Judi – 1, Roger – 2, Dave – 3, Shirley – 4, Jeremy – 5, Rick – 6 and Cory – 7. Roger needs to hear back from Paula and Carol. Roger will reserve the NPPD room for presenters to gather.

Performance Measurement Goals

Mike Kelly did not have anything to report on Performance Measurement goals.

Who is the Next Fearless Leader?

Jan Davis will take the leadership July 9; DeVonne, October 15; Jeremy, January 14 and Rick, April 15. Then the musical chairs will start again.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mike Kelly – June 28, 2010.