

Built Environment Efficiency Working Group
Tuesday May 1, 2018
2:00-4:00pm
550 Capitol Street NE, Salem OR 97301
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Agenda

- 2:00 – 2:30 Stakeholder Engagement Discussion (Ruchi Sadhir, all)**
- 2:30 – 3:30 EO Item 5B Prioritizing Energy Efficiency in Affordable Housing to Reduce Utility Bills (led by OHCS, ODOE, PUC, with input from all)**
- A. Discussion of “10 year plan” and what it means**
 - B. Timeline**
 - C. Outreach**
- 3:30 – 3:50 Cost Analysis Tool/Protocol Discussion (all)**
- A. Stakeholder meeting 5/8**
 - B. Logistics and Agenda**
- 3:50 – 4:00 Wrap-up (all)**

Meeting Notes:

- I. Stakeholder Engagement
 - OHCS – went over with advisory council, positive feedback on website
 - OHCS can link back to BEEWG site
 - Regular (monthly?) paragraph for EO and BEEWG topics go out on agency website or common BEEWG communications
 - Group discussed opportunity to include list of major upcoming agency activities related to EO on BEEWG website, with links to agency website
 - List can be both retrospective and forward looking
 - DAS sees sharing regular updates as feasible
 - Need BCD input, specifically about providing notice/timeline on BEEWG website for EO related items
 - Monthly list of upcoming public meetings, each agency to have ready by monthly BEEWG meetings
 - Can hold public meetings, for public shareout and feedback, quarterly seems appropriate. Not an extra meeting, but a portion of a regular group meeting each quarter

- II. Section 5B
 - OHCS has a stakeholder list (Housing Oregon, OR Opportunity Network) of developers
 - OHCS getting a Hatfield Fellow to work on this item
 - RFI could be valuable, RFI processes can be time consuming though. Can potentially achieve the same results with a survey and public meeting, potentially an advisory group.
 - Discussion around serving and reaching underserved communities

- OHCS has a database of affordable housing stock, and a definition for “affordable housing”
- Discussion focused on the need to frame the analysis/plan around the concept of “energy burden”, and that part of the 10 year plan can include additional analysis of energy use in affordable housing (i.e., won’t have all the answers by January)
- Identifying key datasets was discussed.
- One end-product discussed was a GIS based map with various layers that could be an interactive tool to incorporate incentive availability, census data, utility territories, etc., coupled with a report of best practices and recommendations.
- This could tie in well to OHCS housing plan.
- Group recognized the need for the plan to not only focus on “fixing the building” but also looking at the social aspects of affordable housing.
- Prioritize and streamline resources for energy efficiency. Incorporate preservation work with recapitalization and renovation work.
- OHCS discussed adding layer/lens for existing work to ensure it is considering EE
- Assessment should include both financial and efficiency paths. Even cost effective EE isn’t always affordable. 10 year plans should address both. Assessment on building energy opportunities as well as available funding sources.
- Next step to meet with BPA, ETO to discuss information about new resources/best practices in the EO. Looking to build a stakeholder panel. Ruchi to reach out.
- “Maximum efficiency” – what does this mean? Can be part of stakeholder process.
- Multifamily data – OHCS data, NEEA RBSA
- Definition of a threshold for “energy burden” (mean household energy bill divided by mean household income). 6% or greater is commonly referenced for an energy burden threshold value, as used by LIHEAP/HHS as well as Oregon’s energy assistance programs.
- Plan becomes more of a roadmap, keep it meaningful and actionable
- OHCS to put together a timeline with dates by next week
- Focus meeting to continue discussion of this item to happen separate from BEEWG

III. Cost Analysis Tool Public Meeting

- Agencies to contact their distribution lists to make sure interested parties are aware of the meeting
- Focus of this meeting will be listening to stakeholder input
- Meeting will begin with a brief overview of BEEWG work to-date, along with desired goals. Public input will follow.

Meeting Attendees: Warren Cook (ODOE), Blake Shelide (ODOE), Ann Hushagen (ODOE), Ruchi Sadhir (ODOE), Dan Elliott (OHCS), Kevin Burgee (OHCS), Jason Eisdorfer (PUC), Ariel Nelson (OHCS), Megan Bolton (OHCS), Dave Wortman (DAS, phone)