
Louisiana Housing Finance Agency



Energy Assistance Department

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M E M O R A N D U M

To: The Board of Commissioner

From: Darleen Okammor, Program Manager
Energy Assistance Department

Date: March 27, 2009

Re: Energy Assistance Program Committee

There will be a Energy Assistance Program Committee meeting, Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, Committee Room 2, located at 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following topics will be discussed:

- Energy Program Status Report
- Energy Programs Activity Summary
- Directive to RFP Regular LIHEAP/WAP Program
- Stimulus Update

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

March 27, 2009

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given of a regular meeting of the Energy Assistance Committee will be held on **Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 11:00 AM**, Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, Committee Room 2, 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge LA, by order of the Chairman.

Preliminary Agenda

1. Call to order, roll call and introduction of guests
2. Approval of minutes from the March 11, 2009 Committee Meeting
3. Energy Programs Status Report
4. Energy Programs Activity Summary
5. Directive to RFP Regular LIHEAP/WAP Program Stimulus Update
6. Stimulus Update
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

Milton J. Bailey, President

Pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 42:6.1, upon two-thirds vote of the members present, the Board of Commissioners of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency may choose to enter Executive Session, and by this notice, the Agency reserves its right to go into Executive Session as provided by law

Louisiana Housing Finance Agency
Energy Assistance Department
Wednesday, March 11, 2009
2415 Quail Drive
Committee Room 1
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
10:30 A.M.

Commissioners Present

Katie Anderson
Mayson H. Foster
Susan Sonnier

Commissioners Absent

Robert Pernel, Chairman
Tyrone Wilson

Staff Present

Darleen Okammor
Patricia Hampton
Charlette Minor
Carolyn McQuairter
Costa Arauja
Angela King

Others Present

See attached Sign-In Sheet

Commissioner Mayson Foster called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. The roll was called and a quorum established. Introduction of guests followed. The minutes of the February 11, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Anderson, and seconded by Commissioner Sonnier.

Updates: Ms. Darleen Okammor, Energy Assistance Program Manager restated the background regarding the energy programs. The Energy Department launched two initiatives; \$5 million for the LIHEAP Express and \$5 Million for the WAP Express. The manager covered the changes in the WAP statues regarding the Stimulus funds. The income poverty guidelines were increased to \$200 percent, the average unit cost was increased to \$6500 and the re-weatherization date was move forward to 1994.

Terri Ricks and Keith Cunningham, LHFA legal counsel, explained the Agency's understanding of the motion carried by Commissioner Kennedy. Any new monies would be awarded by a RFP process. The Agency has drafted a RFP, but it is being reviewed by Management. No other actions have been taken by the board. The motion was not on the agenda of the last Board meeting. Once the guidelines are released by DOE, the Board could bring the motion back up for further actions.

Jane Killen, Executive Director for LACAP, we have really good partnership and the WAP and LIHEAP the program is running smoothly. LACAP have been meeting with all of the CAPs and contractors to discuss how to weatherize contracted units by June 30th. With the \$5 million, LACAP have provided a series of training and purchase equipments LACAP will need. We all participated in the Weatherization Day that went very well. LACAP attended the NASCP meeting in Washington. There was talk about the Stimulus money. Louisiana is having a trial run and is ahead of other states with ramping up. LACAP

have partnerships with Entergy ATMOS to help client with gas bills and AARP to help identify homes to be weatherized. LACAP will sign a MOU with Total CAA in New Orleans and Entergy. Entergy will contribute an additional \$500 to \$600 thousand in the program to repair anything that cannot be done with WAP dollars. LACAP have met with Applegate Insulation Company in Monroe, they are willing to provide insulation to our agencies and contractors and a discount. There is an oil company in Terrebonne gave them \$10,000 last year. LACAP is in the process of finding a training center to develop a workforce ready to perform weatherization work to create more jobs.

If there no other business, the chairman entertain a motion to adjourn.



