

05/22/2012 Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council Executive Committee Notes

Start – 1:00pm

End – 3:00pm

Attendees: Tina Halfpenny, Jeremy McDiarmid, Elliot Jacobson, Carol White, Lisa Shea, Emmett Lyne, Shaela Collins, Eric Belliveau, Lyn Huckabee, Danielle Rathbun, Tilak Subrahmanian, Matt Nelson

Agenda:

- Notes from the Last EEAC Meeting
- AI Summit Recap
- Draft Plans
- Residential Vision Paper
- Statewide Database

Notes:

The last EEAC Meeting

- Recap on public comment by Cape Light contractor sanctioned within the program (Halfpenny)
 - The take away we need to adopt is a set of clearly defined qualifications, process, code of conduct, and program exclusion standards.
- Discussion of Best Practices Working Group meeting
 - There should be a process evaluation of HES where we can determine what is working about the new contractor model. (Belliveau)

AI Summit Recap

- The summit inspired some desire to make the council meetings less presentation heavy and more interactive. There is a question about how to best accomplish this. (McDiarmid)
- In general, attendees were enthused about the dialogue at the summit. (Halfpenny)
- Carol White would like more feedback, positive or otherwise, about the process. (White)
- Outside observers noticed that the AI was an example of our ability to make a process collaborative. (White)
- The AI Steering Committee is holding a post-event follow up call next week when they will decide how to feed the info to the working groups. (White)
- Recap for the council should be forward looking and action oriented. (McDiarmid)
- Carol W. will do the recap with quick impressions by councilors. (Rathbun)

Next EEAC Meeting

- Based on the successful information exchange at the AI, councilors have requested that the June EEAC meeting be lighter on Power Point presentations and heavier on discussions. (McDiarmid)

- Codes and Standards proposal should be presented to the council soon. Although advocacy for the PA proposal is important, a short and neutral primer would be helpful. (Halfpenny/McDiarmid)
- DOER will provide overview of codes and a PA overview as well, on a proposal for the next plan. (Halfpenny)

Draft Plan

- The next plan draft is due July 1. This draft should not necessarily address each piece of April feedback individually although the plan should show consideration of the issues. The PAs should instead aim to substantiate the thinking behind the plan, focusing on process and analysis. This would include more detailed explanations of the service territory peculiarities that describe variance from the consistent statewide plan which is the broadly held expectation. A bit of discussion took place about exactly how much explanation is needed. (Halfpenny)
 - Write a broad overview and then talk about goals, savings, process, enhancements, changes, and deletions. (Halfpenny)
 - Pre-answer anticipated questions about 08-50 (Belliveau)
- Council needs to be sure there are adequate best practices review in place. The best practices review agreed to at the meeting was how the PAs should package their plan information. (McDiarmid)
- Goals should also be determined collectively, building on what was already proposed. (Halfpenny)
- More plan information will be available in July. We also expect impact evaluation to be released on June 1st and we should expect coincidence factors to vary significantly. (Lyne/Nelson)
- Although the narrative from the first plan should not be ignored, more emphasis should be placed on learning from the first plan and strategy moving forward. (Rathbun)
- PAs should focus on new strategies if a solution to a stakeholder issue has not yet been found. (Halfpenny)
- Timing – soft dates/informal plan (Lyne)
 - June 1 – internal target for program designs so further work can be done on costs between then and the filing
 - June 12 – breakdown of sector savings goals and cost drivers. There will be a presentation at the council meeting.
 - Mid/late June – program level numbers will be released for the July 1 filing
- Belliveau and Lyne will work on crafting the strategy of how the plans should look. (Belliveau/Lyne)

Residential Consultant Vision Paper

- There was some council concern about the origin of the paper and simultaneous PA concern about the weight of the paper. (Rathbun/Lyne)

- The consultants intended the document to be a statement of their suggestions to spur planning conversations among the stakeholders and not to represent the views of any stakeholder. (Belliveau)
- Open discussion is always expected on consultant suggestions. (Halfpenny)

Statewide Database

- Lawrence Masland will schedule a morning meeting with appropriate vendors to exchange product/system information. (Halfpenny)
- Council needs to hire a consultant who would work to build system requirements and navigate a RFP process. (Halfpenny)
- Belliveau will aggregate a list of all stakeholder suggestions for info meeting attendees/potential bidders. (Belliveau)

Next Meeting: June 04, 2012 from 2pm-4pm. We will set the June EEAC agenda.