

**Low-Income Energy Advisory Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 29, 2007**

**Community Renewal Team  
555 Windsor St.  
Hartford, CT 06120**

**10:00 a.m. – Noon**

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of June Minutes
- III. Chairman's Report
- IV. Subcommittee Recommendations
  - Weatherization and Conservation Subcommittee
  - Identification of Funding Needs and Sources
- V. DSS Report
  - Update on Current Energy Programs
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Adjournment

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**June 13, 2007**

Attendees: Shirley Bergert, Marilyn Hayes for John Betkoski, Timothy Clark, Paula Claydon, Joanne Balaschak, Pamela Giannini, Claudette Beaulieu, Carlene Taylor, Ray Wilson, Walter Wisnefsky Patricia Wrice, John Dobos, Edith Karsky for James Gatling, Christopher Ehlert for Laura Gonzalez, John Erlingheuser for Lillian Brown, Janine Saunders, Christopher Herb

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Welcome	The meeting convened at 10:05.	
Public Comments	NONE	
Approval of June Minutes	John Dobos' motion to accept minutes was seconded by Timothy Clark.	
Chairman's Report Update on Energy Legislation	The Chair updated the board on HB 7432 – An Act Concerning Electricity and Energy Efficiency. The Governor vetoed Sections 126 Restoration of the Conservation and Renewable Energy Funds and 128 Implementation of the “Clean Slate Program” of the bill.	The Board agreed to send a letter to the Governor and appropriate legislators requesting reinstatement of funds originally included in Sections 126 and 128 of House Bill No. 7432.
LIEAB Webpage	The LIEAB webpage will be added to the OPM website.	
Recommendations to OPM & DSS – CEAP	On May 22, the Board forwarded its recommendations on the 2007-2008 CEAP to the Secretary of OPM and the Commissioner of DSS.	
Legislator Meeting	The Board agreed to hold a Legislative Briefing in October 2007 to present its energy related recommendations.	
LIEAB Retreat	The Board agreed to hold its Annual Retreat in September 2007.	Suggestion on topics and presenters should be forwarded to Ray or Pam
Subcommittee Reports	<u>Communication and Coordination</u> Presented its recommendations to the Board.  Short-term recommendation – develop a system that provides more efficient and timely updates between vendors and providers.	Subcommittee should consider strategies to gather information on the most vulnerable residents unable

	<p>Long-term recommendation- develop a joint public information campaign to help low-income residents understand and access programs.</p> <p><u>DPUC Subcommittee</u> presented its recommendation for a Discount Rate Program in the State.</p>	<p>to come into the offices for services in the development of the interchange system.</p> <p>Include strategies to increase the knowledge base of partners.</p> <p>Following discussion, a motion to recommend a Discount Rate program with a special utility rate for low-income residents and a fresh start component was passed unanimously on a voice vote.</p>
DSS Report	<p>Through June 11, a total of 97,811 applications taken; 84,306 eligible; 13,454 denied and 51 pending certification (CEAP, SAFA, CHAP). Total Crisis Assistance – 23,941 and 8,615 -Safety Net Assistance. Cumulative Expenditures reflect \$54,712,390 for all programs.</p>	
Other	<p>Recommendations on the Arrearage Forgiveness Program will be discussed in the July meeting.</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting will be held on July 11 at 10:00 a.m.</p>	