

EEAC – Low-Income Workgroup

Lukens Drive – New Castle, DE

July 13, 2016

Meeting Minutes

EEAC Council Members (or designees) and Low-Income Committee Members in Attendance by Phone or In-Person

John Sykes, Glenn Moore, Mark Neilson, Cassandra Marshall, Amy Roe, Sue Sebastian, Shane Breakie, Crystal Nagyiski, Ed Synoski, Caren Turner, Jeffrey Richardson, William Grimes, Cherith Snyder

Others in Attendance

Mike Guerard, Mark Kravatz, Emily St. Clair, Tom Noyes, Bruce Wright, Lisa Locke, Harold Stafford, Charles Kistler, Stephen Gilley, Angela Bivens, Rebecca Gordon, Ronald Abremski, Shona Marshall, Pam Knotts, Yolanda McCoy

Welcome and Introductions – Ed Synoski called the meeting to order and presented the agenda. All meeting attendees introduced themselves. Ed Synoski announced to the group that four of the six volunteers who would represent the counties on the workgroup have been identified. These include: Caren Turner from Interfaith Community Housing in New Castle County; Jeffrey Richardson from Central Baptist CDC in New Castle County; William Grimes from Solid Rock Baptist Church in Kent County; and Cherith Snyder from Soul Ministries in Sussex County. John Sykes will continue to work on identifying two more county representatives.

Presentation on Low-Income Demographics – Optimal Energy gave a highly detailed presentation on low-income demographics and services in Delaware. The presentation included an overview of the number and locations of low-income housing units; data on renter/owner occupied units; identification of the number and locations of cost burdened renter/owner households; and an overview of existing services and programs.

Next Steps - Workgroup members requested some additional demographic information that will be prepared for the next meeting. It was suggested that EEAC program administrators give presentations at the next meeting and that community groups do the same two meetings from now.

Next Meeting – The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 10, 2016, at a time and location to be determined.