LOUISIANA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

ENERGY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 11, 2009 @ 10:30AM

Guest Sign-In Sheet

GUEST NAME

FIRM

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Jane Killen | LACAP |
| 2. Angela M. King | LHFA - Staff |
| 3. Charlette Minors | ⓧ LHFA - Staff |
| 4. Carolyn M. Quinter | LHFA - Staff |
| 5. MARION LESTER | Commission |
| 6. Rene Landry | Staff |
| 7. Jerome Byrd | Commissioner |
| 8. [Signature] | Commissioner |

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
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GUEST NAME	FIRM
9. Charles Tate	CDI, atty
10. Loretta Wallace	LHFA
11. JWB Rice	staff
12. Sharon Clement	ASSIST
13. Aisha Harman	ASSIST
14. Grace Godfrey	Counsel - LACAP
15. Christine Brackowski	LHFA
16. Caryl Conner	Commissioner - DSS
17. Patricia Hampton	LHFA
18. Owen Okamura	LHFA
19. Walter D. Sullivan	CHFA / com
20. Margie Hine	LACAP
21. Carolyn McQuaite	LHFA - Staff

ENERGY PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Darleen Okammor, Program Manager

DATE: March 27, 2009

RE: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

Background: On April 18, 2007, the Board adopted a Memorandum of Understanding between LHFA and Louisiana Community Action Partnerships (LACAP) to transfer the administration of the statewide Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). LHFA, Energy Assistance Department has continued to have transition meetings with LACAP on a regular basis to access on-going transition issues, concerns and needs.

LIHEAP Express

As of March 27, 2009, ninety-seven percent (97%) of the \$5 million allocated expended for services and administrative fees to serve 10,511 households and reaching 5,861 (55.8%) new clients who have not received energy benefits in the last 12 months.

2009 Annual LIHEAP

As of February 27, 2009, fifty-one (51%) has been expended to serve 52,959 households and reach 18,921 (36%) new clients.

WAP Express

The WAP Express was launched on February 2, 2009. We have not received the February production report from LACAP.

2008 Annual WAP

As of March February 27, 2009, \$1,223,565 has been expended to weatherize 284 homes. The Energy Staff also provided Energy Saving Information to visitors at the 2009 LHFA Open House held March 8, 2009.

Legislative Updates

On March 11, 2009, the President signed into law the Omnibus Appropriation Act, 2009, Public Law 111-8, which provided funding to the Weatherization Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2009 of \$200,000,000. Louisiana estimated allocation is \$3,623,154 (\$2,962,815 for Program Administration and \$660,339 for Training and Technical Assistance). The State Plan is due May 1, 2009.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009, Louisiana has been appropriated \$50,657,478 (\$41,752,855 for program Administration and \$8,894,623 for Training and Technical Assistance). The State Plan is due May 12, 2009.

LHFA Energy Department held a Roundtable Discussion with over 80 potential stakeholders in attendance on March 30, 2009. We received ideals and suggestions that will be considered as we prepare a draft of the Stimulus State Plan.

**Energy Programs Activity Summary
Through 3/31/2009**

LIHEAP Express

Grantor: Department of Natural Resources (DNR) \$5,000,000

Type of Assistance (Sept. 29, 2008 - Sept. 30, 2009)	Total Expenditures	Number of Households Assisted	Households with at least one member who is:			Denied	Number of New Clients
			60 Years or Older	Disabled	Age 5 or Under		
Non-Crisis Assistance	\$4,087,531.74	8,749	2,309	3,180	2,197	324	4,760
Crisis Assistance	\$650,270.04	1,762	208	457	574	30	1,101
Totals	\$4,737,801.78	10,511	2,517	3,637	2,771	354	5,861
Percentage of Total	97%		23.9%	34.6%	26.4%	3.4%	55.8%

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Grantor: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) \$45,657,071

Type of Assistance (October 2008-September 2009)	Total Expenditures	Number of Households Assisted	Households with at least one member who is:			Denied	Number of New Clients
			60 Years or Older	Disabled	Age 5 or Under		
Heating (October – March)	\$20,515,255.84	44,563	17121	18604	8157	380	14,409
Cooling (April - September)							
Year Round Crisis	\$2,476,343.49	8015	1087	2533	2441	35	4,512
Energy Special Needs Program	\$295,975.94	381	53	156	190	56	N/A
DSS/OCS						0	
Totals	\$23,287,575.27	52,959	18,261	21,293	10,788	471	18,921
Percentage of Total	51%		34.5%	40.2%	20.4%	0.9%	35.7%

Weatherization Assistance Program

Grantor: Department of Energy (DOE) \$7,860,805 (1953 Units)

Type of Assistance (July 2008 - June 30, 2009)	Total Expenditures	Units Weatherized	Households with at least one member who is:			Denied
			60 Years or Older	Disabled	Age 5 or Under	
DOE Production						
July 1 - Feb. 31, 2009	\$720,622.49	181	101	61	53	26
LIHEAP Only Production						
July 1 - Feb 31, 2009	\$502,942.45	103	46	36	24	33
Totals	\$1,223,564.94	284	147	97	77	59
Percentage of Total	16%		51.8%	34.2%	27.1%	20.8%