

## *Low Income Energy Advisory Board*

*LIEAB Members:*

*As a reminder, the next meeting of the Low Income Energy Advisory Board is on **Monday, March 1, 2010** from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at New Opportunities of Greater Meriden. Attached please find the meeting agenda, draft meeting minutes for February and directions to the facility attached.*

*Please let me know if you are unable to attend.*

*Thanks*

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## **Low-Income Energy Advisory Board**

**Monday, March 1, 2010**

**1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**New Opportunities of Greater Meriden  
74 Cambridge Street  
Meriden, CT**

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of February Meeting Minutes
- III. Chair's Report
- IV. Update Smart Meter Pilot Program
- V. DSS Report
  - Energy Programs
  - CEAP Plan 2010
  - Weatherization Program
- VI. Operation Fuel Update
- VII. Utility Program Updates
- VIII. CEAP Intake Process Subcommittee Update
- IX. Next Meetings

- May 3, June 7, August 2, September 13, October 4\*, November 1 and December 6

**Draft**  
 Low-Income Energy Advisory Board Meeting  
 Monday, February 1, 2010  
 1:30 p.m.

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Attendees: Ray Wilson, Kammy Spence, Mary Ellen Zang for John Betkoski, Joanne Balaschak, Pamela Giannini, Tom O'Brien, Laura Gonzalez, James McNally, David Thomas, Tanya Barrett, Paula Claydon, John Dobos, Deb Polun, Brenda Watson and Patricia Wrice.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
Welcome	Chair Ray Wilson convened the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Barbara Watson was introduced as the new Director of Community Programs at Operation Fuel.
Approval of December Meeting Minutes	James McNally moved approval of the December meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Pamela Giannini. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.
Chair's Report	The chair provided an update on the following federal stimulus programs administered through OPM's Energy Division: State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebates – no income eligibility requirements, program will end April 30. Furnace Rebate Program will end on March 10.
Update Smart Meter Pilot Program	The presentation on the Smart Meter Pilot Program was rescheduled to the March meeting.
DSS Report	DSS reported on (CEAP, SAFA, and CHAP) through February 1, 2010. A total of 100,571 applications taken; 80,133 eligible; 15,741 denied; 4,697 pending certification, 22,153 received Crisis Assistance and 2,250 received Safety Net Assistance. Participants are using the crisis and safety net assistance much sooner as compared to last year.  DSS reviewed the Caseload/Eligible Caseload Comparison charts thru 2//10. The caseload comparison chart reviewed showed a 5.9% increase in cases from FFY 2009 to FFY 2010.

	<p>Eligible Caseload Comparison chart showed a 12.4% change from FFY 2009 to FFY 2010.</p> <p>ARRA Weatherization Program – A total of 1,316 audits through the end of January 2010- 1,113 in process and 203 completed.</p>
Operation Fuel	<p>Operation Fuel will release the Home Energy Affordability Gap: Connecticut 2009 report at a legislative breakfast on February, 11, 2010. LIEAB members received a written invitation.</p> <p>As of January 2010 Operation Fuel served 218 households with a grant amount of \$56,694 through the Emergency Assistance Program and served 363 households with a grant amount of \$150,110 through the Mission Program.</p>
Utility Program Updates	<p>Jim McNally for reported CNG are receiving funds from the CAP agencies and continuing to receive commitments from energy assistance appointments.</p> <p>CL&amp;P and Yankee Gas- no report at this time.</p> <p>Laura Gonzalez reported on UI agency payments for January 2010. Combined payments totaled \$483,070 covering ABCD, CAANH, TEAM, and CRT.</p>
CEAP Intake Process Subcommittee Update	<p>Subcommittee members met to review and develop recommendations on a streamlined process for CEAP and better coordination of the Matching Payment Program, Connecticut Energy Assistance Program and the Low-Income Budget Worksheet processes. One concern of the subcommittee was the timeframe to complete the tasks. The chair suggested that the subcommittee focus on the first task – (streamline CEAP process) and be prepared to present recommendations at the March meeting. The Chair will ask that a Subcommittee be formed to review issues and make recommendations regarding better coordination between CEAP and the utilities' Matching Payment Programs.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting will be held on March 1, 2010.</p>

Directions:

**New Opportunities of Greater Meriden**  
**74 Cambridge Street - Meriden, CT 06451**  
**203-235-0278**

**From Waterbury:**

1. I-84 East to I-691 East (Exit 27) towards Meriden
2. Take Exit 8 - Broad Street
3. At end of exit at light, turn right onto Broad Street (Route 5)
4. At light, turn left onto Britannia Street
5. Bear right onto Tremont Street
6. Turn right onto Cambridge Street
7. Building is on the right hand side.

**From Hartford:**

1. I-91 South to I-691 West
2. Take Exit 8 - Broad Street
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**From New Haven**

1. I-91 or Route 15 North to 691 West.
2. Follow directions from Hartford above.