

3/26/2012 Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council Executive Committee Notes

Start: 2:05 PM

End: 3:45 PM

Next meeting: TBD

Attendees: Christina Halfpenny, Jeremy McDiarmid, Elliott Jacobson, Carol White, Shaela Collins, Emmett Lyne, Robert Calnan, Thomas Regh, Eric Belliveau, Steve Venezia, David Minasian, Jeff Shlegel and Kathryn O'Rourke

Notes:

- **The DOER has not received a formal approval of the 2012 EEAC Council budget from the DPU, but ultimately expects a favorable response from the DPU on the budget.** . The total budget is \$2.15 million, \$1.55 of which is allocated for the EEAC Consultants and \$600,000 towards other Council services (Christina). Note: In response to a DPU request, the DOER sent a 2011 accounting of EEAC Council expenditures on March 14, 2012. (DPU approved budget on April 4, 2012.)
- Christina wanted to check-in and review the Statutory Requirements and Critical Path Analysis timeline with the EC.
- Information was presented on recommended ranges for 2013-2015 budgets, using the electric and gas savings goals the Consultants presented at the March 2012 EEAC meeting. It was explicitly noted that these are being offered as a range, not specific recommendations (Eric). The Point 380 study was taken into account in one set of the budget numbers, and it was stated the Point 380 study doesn't take into account primary data and is not intended as a marketing assessment, but rather how to market to out customers (Carol). National Grid and NSTAR were commended for their proactive role in the Point 380 study, and this does help in the development of the next 3-year plan (Christina). This information will be presented at the next EEAC Council meeting (Christina), and this information will be updated and go out to the EEAC Council early next week so Councilors will have at least one week to review it (Eric).
- The PAs have taken a first cut at the 2013-2015 savings and budgets. Informal communication is happening with the Consultant team. PAs are providing written comment on the market assessment presented at the March 2012 EEAC meeting (Emmett).
- Jeremy asked what the EEAC Council should be prepared to see presented by the PAs at the April EEAC Meeting. The details are still being finalized, but the PAs are 1) looking at initial thought, 2) PAs are commenting back on the assessment, and 3) PAs and Consultants are looking at what can be achieved by program and sector (Emmett).
- The PAs are actively populating the Bill Impact Model that the DPU sent over, and thinks there will be a draft available in April, but it will still need refinements (Emmett).
- There will be no outside funding line item in the April draft. With that being said, PAs are still looking for opportunities to leverage and find outside funding. Clarified that PAs plan to still offer financing through the HEAT Loan and Mass Bankers Funding structures, it's the outside funding that reduced the EERF that will not be included in the April draft (Emmett).
- PAs plan on presenting the Performance Incentive (PI) structure in April. It will be presented in the same format at the October 2009 PI Resolution and won't include metrics. Hoping to come to a point where the EEAC Council and PAs can agree on the structure (Emmett). Christina commented that she wanted to make sure the Council Priorities are addressed.

- EM&V discussion will be included in the April draft, but it may not be completely baked (Emmett).
- (Carol).
- It was requested that the Consultants provide their perspective on the Critical Path timeline going forward (Jeremy). It's still early in the process (Eric). The goal is to have core building blocks to make a presentation to the Council in April. This will include building from the bottom-up, with some top-down elements. First draft of 08-50 tables will be issued in May (Emmett).
- Council needs to speak to the 3-year Plans in July. Councilors will need the 08-50 tables to make substantive comments on the Plan. Christina recommended a webinar to go through the final Plan with the Councilors, and would like to see all big negotiating points decided by early September (Christina).
- The Council gets a first draft of the Plan in late April, the 08-50 tables will come in May, the June EEAC meeting will be on program specific/program discussion, and in July the Council provides its recommendations (Jeff).
- We need to keep the August EEAC Meeting but change the date since many of the stakeholders will be away at an ACEEE Conference (Christina).
- Some updates to the Plan may be done along the way due to 1) Generating 08-50 tables before ongoing evaluation studies have been completed, 2) possibility that the DPU may issue orders on the NOI 11-120, and 3) Appreciative Inquiry Summit (Carol).
- It's likely that the DPU ruling on NOI 11-120 will happen after Labor Day (Steve). Perhaps an August "dream date" could be discussed at the next Council Meeting where the DPU present and we could send them "a timely reminder." (Christina)
- Jeremy asked if the Council should put forth a resolution. The PA preference would be to hold off on a resolution on savings until the 08-50 tables have been presented (Emmett). Dates are tight – April 30th is a Monday and May 8th is a Council Meeting. June is too late (Eric). We may want to add EEAC Meetings (Steve).
- The Council Priorities need to be reflected and represented in the 3-year Plans, and spelled out for the Council (Christina). It was noted that Christina has been very clear on that point, and PAs are working on a road map to map out those priorities (Emmett). Consultants are working on vision statements that are critical to achieving the Council Priorities (Jeff).
- It would be helpful to have a resolution (David). The Council needs to be clear to PAs and Consultants on what resolutions need to be made (Jeff). When there is lack of clarity, it would be helpful to have the PAs let the Council know (Christina).
- Suggestion to move back the May meeting a week to May 15th (Jeremy), and it was suggested that the Council discuss it at the next EEAC Meeting (Christina). It was noted the Appreciative Inquiry Summit in on May 15th and 16th (Carol).
- Charlie Olsson sent feedback on the Pre-Weatherization Proposal and doesn't think it triggers a MTM, but would like to get Council support so the pilot initiative can start on May 1st (Emmett). The Pre-Weatherization proposal doesn't require Council support (Christina). We need to keep good evaluation on this (Elliott). Emmett will check with Charlie to verify the HEAT Loan component will last through all of 2012.

Review of April Agenda Items

- Consultants review savings, goals, and budgets
 - Bill impacts can be quick, but need to go over what and when to expect
 - Performance Incentives, Outside Funding, and financing
 - CHP presentation– Emmett will confirm with Frank Gundal
 - Update on Legislative Report
 - Update on Senate Bill (Jeremy will present during General Updates)
 - HES/Best Practices presentation
 - 2 Data Dashboards
 - Move Monthly Consultant Update to General Updates
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- It was noted and appreciated the two Pre-Weatherization proposals the PAs put forward, especially the effort put forth by Charlie Olsson and Beth Lonergan.