

May 28, 2014 EEAC Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Attendees: Christina Halfpenny (DOER), Emmitt Lyne (Rich May Law – PAs), Ian Finlayson (DOER), Lisa Shea (NU), Shaela Collins (Rich May Law – PAs), Alex Pollard (DOER), Elliot Jacobson (LEAN), Matt Saunders (AG), Christina Dietrich (ENE), Paul Johnson (Greentek), Eric Belliveau (EEAC Consultant – on Phone)

Meeting began at approximately 10:00am

Halfpenny – Topics to be discussed in the Executive Committee meeting are the June EEAC Meeting Agenda and the Implementation Update.

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Halfpenny – Consultants and PAs have been negotiating the Implementation Update (IU) data requests from the consultants to the PAs.

Lyne – Residential Lighting is the first IU for June, and PAs are in good shape with the data request. PAs and consultants have worked on an outline for the deeper dive presentation. PAs would like to bring in a speaker early in the EEAC meeting to showcase new residential lighting technologies. Annual reports for 2013 will be submitted by June 20th, and will have all final PA data from 2013.

Belliveau – Consultants and PAs have worked on a PowerPoint outline, but there has been no data transfer from the PAs to the consultants. So there may not be time for significant analysis before the EEAC meeting. The June meeting will be a qualitative discussion and not data driven. There is good program information, but it is not data driven.

Lyne – 2013 data is the only one that is missing, earlier data is there. PAs have worked very hard to make this happen. Concerned about the qualitative label.

Shea – Directionally there will be data, it is just a timing issue. There will be data on costs and trends.

Dietrich – Sounds like lots of good work, would be good to see an update when the data is available.

Lyne – The data will be shared when it is available. The PAs will not be doing a second presentation on the topic.

Finlayson – What are the differences between the Q4 report and the 2013 final report?

Lyne – Some studies were finalized that will impact results. Scrubbing data and residential lighting hours of use had some impact on final results.

Halfpenny – Not sure how consultants will get more data from plan year reports. Want consultants to have more data than what is available in 08-50 tables.

Halfpenny – What is the status of the multifamily deeper dive?

Lyne – There is more data on delivered fuels and the PAs are trying to find out what other data is available. PAs are not trying to reinvent the wheel, PAs are looking at the data that has already been prepared and will ID more data. Do not want to duplicate efforts.

Belliveau – The Large Commercial Retrofit Deeper Dive is the largest source of consternation between the PAs and the Consultants. It is one of the biggest concerns of the council, the topic needs data and the process has been slow.

Saunders – Asks what the issues are.

Belliveau – To date, we do not have an answer, want to know what data we can and can't get.

Lyne – PAs have a different perspective. The PAs have spent a lot of time with the C&I Consultant team, and worked on the segmentation presentation. There has been extensive work with the consultants and PAs have been transparent. Some data is not available, like quartile analysis for the smaller PAs. There is an issue giving a list of internal staff and projects that are in the pipeline. The PAs have expressed concerns. The PAs will try to work through areas of concern, and are dedicating lots of time to this.

Johnson – Are the PAs not sending information? What data are the PAs not willing to provide?

Lyne – PAs sent a memo to the consultants last Friday, and the consultants have not shared it broadly yet. PAs are working closely with Jeff Schlegel.

Saunders – Asks Belliveau to please share what information is being shared so the council knows what is happening.

Belliveau – Consultants and PAs are working though how to get data. A matrix has been developed, but consultants are still working with the PAs. Will present the information to the council and will have a matrix this week.

Saunders – The Council is in the dark on this.

Lyne – The Consultant did draft a matrix and the PAs sent comments. Eric is handling this appropriately so issues are being resolved and the final work can be presented as a joint product. We are trying to figure out the remaining items. If this is worked out, the final presentation will

be more concise. Need space to work out issues, and the consultants are working back and forth on issues.

Saunders – Consultants, please check in every week or two, the council needs to understand the issues. We need more information from the consultants. I am directing the consultants – send the Executive Committee more information on what is going on.

Halfpenny – Does not even see the information until the consultants and PAs have agreed and signed off.

Lyne – The PAs appreciate the work Eric has done to resolve issues and not make more issues.

Belliveau – If we sent the IU memo to the Executive Committee it would take that much longer to reach consensus and could derail the process.

Halfpenny – We need to find a way to share the data and get to common ground. Forecasting to goal is something that has been discussed for a long time.

Lyne – Pipeline is an issue. The consultants have moved off the initial request on the project pipeline, and the PAs are willing to give a forecast in Q2. This is part of the discussion.

Belliveau – A commercial project can be 18 months start to finish, it is important to know the pipeline in order to know if goals for the end of next year will be met. Projects need to start now.

Saunders – Need to know the status of issues and see some of the back and forth to better understand issues.

Halfpenny – What will be provided on the C&I retrofit deeper dive for July? Perhaps we need to narrow the scope for data sharing.

Lyne – By June we will know more about data.

Saunders – We have heard a lot from the consultants when they do not get data, but it is all anecdotal. We don't understand the sum and substance of the issue. The EEAC is paying consultants to participate in meeting and we need to know why.

Halfpenny – There are lots of meetings with the PAs and consultants, and we need to see results.

Lyne – We will have a good presentation about residential lighting with a follow up with more data in August. We can work on a memo on the C&I retrofit issues with the consultants

Belliveau agrees.

Dietrich – Is there a drop dead date for the memo to be released if consensus is not reached?

Lyne – By the June EEAC meeting.

Belliveau – By next Tuesday we need to be clear and need to get it out before the EEAC meeting so councilors can weigh in. We need time ahead of the EEAC meeting.

Lyne agrees.

Paul Johnson asks if in the IU resolution Point #5 will be added at a later time. Halfpenny, Saunders and Lyne agree the item will be not be added again. Consultants and PAs have been working on a memo about IU data requests instead.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Halfpenny – Residential Overview, HES Overview (with more info in August), DOER Home MPG Presentation, Winter Peak issue follow up, Review of Q1 results and monthly dashboard, update on DOER resiliency program.

Paul Johnson asks for a 30 minute discussion on the database vision statement, however it is agreed that DPU will be next stop for database issues and then the group will pick up the vision statement again.

Lyne asks about Mass CEC and DOER heat pump program. Finlayson will give update at RMC, it is a new program. Will be discussed further outside of EEAC.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15am.